

The Special Meeting of Council was held on Friday, March 2nd, 2012 at 12:00 NOON in the Council Chambers.

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

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: Councillors Langille and Dueck.

Others: Kate Latour, Harvey Werner, Brian Lefebvre, Myrtle Graham, Rosie Friesen, Peter Osted, Marge Osted, Jeff Griffiths, Lucy Benoit, Ray Benoit, Ross Stanley, Randy Froese, Jessica Latour, Bailey Mackie, Dave Ryan, Lorraine Tordiff, David Kravitz, Stacey Barnes, and Kristen Campbell – The Hub.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

This Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM with Acting Mayor Latour presiding.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**#12-76 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Agenda for the March 2nd, 2012 Special Meeting of Council as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for the Special Meeting of Council, Friday, March 2nd, 2012.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Mayors Resignation

How does Council wish to proceed?

**#12-77 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the resignation of Kelly Schofield dated February 27th, 2012.

CARRIED



b) Appointment of Acting Mayor

As provided by the City, Towns & Villages Act, 40. (1) "When both the mayor and the deputy mayor are absent or unable to act, council may appoint a councillor to be the acting mayor." In the absence of both mayor and deputy mayor, whose resignations were tendered Monday, February 27, 2012 at the Regular Meeting of Council, the Council of the Town of Hay River should appoint an Acting Mayor to conduct the day to day business to go forward in addressing the Vacancy of Mayor.

The previous Acting Mayor's, Ken Latour, term expired November 26, 2010, and was not renewed by resolution of Council.

How does Council wish to proceed?

**#12-78 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR O'BRIEN**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River appoint Councillor Latour to be Acting Mayor for the duration of this meeting.

CARRIED

c) Vacancy of Mayor

On February 27, 2012, the Council of the Town of Hay River received a letter of resignation from Mayor Kelly Schofield. Deputy Mayor Mike Maher also resigned his position as Deputy Mayor verbally at the Regular Meeting of Council on the same date.

The Local Authorities Elections Act, Section 47 directs what can be done to fill the vacated position of Mayor.

- 1) That the local authority shall fill the vacancy at the next general election; or
- 2) Before then only by appointing a member of the municipal council as the Mayor; or
- 3) Hold a by-election

47. (1) Where the office of a member of a local authority becomes vacant for any reason before the term of office expires, the local authority shall fill the vacancy at the next general election or before then by
(a) appointing a person who is eligible as a candidate; or
(b) holding a by-election.

(2) For the purposes of appointing a new mayor under paragraph (1)(a), the municipal council shall appoint only a member of the municipal council as the mayor.

3) Subject to subsection (4), a person appointed under paragraph (1)(a) holds office until the date of the next general election.

How does Council wish to proceed?

**#12-79 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River appoint Acting Mayor Latour to fill in as Mayor for the duration of this term.

CARRIED

Let it be noted that Acting Mayor Latour accepted Council's recommendation to fill in as Mayor for the duration of the term.

Acting Mayor Latour noted that Councillors Langille and Dueck weren't present. They were both ready to phone in; however, our phone had a malfunction. In conversations with both Councillors, Acting Mayor Latour was assured that they supported this decision as well.

Acting Mayor Latour's remarks are attached at the back of the Minutes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

#12-80 MOVED BY: CLLR O'BRIEN

That the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 12:22 PM.

CARRIED

Certified Correct as Recorded on the 2nd day of March, 2012.

These minutes were accepted by motion#12-84.



Mayor



Senior Administrative Officer