

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Stacey, Webster, Johnson, Quibell, Summer and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, R. Karst, C. Lewis, L. Fox, M. Brerton, I. Finlayson, G. Finlayson, B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Mayor Anderson presiding.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 10, 2009 (0550-01)

086/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 10, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – February 23, 2009 (0550-01)

087/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held February 23, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Insurance for Non-Profit Groups (2470-01)

Staff will be getting information from Chetwynd on this issue.

B2 Williston Reservoir Water Licence (0400-30)

088/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That a letter be sent to Water Controller requesting the water licences from 1962 and 1972 which show the increase in water levels and the designation of the safe line."
CARRIED

B3 Concerns from the 12 Mile Road residents (0400-20)

089/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Forests outlining the concerns brought forward from the residents of the 12 Mile Road."
CARRIED

C6 Tembec – Public Participation and Information Sharing (6660-20)

Councillor Webster will attend the Tembec meeting on March 12, 2009 and Mayor Anderson and Councillor Johansson will attend the meeting on March 31, 2009.

PROCLAMATIONS

P1 BC Dental Association – Oral Health Month (0630-01)

Mayor Anderson proclaimed the following:

“WHEREAS, the future of the community is, to a large measure, dependent on the good health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, good health can be achieved through conscientious personal health habits;

THEREFORE, I, Karen Anderson, Mayor of Hudson’s Hope do hereby proclaim the month of April 2009 as Oral Health Month in Hudson’s Hope and urge that all citizens and all community organizations join in the observance.”

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending February 7 and February 21, 2009 (1920-01)

090/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$66,945.18 for the four-week period ending February 21, 2009 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

091/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
“That the accounts payable reports for February 16, 2009 in the amount of \$31,675.15 and for February 22, 2009 in the amount of \$54,932.37 for a total of \$86,607.52 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR3 Commit to Being Fit Program (5000-01)

092/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council authorize the Administrator to enter into a contract with Ms. Goddard to provide a senior’s exercise program on behalf of the District.”

CARRIED

SR4 Water Licences (0400-20)

Councillor Johansson requested information on the temporary water licences issued by the Oil and Gas Commission.

SR5 Strategic Community Investment Funds (1855-03)

093/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council authorize the Administrator to enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds agreement with the Province and explore the funding options available.”

CARRIED

SR6 Atkinson Development (04610.000)

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- with the current economy it is good to still have a developer interested in continuing with the project;
- bylaws are in place to be enforced and giving a variance to the developer may set a precedent for future subdivisions;
- there may not be any future subdivisions of this size for many years;
- sidewalks are only required to be constructed when a new road is built;
- most other areas of the town do not have sidewalks; and

- the developer and the Administrator have spent a lot of time on this project already.

Council agreed that they would consider a development variance permit, but would need to consider it after the application was submitted and public consultation was sought.

SR7 Financial Assistance Applications (1850-01)

094/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council approve items 1 through 10 and 12 for the grant meeting agenda."

CARRIED

SR8 Grant Status (1855-03)

BYLAWS

BY1 Amendment to Council Procedure Bylaw (3900-02)

095/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give first, second, and third reading to the District of Hudson's Hope Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 767, 2009."

CARRIED

BY2 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw (3900-02)

096/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council rescind third reading of the 2008 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 766, 2009."

CARRIED

097/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That Council give third reading to the 2008 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 766, 2009 as amended."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

098/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C6 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Peace River Regional District – Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (0400-50)

099/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council support the provincial initiative for a Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, as is legislated in Alberta."

CARRIED

C2 BC Healthy Living Alliance – Health Policy Forum (0390-01)

C3 Northern Medical Programs Trust – AGM (0390-01)

100/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council designate Mayor Anderson as the official delegate for the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Medical Programs Trust."

CARRIED

C4 Community Futures – 2009 Northern Women's Symposium Sponsorship Request (1770-01)

C5 Energy Services BC – BC Oil and Gas Service Sector Tradeshow (6660-01 xref. 1770-01)

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 UNBC Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting Report (0360-01)

Councillor Johansson submitted a report on the UNBC Northeast Advisory Council Meeting she attended on March 2, 2009. The key highlights of the report were the Bedaux Expedition archives, upcoming events, the strategic plan for the future programs, and the video-conferencing facility.

CR2 Local Government and Climate Change Workshop (0390-01)

Councillor Webster submitted a report on the Local Government and Climate Change Workshop she attended on March 6, 2009. She advised that British Columbia is the only province in North America that has a Carbon Tax and a requirement for carbon neutrality in the public sector by 2010. The Carbon Tax program is revenue neutral with individuals only paying 1/3 of the costs, but are receiving 2/3 of the cost payback that is mainly taken from industry. She also discussed the Climate Action Plan that all communities in the Province, except for one, have signed onto. This information will be forwarded to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 WestCan Tel Consultation Report (1855-03)

Councillor Quibell advised that the consultation report from Westcan Tel on the broadband extension has been received and we were quoted 1.9 million dollars to complete the project. The company is being asked to provide a more complete report with all the specifics and then this information will be taken to the committee. The grant application deadline is too soon to be completed so staff will diarize to submit an application for 2010 if the grant money is still available. The current grant will require the District to pay 1/3 of the costs of the project.

NB2 Beryl Prairie Road Issues (5400-01)

Councillor Johansson advised that she had received a complaint from Mr. Pringle regarding the traffic on the Beryl Prairie Road. It was suggested that the District coordinate a meeting with all the companies currently using the road to discuss guidelines that should be adhered to while on the road. Council discussed that the Beryl Prairie Road is actually under the authority of the Ministry of Transportation and the RCMP. This issue will be referred to the Land Resource Committee.

NB3 Community Futures – 2009 Northern Women's Symposium Sponsorship Request (1770-01)

Councillor Johnson advised that Council should consider supporting Community Futures which works hard to help promote all the communities in the area including Hudson's Hope.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Committee Appointments (0540-01)

Mrs. Fox was advised that the committee appointments will be finalized tonight and that letters will be sent to the applicants.

DIARY

Diarized

**Last
Review/Action**

DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> <i>March 14 Strategic Planning Workshop</i> <i>March 16 Financial Grant Assistance Meeting</i> <i>March 19 Site C Community Meeting</i> <i>March 23 Emergency Preparedness Workshop</i> <i>March 23 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY3	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>Nov 2008</i>
DY4	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY5	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY6	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY7	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences (0400-20)</i>	<i>Aug 2007</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY8	<i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
DY9	<i>Regional Community Foundation (0400-01)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY10	<i>Schedule meeting to discuss waste management</i>	<i>August 2008</i>	
DY11			

101/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;

“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. (8:00 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

102/09 Moved by Councillor Summer and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned.” (9:00 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor