

**Special Meeting of Council
Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held at the Village Council Chambers,
380 Main Street, Lytton, BC**

PRESENT:

Mayor O'Connor
Cnclr. Lightfoot
Cnclr. MacIntyre
Cnclr. McArthur
Cnclr. McKay
Administrator Dall

GUESTS/DELEGATION:

Dan Mundall, Steve Rice, Peggy Chute and Eric Siwik

1. ORDER:

Mayor O'Connor called the special meeting of Council to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. AGENDA:

075-06“The agenda for the March 22, 2006 Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/McArthur

Amendments were made to the Date of the Meeting in the headline from Monday to Wednesday and the Previous Council Recognition was amended by adding “Brought Back as per Request of the Mayor.

3. GUESTS/DELEGATION:

a) High Speed Internet

Mayor O'Connor introduced Dan Mundall. Dan made a presentation on behalf of the “Lytton Community Internet Plan” which was prepared by Mayor O'Connor and Dan Mundall. Dan Mundall and Mayor O'Connor have been in contact with Network BC, and Telus to see how quickly they can have the service installed. A business plan was prepared for Network BC and they have approved the proposal, however it does require the support of the community. Mayor O'Connor has been in contact with Cystal Kimber from Bridging the Canyon has been attempting to get high speed internet into the community for the past few years and the delays continue. Tranzeo has been working with Bridging the Canyons and they have delayed the project on several occasions and the latest time line was August 2006. There is an attempt to have a joint meeting set up with all the parties to see if they can work together. Bridging the

Canyon has the control on the funding for High Speed Internet projects in the area and the funding has to be used for the “Last Mile” set up. It would be up to Bridging the Canyon to release the funding and they are having a meeting on March 30, 2006 and this should be part of the discussions. It is hoped they have more information from Tranzeo at that time. The main concern is the original proposal was to have coverage for Boston Bar, Spences Bridge and the Lytton Community. If this proposal goes forward it could delay Spences Bridge and Boston Bar and the communities in between.

Dan Mundall indicated he did not need to have the funding from Bridging the Canyon to start the project, but did need to have the support of the Village of Lytton to move the project ahead by providing the space for the antenna and the equipment with the possibility of the space for administration. There would be a society formed to look after the project and they would appreciate a member of Council or their designate to site on the board.

Dan indicated they have been approached by several other distributors for the “Last Mile” but really felt we should keep the control in the community through a society. This would assist in getting more involvement in the community to get the high speed internet service to the outlying areas.

Council reviewed the application with Dan Mundall and he gave the technical and the business plans for the project. Council was provided with a better understanding of the project and some of the costs of implications.

076-06 “Council agreed to provide the space for the wireless equipment and to start the negotiation of the rental of administrative space.

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/McKay

1. Council will consider the provision of a liaison to be part of the society.
2. Council did not support the Village doing the administration for the project.

Dan thanked the Council for their support.

b) Previous Council Recognition

Mayor O’Connor has requested the Previous Council Recognition be brought back for reconsideration as per the Community Charter Section 131 (2)

Each Council member discussed their feelings towards providing recognition to the past Council’s.

Councillor McArthur was asked if any new information forthcoming and Mayor O’Connor responded that he had talked to the other Councillors and they also requested the project be reconsidered.

077-06 “the Previous Council Recognition be reconsidered and approved with the inclusion of Tim Sampson”

CARRIED

Lightfoot/McKay

c) **LRMP/MOU Funding Request**

Mayor O'Connor stated a letter has been sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Lands for grant funding for two projects. The funding for the Economic Development issues are Agriculture and Water Works. A grant was applied for \$18,000 for a feasibility assessment and strategic plan for Agriculture Diversification in the Lytton/Lillooet Corridor. Another grant was applied for Water Projects which we had approved in the past for \$35,000 to cover the cost of leak repairs and a liner for the Lytton Creek water supply.

078-06 “to approve the Water Supply grant in the amount of \$41,000 and the Agriculture Diversification grant of \$18,000.

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/McKay

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

079-06 “the Special meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.”

CARRIED Unanimously

Lightfoot/McArthur

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER