

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson  
**Staff:** C. Bonnicks, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk; and K. Burseth, Office Assistant  
**Other:** P. Gunderson, D. Gunderson, R. Brown, R. Tremblay, K. Lund, S. Metzger, T. Peck, G. Okada, D. Storey, A. Dragset, M. Brerton, G. Armitage, B. Webster, L. Summer, D. Summer, P. Enderlen, D. Peck, R. Jackson, C. Stacey, B. Bach, W. Gentles, H. Hansen, L. Hansen, D. Summer, G. Mills, R. Mills, A. Myram, J. Burkinshaw, D. Watson, and E. Frind

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**DELEGATION**

**D1 Doug Summer – Proposed Disposition (6660-01)**

Doug Summer expressed his opposition to the proposed sale of parcels 0805028 and 0805027 for the June, 2008 disposition. The following arguments were given as to why the tenures should not be sold:

- all landowners within these parcels are opposed to the sale;
- there is only 3 percent of land within the province that is owned privately and that the Provincial Government should sell those subsurface rights prior to selling the rights below privately owned land;
- two of the largest cattle ranches and the only bison ranch in the District are operated on the lands within these two parcels;
- having to share the land with oil and gas developers causes inconvenience for agricultural industry, especially on lands that are used for grazing purposes;
- concerned that sour gas wells may be drilled in the area and cause negative affects on the livestock and people;
- have concerns that water may be affected with any oil and gas wells that are drilled in the area;
- they have no objections if all the development were done on Crown lands;
- if the development is done of the Crown lands first, then local landowners would know what to expect prior to making agreements with the developers;
- there is enough Crown land for the industries to be viable in Hudson's Hope;
- four generations have now farmed in the area and would like to see the land keep the same for future generations; and
- farms in the area use the water from the Lynx and Brenot creeks and some use it for irrigation purposes.

The following comments were made by Council during the delegation;

- the protected area on Butler Ridge was not extended further when it was first designated because farmers and ranches did not want animals destroying their crops and feeding on their hay during the winter;
- wildlife transverse off the ridge into these areas;
- the District of Taylor has made a resolution to oppose any oil and gas development within the District and it has worked thus far, although Taylor is a much smaller District;
- with most of the subsurface rights sold already in the District the oil and gas industry has lots of land at its disposal to make the industry viable;
- still want guiding and agricultural industries to prosper in the community;

- the water in these parcels is spring fed and we don't know much about the ground water in the area;
- Council has already stated that they are not opposed to drilling of Coalbed Methane if done properly, so if we request the Ministry to postpone sale, how will Council in the future decide which tenures should be sold and which should not;
- all industries that work on the land affect the water and the water quality;
- although most of the subsurface rights are sold already, we do not need to make the same mistakes in the future by having more of these tenures sold around water sources;
- not enough Coalbed Methane drilling has been done in Hudson's Hope to determine the effect on the water; and
- a new pre-tenure notification system is currently being designed, however at the current time there is no way for the Ministry to handle comments that are sent in by landowners prior to the sale.

130/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council support the delegation and request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Titles and Offshore Division, postpone the sale of parcels 0805028 and 0805027 for a minimum of ten years."

131/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council allow the public to comment of the proposed sale of parcels 0805028 and 0805027."

CARRIED

The original motion was then PUT and DEFEATED

with Mayor Harwood and Councillors Anderson and Quibell OPPOSED

132/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the District of Hudson's Hope request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Titles and Offshore Division, remove from the June 18, 2008 disposition sale:  
1) all of the privately owned lands located within parcels 0805028 and 0805027; and  
2) all of the crown lands that lie north of Brenot Creek and south of Lynx Creek within parcels 0805028 and 0805027."

133/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"To amend the motion to add that these lands be further exempted from sale for a minimum of ten years."

CARRIED

The original motion was then PUT and CARRIED

## MINUTES

### **M1 Council Meeting – March 25, 2008 (0550-01)**

134/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 25, 2008 be adopted."

CARRIED

### **M2 Special Meeting – March 28, 2008 (0550-01)**

135/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 28, 2008 be adopted."

CARRIED

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

**B1 Tembéc Site Visits (6660-01)**

Councillor Kosolowsky and Webster visited sites around the Brenot and Lynx creek areas on their own. They advised that overall the logging practices in the area were done well. Councillor Kosolowsky advised that he was disappointed that the road went too close to the creeks. He suggested that the new Council view the District from an aircraft to see the logging and other development from a different view.

**B2 UNBC – Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting (0400-70)**

Councillor Johansson advised that she would attend this meeting as Councillor Webster is not available.

**Waive Normal Procedure**

136/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council waive normal procedure and discuss New Business at this time."

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Peace Basin Trust**

Mayor Harwood explained that the Peace Basin Trust is not being reviewed because of the proposed Site C project. This Trust should have been done in the past to help improve the economic, social and environmental health of the region. The Peace River Regional District is looking at the next steps that will need to be done to establish the Peace Basin Trust. Councillor Webster stated a quote that she had heard at a recent meeting being "we are righting a historical wrong". Councillor Johansson advised that she would be uncomfortable supporting the Trust with the Site C project currently in the consultation stages.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

137/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C18 be received."

CARRIED

**C1 Royal Canadian Legion – Request for Support (1770-01)**

138/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council purchase a full page black and white advertisement in the Military Service Recognition Book from the BC/Yukon Command Royal Canadian Legion."

CARRIED

Council suggested highlighting some of the local veterans on the page. They requested that this information be published in the Bulletin for residents to submit information on local veterans with pictures and years of service.

**C2 Kids Help Phone – Request for Support (1770-01)**

**C3 FCM – 2008 Sustainable Communities Mission (0400-01)**

**C4 PRRD – Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (0400-50)**

139/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council change the Council meeting date of Monday, May 12, 2008 to Tuesday, May 13, 2008 to allow for Council members to attend the open house for the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan."

CARRIED

Council requested the open house for the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan be published in the Bulletin.

**C5 Doug Leatherdale – Atkinson Property (3220-20)**

Council requested that proposed names be given to staff by Thursday, April 17, 2008 and that staff decide from those names which one to present to Doug Leatherdale.

**C6 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notifications (6660-01)**

Mr. Stacey explained to Council the proposals that were provided by the West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd.

**C7 BC Hydro – Preliminary 2008 Grant Calculations (0400-30)**

**C8 Northern Health – Invitation (0400-80)**

Mayor Harwood will attend the meeting with Northern Health to discuss some concerns regarding physiotherapy, nursing, referrals to Alberta without travel expenses and locums.

**C9 John Rustad, MLA – Invitation to Meet with Northern Caucus (0400-20)**

Mayor Harwood will attend the meeting with the Northern Caucus to discuss some of the agricultural concerns.

**C10 NCMA – Moving Forward Session (0400-01)**

Mayor Harwood will attend the Moving Forward Session during the NCMA convention.

**C11 Greg Wagner – Proposed Disposition for June 18, 2008 (6660-01)**

**C12 Katimavik – Community Selection Update**

**C13 Northern BC Winter Games Society – Bid Submissions**

140/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Council is not interested in hosting the Northern BC Winter Games.”

CARRIED

**C14 Hudson’s Hope Historical Society – 2008 Financial Assistance (0230-20 xref. 1850-01)**

141/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Council approve an early payment of \$15,000 to the Hudson’s Hope Historical Society.”

CARRIED

**C15 BC Hydro – Visitor Centre Operation Hours (0400-30)**

Council suggested coming up with a number of items to speak with BC Hydro about and then scheduling a meeting with representatives.

**C16 Forest and Resource Expo Seminar (0390-01)**

**C17 BC Hydro – Peace Williston Advisory Committee Meeting (0400-30)**

Mayor Harwood and Councillors Quibell and Kosolowsky will attend the Peace Williston Advisory Committee Meeting.

**C18 Letters from Residents – Proposed Disposition (6660-01)**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending April 5, 2008 (1920-01)**

142/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$36,800.26 for the four-week period ending April 5, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

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

143/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That the accounts payable reports for March 31, 2008 in the amount of \$67,209.34 and for April 10, 2008 in the amount of \$73,298.18 for a total of \$140,507.52 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 Revenue and Expense Report (1890-01)**

144/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council approve the Revenue and Expense report for March, 2008."

CARRIED

**SR4 Site C Consultation – Stage 2 (0400-30)**

Mayor Harwood and Councillors Webster, Kosolowsky and Anderson advised that they would be available to meet with BC Hydro on Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for the second stage of Site C consultation.

**SR5 Financial Grant Applications (1850-01)**

145/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council waive rental fees for the Hudson's Hope Music Festival to use the District tent, tables and chairs."

CARRIED

146/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Hudson's Hope Music Festival."

CARRIED

147/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council waive rental fees for the Hudson's Hope Historical Society to use the District tent."

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.

148/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$92,915.00 for the Hudson's Hope Public Library."

CARRIED

Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting.

**SR6 Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)**

149/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council direct staff to operate the Cameron Lake Campground as a municipal campground until the end of the advertised season and then proceed with the process to revert the land to the Crown."

CARRIED

**CM1 Northern Dino Tour Meeting (0360-01)**

Councillor Webster submitted her Northern Dino Tour meeting report which outlined the following:

- recommended FAM tours for the visitor centre staff, which allows staff to go to other communities to see what they have to offer and are provided a free lunch and free entry to the attractions;
- need ideas for the grant from NDI Trust for economic development; and
- the idea for an economic/tourism coordinator will need to be researched further as it may be in conflict with labour laws.

Council suggested speaking with Rich McCrea from Tumbler Ridge to find out how to protect heritage sites, such as the dinosaur footprints at the Gething Creek.

**SR7 Geotechnical and Prescription Services (0540-20)**

150/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council contract TDB Consultants Inc. to provide prescription, geotechnical and funding application services for the pine beetle damaged areas on the Pioneer Cemetery Hill and Jamieson Woods."

CARRIED

**SR8 Mayor and Councillor Stipends**

Council referred the information on surrounding communities stipend amounts to the budget discussions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Ministry of Forests (0400-20)**

In the future there could be issues with the Forestry industry as fewer new seedlings are being planted because of the pine beetle epidemic.

151/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council request that the Ministry of Forestry remove mountain pine beetle infected trees to eliminate future fire hazards and replant in those areas."

CARRIED

**NB2 TACSOTE (0230-20)**

It was advised that TACSOTE was pleased with the grant of \$3,500 from the District and that they are having the BC Arts and Culture Week from April 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. During this week they will be hosting the Peace Festival of Cultures and the drama production The Melancholy King.

**NB3 Welcome Wagon**

Councillor Webster advised that she had spoken with some businesses who were interested in being involved in a welcome wagon for new residents. She was advised that some people who have moved to Hudson's Hope have not felt welcome. She questioned whether Council would donate a single use pass for either the arena or pool depending on the season which could be included in each welcome wagon basket. Council advised that they would make a

decision once the actual welcome wagon program has been designed.

**NB4 Sustainability Group**

Councillor Webster advised that the Sustainability Group would do promoting at the annual strawberry festival in lieu of Earth Day.

**NB5 Simon Says Tourism Video (6900-01)**

Councillor Webster gave the tourism video produced by Simon Ratcliffe to Council to view. It was proposed to purchase the clips and have Mr. Ratcliffe produce a video specifically for Hudson's Hope.

**NB6 Picture BC (1475-01)**

Councillor Webster questioned Council as to what types of pictures they would like included in the Picture BC program for Hudson's Hope.

**NB7 Dr. McLean's Memorial Service**

Mayor Harwood advised that a memorial service will be held for Mr. McLean sometime this month during the evening.

**NB8 Seniors' Dialogue (1855-03)**

The Administrator advised that the Seniors' Dialogue is scheduled for April 29, 2008 at 10:00 am.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays April 22, 2008 In Camera Meeting April 28, 2008 Council Meeting April 29, 2008 Seniors' Dialogue May 13, 2008 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	Oct 2004	Sept 2005
DY3	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	Oct 2004	June 2007
DY4	<i>Unightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	Nov 2004	Jan 2008
DY5	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	Apr 2005	July 2007
DY6	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	Apr 2005	
DY7	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	June 2006	
DY8	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	Sept 2005	Feb 2008
DY9	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	Feb 2007	Apr 2008
DY10	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	Feb 2007	
DY11	<i>BC's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations</i>	May 2007	

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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>	<i>Apr 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>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

152/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:59 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor