

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Stacey, Webster, Johnson, Quibell, and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: R. Karst, C. Lewis and B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – March 9, 2009 (0550-01)

107/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 9, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – March 16, 2009 (0550-01)

108/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes of the Special meeting held March 16, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Beryl Prairie Park Funding (041202.010)

Councillor Stacey advised that Shell Canada Energy and Talisman Energy Inc. have advised that they require letters be sent to them requesting funding for the development of the Beryl Prairie Park.

B2 WestCan Tel Consultation Report (1855-03)

Councillor Johansson questioned whether any grants from Telus would be applied for to help fund this project. Councillor Quibell advised that the consultant from WestCan Tel will be outlining all the grants that they can apply for and will look at partnering with Telus for this project.

B3 Community Futures – 2009 Northern Women's Symposium Sponsorship Request (1770-01)

109/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council become a bronze sponsor in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2009 Northern Women's Symposium."
CARRIED

B4 Strategic Community Investment Funds (1855-03)

Councillor Webster questioned the 2009 versus 2010 disbursements from the Strategic Community Investment Funds. The Administrator explained how the funds would be disbursed and that they will be used for special projects, such as the heat recovery system at the arena.

B5 Tembec – Public Participation and Information Sharing (6660-20)

Councillor Webster advised that Councillor Summer attended the Tembec meeting on March 12, 2009.

B6 Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society Grant Application (1850-01)

Councillor Webster advised that she had spoken with Mr. Peressini and he had advised that the furnace had been replaced five years ago, but that there were issues with the ducts that has recently been rectified and will hopefully show a decrease in heating costs.

B7 Disturbing the Peace Grant Application (1850-01)

The Deputy Clerk advised that she had not received the financial statements or budget from the Disturbing the Peace group.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Proclamations – Proposed Policy (0340-50)

110/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council adopt the Proclamations Policy, as amended."

CARRIED

SR2 Training Requests (2810-01)

111/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council approve workshop and conference fees and travel expenses for Carolyn Bonnick to attend the Local Government Law Conference on April 28 and 29, 2009 and the LGMA Conference from June 9 to 11, 2009."

CARRIED

SR3 2009 Financial Assistance Applications (1850-01)

112/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council approve all the financial assistance requests presented, with the exception of the \$1,000.00 requested by Disturbing the Peace."

CARRIED

SR4 Water Licences for GMS and Peace Canyon Dams (5280-14)

113/09 Council reviewed the water licences provided. Councillor Johansson advised that these documents did not show the slough levels or the safe lines. She requested the documents be requested from Mr. Dave Conway of BC Hydro that show this information for Williston Lake.

BYLAWS

BY1 2008 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw (3900-02)

114/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council adopt the 2008 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 766, 2009."

CARRIED

BY2 Amendment to Council Procedure Bylaw (3900-02)

115/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council adopt the District of Hudson's Hope Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No.

767, 2009.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

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Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C6 be received.”

CARRIED

C1 McElhanney – Notification of Hudson’s Hope Gas Wellsites (6660-20)

Council agreed to have these notifications forward to the Land Resource Advisory Committee in the future.

C2 BCACA – Donations for Conference (1770-01)

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Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council forward a donation of Hudson’s Hope honey to add to the seven speaker gift baskets for the BCACA Conference.”

CARRIED

C3 James Rhymer – Twelve Mile Road (6660-20)

Council referred this item to the Land Resource Advisory Committee.

C4 James and Elaine Rhymer – Proposed Site C Comments (0400-30)

Mayor Anderson requested this letter be filed with the other letters regarding the proposed Site C project.

C5 UBCM – 2009 Resolutions Process (0400-01)

Council requested this item be diarized.

C6 BC Natural Gas Symposium (0390-01)

Council received this item for information.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 ICT Summit (0390-01)

Councillor Quibell advised that he would be submitting his Council Reports at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Yellow Pages Map

Councillor Johansson requested a letter be sent to the editors of the “Yellow Pages” to request a map of Hudson’s Hope be put in the next issue.

NB2 Anti-Idling Letter (5280-02)

The Administrator advised that the letter to the Business Association with regards to anti-idling did not ask them to reply, but rather to make their members aware of the issue.

NB3 Portage Road Closure (5400-01)

The Administrator explained the situation with the Portage Road Closure. Councillor Johnson questioned whether the road could be deactivated at either end of the road.

NB4 Hudson's Hope Aerodrome (8400-01)

Councillor Johansson questioned whether the aerodrome referred to in a recent letter was only the airstrip. The Administrator confirmed this.

NB5 Smart Planning for Communities

The Deputy Clerk advised Council of the meeting with Fraser Basin Council regarding Smart Planning for Communities which is schedule for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

NB6 Strategic Planning

Councillor Webster questioned the next steps for the Strategic Planning. The Administrator advised that she was working on the follow up and next steps.

NB7 Budget Meeting (1700-01)

The Administrator advised that a Budget Meeting will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

NB8 Proposed Site C Meeting (0400-30)

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- a letter should be sent to Minister Blair Lekstrom outlining the concerns of the residents;
- would like to see BC Hydro explore other options to compensate for the rising energy needs, in the same way they are researching for the Site C project;
- the consultation process has seemed as though BC Hydro was not neutral, but wanting this project to proceed; and
- the project could be detrimental to the community.

Mayor Anderson advised that she had spoken with Blair Lekstrom and he has requested a letter from Hudson's Hope. They had discussed the issues with BC Hydro not being a good corporate citizen to Hudson's Hope. Mayor Anderson also advised of a problem with the Dehua mining company giving contracts promised to Hudson's Hope workers to the First Nations in the Moberly Lake area because the First Nations had threatened to put up road blocks if their residents were not hired. Hudson's Hope needs to stand up for local businesses in the area who are losing jobs, but we can not tell businesses who they can and can not hire and therefore will forward this information to Mr. Lekstrom as well.

NB9 NDI Funding for Grant Writer (1855-01)

Councillor Webster requested that the funding from NDI for a Grant Writer be diarized. She also requested information on the NDI Economic Development Funds be forward to the Community Services and Development Committee.

NB10 60 Earth Hour (5280-06)

Councillor Webster requested a PSA be sent and the sandwich board be put up to encourage residents to participate in the 60 Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

NB11 Anti-Idling (5280-02)

Council discussed educating the public on anti-idling and giving businesses anti-idling signs if they would agree to put them up at their businesses.

NB12 Strong Start Centre

Mayor Anderson explained the Strong Start Centre program that would be run by the School District if they decide to do this program in Hudson's Hope.

NB13 Shell Canada Energy Site Viewing (6660-20)

Council requested staff organize a site viewing with Shell Canada Energy after their plant is completed in the summer.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Hudson's Hope Gas Donation (041202.010)

Cindy Lewis from Hudson's Hope Gas presented a cheque in the amount of \$2,000.00 for helping develop the Beryl Prairie Park land.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i>		
	<i>March 24 Environmental Advisory Committee Mtg.</i>		
	<i>March 25 Meeting with Rural BC Secretariat</i>		
	<i>March 25 Meeting with Fraser River Basin – Smart Planning</i>		
	<i>March 25 Recreation Advisory Committee Mtg.</i>		
	<i>March 26 PRMA Meeting</i>		
	<i>March 31 Tembec Public Participation & Information Sharing</i>		
	<i>April 1 Land Resource Advisory Committee Mtg.</i>		
	<i>April 14 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Unightly 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>
DY10	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY11	<i>Schedule meeting to discuss waste management</i>	<i>August 2008</i>	
DY12	<i>UBCM – 2009 Resolutions (Due June 30, 2009)</i>	<i>March 2009</i>	

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Moved by Councillor Webster 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. (8:10 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

119/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:50 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor