

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Stacey, Webster, Johnson, Johansson, and Kosolowsky  
**Staff:** C. Bonnick, Administrator; and B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, M. Brereton, C. Stacey, A. Purvis, B. Bach, G. Sarauer and I. Sarauer

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – March 12, 2007**

<sup>140/07</sup> Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 12, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**B1 Council Committees (1.2.1)**

Mayor Harwood advised that waste disposal and environmental issues could be addressed within the Public Works Committee. Councillor Kosolowsky advised Council of the new recycling program in Fort St. John, and asked if Council would be interesting in hearing from the program coordinator. Council asked that staff find out what contract is currently in place for the recycling of cardboard. Councillor Stacey described a new garbage truck system that is being used in Prince George and larger centres. Council discussed the need to promote recycling and lead by example.

**B2 Sign Quotes (2.5.1.9)**

Council was advised that staff is still waiting for the quote from Signworks.

**B3 Independent Power Producers (9.7.9)**

Mayor Harwood provided information to Council members which she received from UBCM regarding Independent Power Producers.

<sup>141/07</sup> Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council diarize this issue and that a letter to be sent to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources upon receiving and reviewing additional information."

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

<sup>142/07</sup> Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C14 be received."

CARRIED

**C1 Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC – Documentary (6.2.4)**

**C2 Official Opposition – Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (1.8.11.2)**

Councillors Johansson and Johnson, and the Administrator were involved in a meeting regarding the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement. Councillor Johansson advised that there is going to be a two year transition period, and that the main issue for municipalities appears to be the lowered threshold for procurement without going out to bid. UBCM has committed to working on District issues with the appropriate ministries over the next two years and will keep the membership informed. Contractors in the Fort St. John area felt that differences in taxation levels was a bigger issue than the problem that TILMA was attempting to solve.

**C3 Branding the Peace Country Association – Membership (4.1.1.9)**

143/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the membership fees in the amount of \$150.00 for the Branding the Peace Country Association be approved."

CARRIED

144/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council authorize Councillor Anderson to attend the Branding the Peace Country Association 2007 AGM & Educational Symposium on April 19 and 20, 2007."

CARRIED

**C4 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – BC Energy Plan**

**C5 District of Taylor – Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting (1.5.1.6)**

145/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council authorize any Council members who wish to attend to be approved."

CARRIED

Council requested that the NCMA resolutions be sent for the Peace River Municipalities Association.

**C6 UBCM – School Community Connections Program (2.5.1)**

Mayor Harwood reported that she had attended the School District meeting to discuss possible projects for the School Community Connections Program. She had suggested upgrading the Outdoor Education Site at Cameron Lake.

**C7 Spirit of BC Committees – Regional Roundtable (1.7.8.8)**

146/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council authorize Mayor Harwood to attend the Fort St. John Spirit of BC Regional Roundtable on April 16, 2007."

CARRIED

**C8 Kennecott Canada Exploration Inc. – Update (4.3.4)**

**C9 Northline Peer Group – Panel Discussion**

147/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

"That Council authorize Mayor Harwood to attend the North Peer Group Meeting on March 30, 2007."

CARRIED

**C10 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – BC Intermontane Workshop (1.7.11)**

148/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council write another letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to advise that the technical information being provided in Alberta, regarding British Columbia oil and gas, should also be provided in British Columbia."

CARRIED

**C11 District of West Vancouver – Home Owner Grant Program 2007 (1.5.2)**

**C12 District of Kent – Resolution, TILMA (1.8.11.2)**

**C13 Statistics Canada – Census 2006 (5.1.5.2)**

Mayor Harwood reported that she has called Statistics Canada to find out the accuracy of the census, but has not yet heard back from them.

**C14 Ministry of Environment – Review of Peace Project Water Use Plan and Operating Order (9.7.1.7)**

149/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council diarize the Review of the Peace Project Water Use Plan and Operating Order for the next Council meeting being held on April 10, 2007."

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending March 10, 2007**

150/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$28,701.65 for the two-week period ending March 10, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for March 21, 2007**

151/07

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the accounts payable report for March 21, 2007 in the amount of \$100,133.27 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3-1 Extension of Electrical Service Grant Policy**

152/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council adopt the amended Extension of Electric Service Grant Policy."

CARRIED

With Councillor Kosolowsky voting against.

**SR3-2 Fishing/Hunting Licence Vendor (2.6.1.9)**

153/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council authorize staff to make application to Service BC to become a vendor for

hunting and fishing licences for the Province of British Columbia.”

CARRIED

With Councillors Anderson, Kosolowsky and Webster voting against.

Council requested that staff write a letter to Service BC regarding the \$1.00 revenue per licence/tag being too low.

**SR3-3 Temporary Commercial Use Permit – Parkes Centre (04775.000)**

154/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
“That Council authorize staff to proceed with public notification of Temporary Commercial Use Permit No. 2007-01.”

CARRIED

**SR3-4 Rezoning and Official Community Plan Amendment Application – Gerald and Ida Sarauer (41098.100)**

155/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
“That Council call a Public Hearing for the rezoning and official community plan amendment to rezone District Lot 1098A, Peace River District, except Plan H887 from rural to rural residential – small holdings.”

CARRIED

**SR4 Expense Reimbursement**

156/07

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Council adopt the Council Remuneration and Reimbursement of Expense Amendment Bylaw No. 720, 2007.”

Council requested that an amendment be made to the bylaw regarding the mileage costs for the use of personal vehicles have an additional sentence included which should state that mileage would not exceed the cost of return airfare.

**SR5 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1.6.1.5)**

157/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
“That Council the Canadian Ranger Patrol Group report be received.”

CARRIED

**SR6 Terasen Gas (9.7.3.1)**

Council requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Ruth Sulentich and that this information be published in the Bulletin.

**SR7 2007 Financial Assistance Applications (2.5.3.1)**

***Hudson’s Hope Library (6.4.2.1)***

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

158/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
“That Council approve the grant in the amount of \$82,468.00 for the Hudson’s Hope Public Library.”

CARRIED

*Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting.*

***Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society (6.5.1)***

159/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council approve the grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the Hudson's Hope  
Community Hall Society."  
CARRIED

***Hudson's Hope Historical Society (6.4.3.1)***

160/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council approve the grant in the amount of \$48,000.00 for the Hudson's Hope Historical  
Society."  
CARRIED

***The Arts & Cultural Society on the Edge (1.6.1.9)***

161/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council approve the grant in the amount of \$3,500.00 for The Arts & Cultural Society on  
the Edge."  
CARRIED

***Hudson's Hope Music Festival (6.4.5.1.2)***

162/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Hudson's Hope Music  
Festival."  
CARRIED

***Reviving the Spirit Community Theatre (1.6.1)***

163/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$1550.00 for the Reviving the Spirit  
Community Theatre."  
CARRIED

***Red River Metis Society of Hudson's Hope (1.6.1)***

164/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the grant for the Red River Metis Society of Hudson's Hope be denied."  
CARRIED  
Council suggested that there are other funding sources available for this society.

***Double "H" Saddle Club (6.4.5.3)***

165/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the Double "H" Saddle Club."  
CARRIED

Council requested that a letter be sent to the Double "H" Saddle Club suggesting that  
businesses (excluding clinics) be required to pay a fee when using the arena and that fees for  
pen usage be increased.

**SR8 Public Works Report**

166/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the public works report be received."

CARRIED

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **CM1 Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting (UNBC) (6.1.2.2)**

Councillor Webster reported on the Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting she attended on March 26, 2007. The City of Fort St. John is looking at expanding their boundaries with a suitable site for the construction of a UNBC campus and new hospital. At the meeting they also discussed a new system called NorthLink which allows students on any campus to enrol in on-line courses.

Councillor Webster will draft a letter of support for the project to be sent to the Premier.

#### **CM2 Regional Roundtable Meeting**

Councillor Webster advised Council about the Regional Roundtable Meeting she attended on March 13, 2007.

167/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council volunteer to host a future Regional Roundtable Meeting in Hudson's Hope."

CARRIED

#### **CM3 Emergency Social Services (7.1.9.2.1)**

Councillor Anderson advised that she had attended an Emergency Social Services meeting. At the meeting questions arose regarding the different services that the Emergency Social Services provide versus what the Municipal Emergency Coordinator provides. Councillor Anderson asked Mayor Harwood to attend the next meeting with her to help clarify the different roles.

#### **CM4 Mountain Pine Beetle (4.3.2.9)**

Councillor Stacey provided information to Council regarding a contractor who specializes in disposing of Mountain Pine Beetle infected trees. This contractor has specialized machinery that would be able to take down the trees on sandy hills with virtually no damage to the hill side. Councillor Stacey advised that the contractor would be in Hudson's Hope in May and that he would ask him to speak to Council. Council requested that a map with all the District property outlined be made available to determine which areas would need to be treated. Council also discussed that although Jamieson Woods is Crown Land, it is still the responsibility of the District of Hudson's Hope to remove the fire hazard trees, as there is not enough merchantable timber for the Crown to deal with it.

#### **CM5 Resource Development Policy (4.3.4.6)**

Councillor Johansson advised that a new draft will be available once Councillor Johnson and Kosolowsky have had a chance to make their changes. Councillor Johnson advised that Hudson's Hope Gas had looked at the policy and had some concerns about it. Mr. Beavers has asked that the drafts be forwarded to him for information.

#### **CM6 Economic Development Meeting (4.1.1.1)**

In response to a question Councillor Anderson advised that the Literacy Society had not contacted her. Councillor Webster advised that she would ask about the issue at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Conversation on Health (1.7.14)**

Mayor Harwood informed Council that she had registered for the Conversation on Health in Fort St. John; however, she does not know if she has been accepted.

**NB2 New X-Ray Machine (6.2.1.1)**

Council discussed donating money for the new x-ray machine for the Hudson's Hope Clinic. The clinic should forward a request letter to Council for a donation.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

**PE1 Days Inn Pool Survey (01705.000)**

Bob Bach advised that there were 150 returned surveys with almost all of them being positive. Mr. Bach has passed the surveys onto the Days Inn representative. He advised that the Days Inn will begin building in the fall and continue through the winter.

**PE2 Jamieson Woods (1.3.3.3.7)**

Bob Bach advised that residents in the area may be interested in taking some of the infected trees from the Jamieson Woods. He advised that some residents have already applied for permits and been denied.

**PE3 Climate Change (5.8.1.1)**

Bob Bach loaned Council a DVD called "An Inconvenient Truth" which discusses climate change for any Council members or staff who would like to watch it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB3 FCM Sustainable Communities (1.5.1.3)**

Councillor Webster discussed of the FCM Sustainable Communities program and suggested that the Director of Works and Protective Services and a Council member attend.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays April 4            Budget Meeting April 10          Council Meeting April 23          Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>
DY3	<i>Building Amendment Bylaw</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>Apr 2006</i>
DY4	<i>Ticketing Bylaw</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	
DY5	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>June 2006</i>

DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>Dec 2005</i>
DY7	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
DY8	<i>Extension of Electrical Service – Twelve Mile Road</i>	<i>Oct 2005</i>	<i>Jan 2006</i>
DY9	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY10	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	
DY11	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	
DY12	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	
DY13	<i>New Building Code</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	

**SPECIAL IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

168/07 "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 and legal issues. (7:30 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.]

**ADJOURNMENT**

169/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:42 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor