

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Kosolowsky and Johansson  
**Staff:** B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** B. Webster, K. Lund, A. Dragest, C. Lewis, B. Bach, D. Watson and D. Summer

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – March 10, 2008 (0550-01)**

109/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 10, 2008 be adopted, as amended."  
CARRIED

**M2 Special Meeting – March 13, 2008 (0550-01)**

110/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the minutes of the Special meeting held March 13, 2008 be adopted."  
CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**B1 Tembec – Site Visits**

Councillor Webster requested that the proposed site visits with Tembec to the Brenot and Lynx Creek areas be diarized for the spring. Councillors Webster, Johansson and Kosolowsky will be visiting the Brenot and Lynx creek areas next week to view the current logging practices. Council will discuss the areas of concern for Tembec's High Conservation Value Forests once the Councillors have viewed the current logging practices.

**B2 Sign Quotes (1475-01)**

Councillor Webster will be providing the sign quotes to be added to the budget. She was advised to speak with the Director of Works and Protective Services to find out what signs have already been purchased.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

111/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C13 be received."  
CARRIED

**C1 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notifications of Hudson's Hope Gas Pipelines**

**C2 Transforming Communities through Tourism Conference**

**C3 UNBC – Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting (0400-70)**

Councillor Webster advised that she would attend the Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting on April 18, 2008. She requested that UNBC be advised that she is the representative so that information can be forwarded directly to her.

**C4 Office of the Premier – Rural Representation**

**C5 Public Works Association of BC – National Public Works Week (0630-01)**

Mayor Harwood proclaimed the following:

“WHEREAS, the public works infrastructure, facilities and services are vital to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of Hudson’s Hope; and

WHEREAS, such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers and administrator who are responsible for building, operating and maintaining the public works systems that sever our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Association instituted Public Works Week as a public education campaign to inform communities and their leaders on the importance of our nation’s public infrastructure and public works services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of citizens and civic leaders to gain knowledge of the public works needs and programs of their respective communities;

WHEREAS, Public Works Week also recognizes the contributions of public works professionals.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lenore Harwood, Mayor of the District of Hudson’s Hope, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 to 23, 2008, as Public Works Week in Hudson’s Hope.”

**C6 Hudson’s Hope Playschool – Donation Request (0230-20 xref. 1770-01)**

Council requested a letter be sent to the Hudson’s Hope Playschool to advise them about the Financial Grant application process and request that they apply next year during the appropriate time period.

**C7 Peace River Region Director, NCMA – Request for Information (0400-01)**

Mayor Harwood advised that a letter has been sent regarding Council’s concern about the new carbon tax to the Ministry of Finance. Council agreed that they have concerns about the new carbon tax for Northern residents and should voice these concerns at the NCMA AGM. Council also discussed their concerns about the new mapping for the electoral boundaries.

**C8 BC Hydro – Site C Pre-Consultation Summary Report (0400-30)**

**C9 Fort St. John Community Arts Council – Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit**

Councillor Webster may be able to attend the Peace Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibit on behalf of Council.

**C10 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Proposed Disposition for May 21, 2008 (0400-20)**

112/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
“That the District of Hudson's Hope request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Titles and Offshore Division, defer the sale of parcels 0805028 and 0805027 until a later date, as the time given has not been sufficient to advise and receive input from the landowners.”

**C11 Katimavik – Building a Katimavik Project**

Council requested that staff find out whether the clubs in Hudson's Hope should send letters of interest to Katimavik, as the communities with the most interest will be given a chance to have Katimavik volunteers come to their community. Council requested this information be put in the Bulletin.

**C12 Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Emergency Preparedness (0400-20)**

Council requested this information be forwarded to the Director of Works and Protective Services and the Municipal Emergency Coordinator. Council suggested that during the emergency Preparedness Week the air horns be tested. They also suggested having a booth at the Fall Fair to allow for a larger audience to view the information.

**C13 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notations on Land**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending March 8, 2008 (1920-01)**

113/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$29,385.31 for the two-week period ending March 8, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)**

114/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor \*\*;  
"That the accounts payable report for March 18, 2008 in the amount of \$42,477.06 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 Computer Loan Request – Keith Reschke**

115/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council authorize a computer loan agreement between the District and Keith Reschke in the amount of \$961.72."

CARRIED

It was requested that the Administrator review whether this policy is still necessary with the low cost computers.

**SR4 Financial Grant Applications (1850-01)**

**1) Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society (0230-20)**

Councillor Webster advised that the Community Hall Society will only require \$7,000.00 for the grant as Mr. Webster has volunteered to do the electrical work for no charge.

116/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society."

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson stated she had a conflict of interest as she is employed by the Hudson's Hope Public Library and left the meeting.

**2) Hudson's Hope Public Library (7960-01)**

Councillor Webster suggested providing the library with their operating funds less the amount of their surplus from 2007.

117/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$83,847.00 for the Hudson's Hope Public Library."

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson returned.

**3) Hudson's Hope Historical Society (0230-20)**

Councillor Johansson discussed the increase to hours, the additional storage required, the new display formats and the new activities and fairs being hosted.

118/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$49,000.00 for the Hudson's Hope Historical Society."

CARRIED

**4) The Arts and Cultural Society on the Edge (0230-20)**

119/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the Arts and Cultural Society on the Edge."

CARRIED

**5) Hudson's Hope Music Festival (0230-20)**

Council requested that staff obtain the financial statements and charter from the Hudson's Hope Music Festival. Upon receiving this information Council will make their decision.

**6) Reviving the Spirit Community Theatre (0230-20)**

120/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$900.00 for the Reviving the Spirit Community Theatre."

CARRIED

**7) Double H Saddle Club (0230-20)**

Council agreed to give the grant to help pay for the upgrades to the water system, but thought that the new pens should be paid for by the rental fees.

121/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Double H Saddle Club."

CARRIED

**8) Bullhead Mountain Curling Club (0230-20)**

Councillor Anderson advised that the new sticks have already been purchased. Council agreed that they should not help subsidize membership fees as this may set a precedent for other clubs.

122/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council reject the grant application from the Bullhead Mountain Curling Club."

**9) Hudson's Hope Junior Canadian Rangers (0230-20)**

Council was advised that the Hudson's Hope Junior Canadian Rangers removed their application.

**10) Cameron Lake Outdoor Education and Environmental Studies Centre (0230-20)**

Council agreed that as the School District No. 60 owns the centre they should be responsible for upgrades.

123/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council reject the grant application from the Cameron Lake Outdoor Education and Environmental Studies Centre."

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CM1 NRAHTA Meeting (0230-20)**

Councillor Webster submitted her committee report which outlined the following:

- the Visitor Centre Supervisor will be requested to contact the North Peace Airport Services as they are planning to open a Visitor Centre at the airport with information about the surrounding areas;
- co-op advertising is being offered by NRAHTA which will allow for lower rates subsidized by Northern BC Tourism;
- the province announced that a 3% Hotel Room Tax of the Hotel Room Tax will now be going to Tourism BC; and
- American tourism will be low this year due to the American election.

**CM2 Proposed New Hospital in Fort St. John**

Mayor Harwood advised that she has information available for the proposed new hospital in Fort St. John. This will affect Hudson's Hope as we will have to pay taxes to have this hospital built.

**CM3 Wildfire Protection (0540-20)**

Councillor Kosolowsky suggested that the Fire Department be contacted to have them burn some areas along the river bank where tall grass can become a fire hazard. Mayor Harwood advised that we will need to contact BC Hydro as they own a majority of those properties.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Wood Clean-Up**

Councillor Johnson requested that the wood which was fallen by District staff behind the homes on Beattie Drive across from the school be cleaned up. This issue will be referred to the Director of Works and Protective Services.

**NB2 Cameron Lake (6130-20)**

Mayor Harwood commented that Council should consider writing a letter to the Chetwynd RCMP about the concerns and coverage at the Cameron Lake Campground as it is in their area.

**NB3 Budget Items (1700-01)**

The Deputy Clerk questioned Council on the new campground entrance signs and the proposed construction of a float.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

**PE1 New Entrance Signs (1475-01)**

It was suggested that the back of the new entrance signs be painted with "Thank You Please Come Again".

<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1 <i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> <i>March 28 Budget Meeting</i> <i>April 14 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>
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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
DY12 <i>Trade, Investment &amp; 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>Feb 2008</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>	
DY17 <i>Site Inspections with Tembec</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>	

124/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson 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 legal issues. (7:03 p.m.)

[This regular meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.]

**NB3 Budget Meeting (1700-01)**

Council scheduled the Budget meeting for Friday, March 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

**NB4 Hudson's Hope Public Library Grant Application (7960-01)**

Councillor Anderson announced the financial statements given to Council did not show the correct surplus amounts. She will bring the proper numbers to Council for reconsideration.

125/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council table resolution 117/08 for the Hudson's Hope Public Library grant decision until further information is received."

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

126/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:16 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor