

The Special Meeting of Council was held on Monday, December 12th, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Present: Deputy Mayor Maher, Councillors Cassidy, Wallington, O'Brien, Dueck and Latour.

Staff: Michael Richardson –Senior Administrative Officer, and Director of Public Works and Planning, May-Britt Hetesi – Assistant Senior Administrative Officer, John Holland – Director of Finance, Tammy Buchanan – Director of Recreation and Community Services, Ross Potter – Fire Chief, and Jaimi Carter – Recording Secretary.

Absent: Mayor Schofield, and Councillors Langille and O'Brien.

Others: Tracey Schumann, Louise Schumann, Levin Schumann, Jordan Schumann, Ryan Dragon, Jeff Griffiths, Harvey Werner, Brian Lefebvre, Trish Rymhs, Connie Belanger, Tracy Hill, Jarret Larkin, Mason Moore, Tara Schofield, Jordan Groenewegen, Sharmayne Horton, Roger Blake, Tiffany Demarcke, Michelle Simpson-Jones, and Kristen Campbell – The Hub.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

This Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM with Deputy Mayor Maher presiding.

Deputy Mayor Maher stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting of Council is for the Directors to present their Budgets and to hear the Public's views, and opinions regarding the 2012 Draft Budget.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**#11-494 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Agenda for the December 12th, 2011 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for the Special Meeting of Council, Monday, December 12th, 2011.

4. Public Meeting Re: 2012 Draft Budget

Mike Richardson, Senior Administrative Officer and Director of Public Works & Planning gave a brief overview of the Public Works and Planning and Administration 2012 Budgets,

Ross Potter, Fire Chief gave a brief overview of the Fire Departments 2012 Budget, and

Tammy Buchanan, Director of Recreation & Community Services gave a power point presentation of the Recreation Departments 2012 Budget.

Deputy Mayor Maher opened the floor up for discussion from the Public Re: The 2012 Draft Budget;

Oral submissions;

Louise Schumann, made four oral submissions; three were on behalf of The LeBlanc Family, The Dupuis Family, and Michele Stephens.

I support the idea of a Skate Park, and would like to see it stay in the 2012 Budget.

I would also like to see BMX included in the Skate Park Plan. I'm not sure of the location, but either way, I support this.

(Please see attached three submissions from the LeBlanc Family, The Dupuis Family, and Michele Stephens at the back of the minutes)

Michelle Simpson Jones made one oral submission.

I also support the Skate Park, and would like to see BMX included within the Skate Park.

It would be very positive for our community. It would provide a place for all aged kids to go that aren't interested in the average after school sports. Also, as the Skate Shop Owner, I could equip the kids with their gear!

Roger Blake made one oral submission.

From a healthcare point of view, I too support the Skate / BMX Park. There are many biker groups in town that are growing rapidly; some groups have as many as 16 kids. It's an important thing to move forward with, and either way, the kids will find a place to go. We need to think of a way to put it in a safe and controlled environment.

Harvey Werner made one oral submission.

Is the amount of \$100,000.00 investigated from Skate Parks down South? Would there be room for a larger budget if needed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

#11-495 MOVED BY: CLLR LATOUR

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:08 PM.

CARRIED

Certified Correct as Recorded on the 12th day of December.

These minutes were accepted by motion#11-499.



Mayor



Senior Administrative Officer

Louise Schumann

From: Elsie Canadien [lc_41@hotmail.com]
Sent: December-12-11 5:55 PM
To: Louise Schumann

Hi

sorry we are not able to make the meeting tonight
however my family and I are in support of the skate
board park

The LeBlanc Family

Louise Schumann

From: Kirsty Dupuis [kdupuis@northwestel.net]
Sent: December-12-11 6:07 PM
To: Louise Schumann
Subject: Skate Park

c/o Louise Schumann

Although we are unable to be present tonight, please note that the Dupuis family would support the addition of a skate park to the community.

Kirsty Dupuis

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Louise Schumann

From: Mark & Michele Stephens [m_mstephens@northwestel.net]
Sent: December-12-11 6:07 PM
To: Louise Schumann
Subject: Skate Board Park

I support having a safe and well maintained skate board park. I believe there is a great interest in our community and believe that the children will make one whether it is approved. This is where there will be safety issues as well as possible property damage where they decide to make it. I truly and whole heartedly believe that if children are physically active in a positive way it reduces the risk of seeking out undesirable activities.

Michele Stephens