

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Johnson, Stacey, Johansson and Kosolowsky
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; M. Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services; and B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk
Other: M. Brereton, A. Purvis, B. Bach, A. Watson, J. Kinahan, R. Brown, F. Lavallee, D. Arberry, H. Bell, R. Cross, C. Stacey and C. Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm with Mayor Harwood presiding.

Darryl Johnson was sworn in as Councillor.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

D1 Richard Cross – Sewer Compensation (04432.000)

Mr. Cross provided an explanation to Council of the sewer problems occurring at his residence, which he believes the municipality is responsible for. Mayor Harwood advised him that the District of Hudson's Hope had received a letter from his insurance company and that he would be receiving a letter from the District's insurance company. Mr. Bell explained the problems he has had for the past few years and that many houses around his have had their sewers capped with a backflow valve. Council suggested information be printed in the Bulletin advising residents about installing back water valves in their homes and to advise when main line maintenance is being done.

C18 Hudson's Hope Historical Society – Museum Coordinator (6.4.3.1)

Faye Lavallee requested that the District of Hudson's Hope advise the Museum when they will begin operation and their hours of operation for the Visitor Centre. She advised that the Museum will see many more tourists if the Visitor Centre and the Museum are open at the same time. Mrs. Lavallee also inquired about receiving medical coverage for the new museum coordinator. Council advised that they would have to research this matter further to see if it would be possible.

C19 Hudson's Hope Ministerial Association – Signage (6.3.1)

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That permission be given to the Hudson's Hope Ministerial Association to place their signage near the entrance signs of town and that the location be re-evaluated when the District of Hudson's Hope signage is replaced."

CARRIED

MINUTES

M1 Resource Development Meeting – December 4, 2006

001/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the minutes of the Resource Development meeting held December 4, 2006 be adopted."

CARRIED

M2 Public Meeting – December 13, 2006

002/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the public meeting held December 13, 2006 be adopted."

CARRIED

M3 Council Meeting – December 11, 2006

003/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes from the Council meeting held December 11, 2006 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Beryl Prairie Well / Water Stand (9.2.5.1.3)

The Director of Works and Protective Services advised Council that when repairing the Beryl Prairie water stand it was found that the pipe was in good condition; however, the pump was replaced. The well is now operating at 60 gallons/minute. The old pump will be serviced to determine if it can be kept for a spare pump.

B2 Meeting for Energy Audits (9.1.7)

Councillor Anderson inquired about the status of having Ruth Sulentich speak to Council about energy audits on municipal buildings. A request was sent but a response has not yet been received. Council requested staff diarize this issue.

B3 Meeting with April Moi

It was advised that April Moi will be speaking to Council on February 12, 2007.

B4 Jamieson Sewer (9.3.1.2)

Councillor Stacey asked about what will be done for the residents that have these failing septic systems. It was advised that these residents would need to have a new system installed or have the septic tanks pumped regularly. As well Northern Health should be contacted if it is known that there are problems with systems.

CORRESPONDENCE

004/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C22 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Sherbrooke – International Forum on Applied Sustainable Development

C2 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Application for Coal Licence (4.3.5.1)

C3 Ministry of Health – Ambulance Service (6.2.2)

C4 UNBC – Community Development Institute (6.1.2.2)

C5 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Peace Water Use Planning

(9.7.1.7)

Council requested that a letter be sent to Greg Reimer, Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources which states that Council has no opposition to the proposal assuming the current requirement to produce a minimum of 10,000 CFS will be maintained.

C6 Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing – Geotechnical assessments on slope stability and the 2006 Building Code (8.3.1)

Council asked that staff diarize for when the new code is available.

C7 The City of North Vancouver – Cage Free Eggs

C8 2007 BC Tourism Industry Conference (1.5.1)

Council agreed that tourism funding could be used more effectively with local tourism projects and that regional representatives will be at the conference.

C9 Ministry of Finance – Grants for Power Generating Facilities (2.5.1.4)

Mayor Harwood advised she would send a thank you letter to the Ministry of Finance for the increase to the grant for power generating facilities.

C10 2010 Legacies Now – Annual Review (1.7.8.8)

C11 PRRD – Peace River Regional District and Treaty 8 Tribal Association Community to Community Forum (1.5.5.4)

005/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"To authorize Mayor Harwood, Councillor Kosolowsky and Carolyn Bonnick, Administrator, to attend the Peace River Regional District and Treaty 8 Tribal Association Community to Community Forum in Taylor on February 28, 2007".

CARRIED

C12 Northern Health – Meetings at UBCM Annual Convention, October 24, 2006 (6.2.1.3)

C13 Coast Mental Health Foundation – 2007 Courage to Come Back Awards

C14 Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues – Towns for Tomorrow Capital Grant Program (2.5.1)

The Administrator advised Council that this grant would not benefit the Jamieson Sewer project as the maximum amount of provincial funding would be achieved under the FCM grant.

C15 Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues – Towns for Tomorrow, Local Motion and Spirit Squares (2.5.1)

Councillor Stacey advised that the Local Motion Fund could be used to make Dinosaur Lake wheelchair accessible with the help of the Ministry of Environment. He will bring in some more information for Council.

Council discussed the different projects that could be looked at for applying for grants such as water service to residents on the south side of Dudley Drive near Arena Road, sewer to Atkinson Subdivision, sewer on Clarke Avenue, and sewer for Jamieson Subdivision.

006/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;

"That a feasibility study be researched for the Clarke Avenue Sewer Extension."

CARRIED

C16 Ministry of Health – Conversation on Health (1.8.12)

Council requested that the posters be displayed and that this information be published in the Bulletin.

C17 Wilfred Stebbe – Discouraged Resident

Mayor Harwood advised she would send a letter to Mr. Stebbe to thank him for his input.

C20 Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation – Request for letter of support (1.5.2.4)

007/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That a letter of support be sent to the Tumbler Ridge Museum / Peace Region Museum of Natural History."

CARRIED

C21 BC Assessment – 2007 Assessment Roll (2.3.1)

Council commented that they have been getting many calls from concerned residents about their increase in assessment. As Council has not done the budget for this year, the taxes have not yet been determined.

C22 The City of North Vancouver – Resolution Supporting Renewal of funding for the National Homelessness Initiative (5.7.6)

008/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"THAT the District of Hudson's Hope urges the Government of Canada to renew and expand the National Homelessness Initiative, and request that:

- a) the Federal Government make an ongoing commitment to a renewed National Homelessness Initiative in partnership with Provincial governments, Municipal Governments, and community representatives;
- b) the Federal Government commit to providing bridge funding to ensure that the many important programs that have been developed by communities with Federal funds are allowed to continue while this renewed National Homelessness Initiative is being developed; and
- c) the Federal Government introduce a comprehensive national housing strategy that includes a significant housing supply program.

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Rt. Honorable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, Diane Finlay, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, local MLA's and Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Union of B.C. Municipalities member municipalities."

CARRIED

Councillor Stacey voiced his concerns of funding for homelessness.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending December 30, 2006

009/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$60,881.46 for the four-week period ending December 30,

2006 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for December 21 and 29, 2006

010/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That the accounts payable reports for December 21, 2006 in the amount of \$91,436.81 and
for December 29, 2006 in the amount of \$31,768.06 for a total of \$123,204.87 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

011/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That the revenue and expense report for December, 2006 be received.”

CARRIED

SR4 Exception Time Report – December

012/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That the exemption time report for December be received.”

CARRIED

Council requested that the document format be changed to show which holidays have been
paid out and which have been carried over to the next year.

SR5 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement

SR6 Damaged Fence Complaint

The Director of Works and Protective Services advised that the District does not clear snow in
this area and is not responsible for the damage.

SR7 2006 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2006

013/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council adopt the 2006 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 716, 2006.”

CARRIED

SR8 Transfer Of Funds From Reserves

014/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council authorize the transfer of \$409,855 from the Reserves account to the General
Operating account.”

CARRIED

SR9 2006 EI Premium Reduction Employee Refund (3.6.3)

015/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That Council reimburse permanent employees for the reduced EI Premium Reduction for
2006 in the amount of \$359.03”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CR1 Building Sustainable Communities

CR2 Resource Development Meeting

Council discussed some of the progress that has occurred thus far with the resource development meetings. They discussed which groups of the people they would like to attend their next session, who will provide information to Council as to what their future plans and visions for Hudson's Hope are.

016/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council tentatively set a date for January 27, 2007 to have the next meeting, depending whether or not Jim Forbes is available to facilitate this meeting."

CARRIED

CR3 Business Association meeting with Richard Neufeld, MLA (4.1.1.2)

Councillor Stacey advised that the Business Association had met with Richard Neufeld, MLA. They discussed road improvements, obstacles businesses are facing, tenures, permits and health care. They also took him on a tour of a well site located in the District of Hudson's Hope.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Doctor Coverage (6.2.1.3)

Councillor Johansson requested that Council express their dissatisfaction with the lack of a doctor in town for a month and get an explanation from Northern Health with regards to this issue. Mayor Harwood explained that Locum Services is responsible for providing locums, not Northern Health. She also advised that she had already looked into the issue and that no locums were available due to the holiday season.

NB2 Towns for Tomorrow Funding (2.5.1)

Councillor Johnson advised Council that he had researched the grant for Towns for Tomorrow and suggested that the District of Hudson's Hope could implement a plan for alternate energy, such as solar panels. Mayor Harwood advised that Dawson Creek had started a plan for alternate energy and requested that staff ask for copies of their plan.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Bulkley Valley Forum

Rich Brown informed Council about the presentation that occurred at the Bulkley Valley Forum regarding the activities of Coal Bed Methane drilling in Hudson's Hope. Mr. Brown expressed his concern of people giving misinformation to other communities. Mr. Brown outlined what was said during this presentation and described the misinformation that was being given to a community that was in the process of beginning Coal Bed Methane drilling. Council was given the website in which they could view the presentation.

DIARY

Diarized

**Last
Review/Action**

DY1

Conventions/Conferences Holidays
January 15 Meeting with Glen Wonders
January 17 Meeting with Atkinson Developer
January 22 Council Meeting
January 23 Community to Community Forum
February 12 Meeting with April Moi

February 12 Council Meeting

DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>
DY3	<i>Building Amendment Bylaw</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>Apr 2006</i>
DY4	<i>Ticketing Bylaw</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	
DY5	<i>Unightly Premises Bylaw</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>June 2006</i>
DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>Dec 2005</i>
DY7	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
DY8	<i>Extension of Electrical Service – Twelve Mile Road</i>	<i>Oct 2005</i>	<i>Jan 2006</i>
DY9	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY10	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	
DY11	<i>Communities in Bloom (4.1.5.5)</i>	<i>March 2007</i>	

SPECIAL IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;

017/07 "To recess this regular meeting and, pursuant to Part 4, Division 3 and Part 5, Division 2 of the *Community Charter*, convene a special meeting that will be closed to the public to discuss matters pertaining to personnel issues. (8:01 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.]

018/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize the bucket truck being offered for sale pending more information from the solicitor."

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

019/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:47 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor