

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Johnson, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnicks, Administrator; M. Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: S. Sitter, BC Assessment; L. Ramsay and K. Griffin, D & T Disposals; D. Arberry, K. Hall, A. Purvis. C. Johnson, B. Bach and C. Lewis

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with Mayor Harwood presiding.

DELEGATION

D1 BC Assessment (0400-30)

Scott Sitter from BC Assessment gave a presentation on how BC Assessment is run and how assessment amounts are determined. The following information was provided:

- BC Assessment is a crown corporation that establishes and maintains property assessments throughout the province;
- it is independent from taxing authorities;
- assessment value times the tax rate equals the taxes payable;
- they are responsible for identifying property ownership, classification, estimating actual value, preparing the annual assessment roll and informing taxing authorities;
- the actual value for most properties is synonymous with market value;
- the three approaches that are used when estimating property values are cost approach, comparison approach or income approach;
- requests for review must be received by January 31st of each year;
- requests may be resolved with the owner directly or may need to be resolved by the Review Panel or the Appeal Board;
- in Hudson's Hope the average actual value of residential properties increased by 9.3%;
- the average value of a single family dwelling in Hudson's Hope is \$141,500.00 and the average value in the province is \$519,500.00;
- information on each property can be obtained on the website or by contacting their office;
- this year has seen both increases and decreases to the assessment values;
- this discrepancy in change is due in part to the new manual which has a new relationship change for attributes and components;
- the relationship changes can cause up to \$25,000.00 in change to the value;
- other reasons for change are caused by the following:
 - physical changes;
 - demand for location;
 - demand for housing type;
 - demand for attributes;
 - regulator changes;
 - services; and
 - positive and negative influences.

Mr. Sitter advised that the Review Panel will be held in Fort St. John, but if there were enough applicants a panel may travel to Hudson's Hope or hold a conference call for the review.

D2 D & T Disposals Ltd. – Cardboard Collection (5380-01)

Ken Griffin and Lance Ramsay from D& T Disposals Ltd. presented Council with their proposal for cardboard collection in Hudson's Hope. They suggested placing twelve 6-cubic yard

cardboard bins throughout the community for residents and businesses to use. The Administrator advised that one may need to be placed at BC Hydro as they are one of the biggest cardboard users. They advised that they could work with us to come up with a solution to make this cardboard collection work. D& T Disposals would collect the cardboard once a month and take it to Fort St. John where it would be baled and sold to the Peace River Regional District. Council advised that they will consider this proposal during their budget discussions.

D3 Double H Saddle Club – Snow Plowing (5400-11)

Kristin Hall from the Double H Saddle Club requested that the District add the parking lots of the Guelly Pavilion Indoor Riding Arena to the snow plowing schedule. The Director of Works and Protective Services commented that snow plowing is done on a priority list and that the riding arena would be done as third on the list with the senior's snow plowing if Council agreed to add them to the list.

055/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council authorize staff to add the Guelly Pavilion Indoor Riding Arena's north and south driveways and parking areas to the snow clearing policy as a priority three status for the remainder of the 2007/2008 winter season and be reconsidered during the 2008 budget discussions."

CARRIED

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – January 28, 2008 (0550-01)

056/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held January 28, 2008 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Municipal Outdoor Lighting (0810-20)

Councillor Anderson commented that there are three lights on the curling rink that supply lighting to the curling rink parking lot. It was also suggested that a street light be installed in the area to add lighting rather than having all the lights on the municipal hall building.

B2 Dr. Wendling's Presentation (5280-14)

It was advised that Dr. Wendling is looking at a date in April, 2008 to give the presentation in Hudson's Hope.

B3 PRRD – Participation in Part 26 Services, Planning and Land Use Management (0400-50 xref. 6440-01)

Mayor Harwood advised that the province will be reviewing the regional district systems. Councillor Johansson requested that this issue be diarized to receive the report back on the system issues and solutions.

CORRESPONDENCE

057/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C8 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Municipal Finance Authority of BC – Financial Forum & AGM (0390-01)

C2 BC Ambulance Service – Monthly Ambulance Stipend (7100-01)

Mayor Harwood advised that she will be meeting with the ambulance crew from Hudson's Hope prior to budget meetings. Council voiced their concerns of the funds being used to help with courses.

C3 BC Tourism Industry Conference (0390-01)

C4 Canadian Cancer Society – 2008 Relay for Life Coordinator (1770-01)

058/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council approve funding for registration fees for a Relay for Life Team for up to 15 team members."

CARRIED

C5 NCMA – BC Rural Communities Summit (0400-01 xref. 0390-01)

C6 Bullhead Mountain Curling Club – Official Grand Opening (0230-20)

Mayor Harwood advised that she would be attending the grand opening.

C7 Spirit of BC – 2008 Summit (0540-20)

059/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize Mayor Harwood to attend the Spirit of BC 2008 Summit on behalf of Council."

CARRIED

C8 NCMA – Call for Nominations for 2008 (0400-01)

C9 NCMA – Silent Auction Request (0400-01)

060/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council approve an silent auction item up to the amount of \$100.00 to be donated to NCMA for their AGM & Convention."

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending January 26, 2008 (1920-01)

061/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$31,093.27 for the two-week period ending January 26, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

062/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the accounts payable report for February 8, 2008 in the amount of \$106,237.88 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report (1890-01)

063/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council approve the Revenue and Expense report for January, 2008."

SR4 2007 EI Premium Reduction Employee Refund

Information was provided to Council with regards to the 2007 EI Premium Reduction for 2007 and the amounts of reimbursement for each employee.

SR5 Recreational Fees and Charges (3900-20)

064/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council adopt the Campgrounds and Community Recreation Facilities Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 746, 2008."

CARRIED

SR6 Application of Doug Wiebe to subdivide land within the Agricultural Land Reserve for the purpose of providing two additional residential lots (3220-20)

065/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council recommend the Agricultural Land Commission approve the application to subdivide Block A of the SW1/4 of Section 32, Township 81, Range 25, W6M, Peace River District (PID: 007-518-048) for the purpose of providing two additional residential lots."

CARRIED

SR7 Resource Development Policy (0340-50)

066/08

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- if pipelines, roads or power lines are to follow existing easements or property lines this could possibly stop access from a property if it is subdivided in the future;
- the Ministry of Transportation may have only recently decided to deny pipelines to be within the road right-of-ways as they currently run along Canyon Drive and Beryl Prairie road; and
- companies could be able to stop landowners from crossing an easement.

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council adopt the Resource Development Policy as amended."

CARRIED

SR8 Curling Rink Liability (0230-20)

Council received information on the cost differences for liability insurance for the curling rink.

SR9 LGMA Elections Workshops (0400-01)

067/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council approve workshop fees, travel and accommodation expenses for Carolyn Bonnick and Becky Mercereau to attend the LGMA Election Workshop in Prince George on May 1, 2008."

CARRIED

SR10 Tembec – High Conservation Value Forest Assessment

Council discussed their displeasure with not receiving a map of the tenure areas. Councillor Kosolowsky advised that in the past Council has asked for areas that they would like preserved, but they were ignored in their requests. Councillor Johnson advised of an area near the old Gething Mine site that should be considered as a High Conservation Value Forest area due the rare maple species of tree.

068/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;

"That a letter be sent to SmartWood and copied to Tembec, objecting to the Forest Stewardship Council Certification for Tembec."

CARRIED

with Councillor Johnson OPPOSED

SR11 Gasoline Bid (1130-01)

069/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council accept the Gasoline Bid from Parkland Industries (dba Fas Gas Oil) for the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2010."

CARRIED

SR12 Cemetery Workshop (2810-01)

070/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize workshop and travel fees for Becky Mercereau to attend the Eyes Wide Closed workshop in Dawson Creek on May 6, 2008."

CARRIED

SR13 BC Hydro Response to Site C Concerns (0400-30)

Council confirmed that February 19, 2008 would be an appropriate date to host the community session for pre-consultation for Site C.

SR14 Wildland Fire Protection Committee Recommendation (0540-20)

071/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council solicit for an alternate quote for the prescription, geotech and funding application services for the pine beetle damaged areas on the cemetery hill and Jamieson Woods and then proceed with this process."

CARRIED

SR15 New Plow Truck (1280-01)

Council discussed whether two staff members were necessary to travel to Vancouver to inspect the new plow truck.

072/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council approve travel and accommodation for one person to travel to Vancouver to inspect the plow truck."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Historical Society (0360-20)

Councillor Johansson advised that funds that were provided to the museum are being put to good use with courses that have helped the staff develop new policies.

CM2 Literacy Committee (0360-20)

Councillor Anderson advised that she had attended the Literacy Committee meeting in Fort St. John. They are looking at forming a Literacy Alliance; however, this program would not benefit Hudson's Hope in the same way it might for Fort St. John. A roundtable will be held in Hudson's Hope to do a needs assessment for the community.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Provincial Ambient Air Quality

Councillor Johansson inquired about this program. The Administrator advised that she would provide a copy of the comment form on the reading file.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays February 19 Site C Community Pre-Consultation February 25 Council Meeting February 28 Open House Zoning Review March 10 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	Oct 2004	Sept 2005
DY3	<i>Building Amendment Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	Oct 2004	Jan 2008
DY4	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	Oct 2004	June 2007
DY5	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	Nov 2004	Jan 2008
DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	Apr 2005	July 2007
DY7	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	Apr 2005	
DY8	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	June 2006	
DY9	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	Sept 2005	Feb 2008
DY10	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	Feb 2007	
DY11	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	Feb 2007	
DY12	<i>BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i>	May 2007	
DY13	<i>Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement</i>	May 2007	
DY14	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences</i>	Aug 2007	Updated on Reading File Feb 08
DY15	<i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i>	Jan 2008	
DY16	<i>Regional Community Foundation</i>	Jan 2008	
DY17	<i>NCMA Resolutions – MARCH 7, 2008 (0400-01)</i>	Jan 2008	
DY18	<i>Peace River Regional District System</i>	Feb 2008	

073/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;

“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 legal issues. (7:47p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.]

NEW BUSINESS

NB2 Upcoming Conferences (0390-01)

Councillors Kosolowsky and Quibell both advised that they would be interested in attending the NCMA Conference this year. Councillor Johnson advised that he would attend the COFI conference as Mayor Harwood is not available to attend.

NB3 Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)

The Administrator advised that she had started research on having a self-sufficient campground; however, the ones she has looked have all been shut down or returned to the Crown. Council suggested looking into giving the campground to West Moberly or having a it privately run. Councillor Kosolowsky commented that he believes the playground at Cameron Lake was purchased by the District.

ADJOURNMENT

074/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:14 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor