

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Quibell, Johnson, Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: Corporal Dean, RCMP; M. Finning and D. Braybrook, Tembec; C. Lewis, B. Bach, B. Edgar, and D. Arberry

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATION

D1 RCMP – Policing Priorities in Hudson's Hope (7500-01)

Corporal Dean requested information from Council for the RCMP's annual performance plan. The following policing priorities were discussed:

- drugs and alcohol with youth;
- speeding in the community and in the school zones;
- bicycle helmets for children as well as the adults; and
- DARE program.

They also discussed using a radar board and the wooden police car in the school zones to help slow drivers down. Corporal Dean advised that the policing priorities are updated quarterly and are reviewed to make sure that the goals are being met. A public meeting is being held on March 11, 2008 to hear from the community about their policing concerns.

D2 Tembec – High Conservation Value Forest Assessment

Doug Braybrook and Mark Finning spoke to Council about the concerns that were raised with regards to maps, previous requests being ignored and Council's disapproval with Tembec's Forest Stewardship Council Certification. Mr. Braybrook provided maps of Tembec's operating area and explained the current areas that have been outlined for conservation. He advised that they do not operate on private land and therefore those areas are not mapped. Councillor Kosolowsky expressed his concerns from past issues that have occurred with Tembec and their predecessors. Mr. Braybrook suggested that site visits be performed with Council in the spring to try and resolve or address past issues. Mr. Finning discussed some of the issues surrounding the Lynx Creek/Brenot Creek logging. He also advised that letters can be sent in outlining concerns; however, it is also a good idea to attend the open houses that are held each year to show the representatives specifically which areas are of concern and why. Council agreed to set a meeting time to discuss areas of concern to forward to Tembec for their High Conservation Value Forests.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – February 25, 2008 (0550-01)

093/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held February 25, 2008 be adopted, as amended."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Land Surface Office (0400-20)

Councillor Johansson advised that the candidate for the Regional Executive Director position for the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has declined the job offer.

B2 Site C Pre-Consultation Meeting (0400-30)

Council was advised that a letter was sent to BC Hydro regarding information being mailed to all residents in Hudson's Hope.

B3 Ministry of Forests – Excess Trees (0400-20)

094/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council order seedling trees on behalf of the Hudson's Hope residents from the Ministry of Forests."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

095/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C12 be received."

CARRIED

C1 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notifications

096/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council allow Cindy Lewis of Hudson's Hope Gas Ltd. to speak to this agenda item."

CARRIED

Mrs. Lewis answered questions from Council as follows:

- the pipelines will all be on Crown land except for those on Mr. Summer's land;
- none of the pipelines follow road allowances except near the airport;
- there is currently only a plan for one compressor station that she is aware of; and
- the water and gas lines will be side by side and will both be installed at the same time.

Mrs. Lewis also advised that some of the wellsites have been moved and new maps are forthcoming. Council requested that a letter be sent to the West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. requesting clarification as to whether a notation will be made on title to advise future landowners that a pipeline has been constructed on the property as this may cause restrictions to access on the property.

C2 Northern Rockies Regional District – Carbon Tax Legislation (0400-50)

Council discussed the concerns they had for northern residents and the deductions and/or allowances that should be given due to people who live in remote communities and need to travel long distances for services. These same people do not have access to public transportation. Council requested a letter be sent to the Minister of Finance and to the Northern Rockies Regional District advising that although we are not opposed to the new carbon tax legislation we are concerned about the undue hardship that northern residents will have to pay.

C3 NCMA – Annual Convention Invitation (0400-01)

097/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize Mayor Harwood and Councillors Kosolowsky and Quibell to attend the NCMA Annual Convention from May 7 to May 9, 2008 in Prince George."

CARRIED

C4 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights Proposed for Disposition on May 21, 2008 (0400-20)

Council requested staff obtain a more detailed map from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Council also advised that they may need additional time to response depending on when the new map is received.

C5 Chocolate Festival – Request for Donation (1770-01)

098/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council donate \$100 to be used to pay for the rental fee for the Community Hall for the Chocolate Festival.”

CARRIED

C6 Katimavik – Volunteers from Katimavik consider Hudson’s Hope as a location

Council requested that more information be obtained from Katimavik on this program.

C7 Canwest – BC’s 150th Anniversary Celebrations

C8 The Canadian Institute – BC Natural Gas Symposium

C9 Spirit of the Peace Pow Wow Society – Request for Support

C10 NCMA – Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report (0400-01)

C11 PRRD – Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting (0400-50)

Mayor Harwood and Councillors Johnson, Webster, Kosolowsky and Johansson advised that they are interested in attending the Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending (1920-01)

099/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$28,968.75 for the two-week period ending February 23, 2008 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

100/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the accounts payable report for March 4, 2008 in the amount of \$89,976.50 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report (1890-01)

101/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That Council approve the Revenue and Expense report for February.”

CARRIED

SR4 GFOA – Boot Camp (2810-01)

102/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council approve workshop fees and travel expenses for Carolyn Bonnicks to attend the GFOA Boot Camp in Victoria from August 24 to 28, 2008.”

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Buy Local Campaign

Councillor Webster advised that she would like to write some articles for the Bulletin on why people should buy locally and have information about the costs.

NB2 Financial Assistance Grants (1850-01)

Councillor Webster inquired whether Council should decide on some of the grants prior to the meeting so that any groups that are not eligible would not have to attend the meeting. The Administrator advised that this meeting gives each group time to explain their project before Council dismisses their application.

NB3 Wildland Fire Protection Committee (0540-20)

The Administrator advised that she was still waiting on quotes for the prescriptions.

NB4 Hudson's Hope Bulletin

Councillor Anderson requested that the Bulletin add an additional month to the calendar section so that groups will be able to plan events that will not conflict with other previously planned events in Hudson's Hope.

NB5 Transfer Station Access (5360-03)

Councillor Johnson inquired whether the transfer station can be accessed by private companies during hours of closure. Council referred this matter to the Director of Works and Protective Services and requested that staff research how other communities deal with this problem.

NB6 Pine Beetle Tree Removal

Councillor Johnson advised that Bob Baker will be removing some pine beetle infected wood from private properties in Jamieson Subdivision. He is willing to have Council come to the site during this time to view the process. Mayor Harwood and Councillor Kosolowsky both voiced their interested in doing a site visit.

NB7 Sign Upgrades

Councillor Webster will be getting a quote for new signs for the clubs, churches and societies in the community for the budget.

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| DY1 | <i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> March 13 <i>Financial Assistance Meeting</i> March 25 <i>Council Meeting</i> April 14 <i>Council Meeting</i> | | |
| DY2 | <i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i> | <i>Oct 2004</i> | <i>Sept 2005</i> |
| DY3 | <i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i> | <i>Oct 2004</i> | <i>June 2007</i> |
| DY4 | <i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i> | <i>Nov 2004</i> | <i>Jan 2008</i> |

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| DY5 | <i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i> | <i>Apr 2005</i> | <i>July 2007</i> |
| DY6 | <i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i> | <i>Apr 2005</i> | |
| DY7 | <i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i> | <i>June 2006</i> | |
| DY8 | <i>Portage Road Closure</i> | <i>Sept 2005</i> | <i>Feb 2008</i> |
| DY9 | <i>Seniors Housing</i> | <i>Feb 2007</i> | |
| DY10 | <i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i> | <i>Feb 2007</i> | |
| DY11 | <i>BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i> | <i>May 2007</i> | |
| DY12 | <i>Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement</i> | <i>May 2007</i> | |
| DY13 | <i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences</i> | <i>Aug 2007</i> | <i>Updated on Reading File Feb 08</i> |
| DY14 | <i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i> | <i>Jan 2008</i> | |
| DY15 | <i>Regional Community Foundation</i> | <i>Jan 2008</i> | |
| DY16 | <i>Peace River Regional District System</i> | <i>Feb 2008</i> | |

103/08

Moved by Councillor Webster 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. (7:40 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

104/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:26 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor