

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Stacey, Webster, Johansson, Summer and Johnson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: S. Kosolowsky

CALL TO ORDER

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

Council was introduced to Greg Mitchell who is the new Director of Public Works.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Special Meeting – March 19, 2009 (0550-01)

120/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held March 19, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – March 23, 2009 (0550-01)

121/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 23, 2009 be adopted."
CARRIED

M3 Special Meeting – March 25, 2009 (0550-01)

122/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held March 25, 2009 be adopted."
CARRIED

M4 Special Meeting – April 2, 2009 (0550-01)

123/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held April 2, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Proposed Site C Project (0400-30)

Council discussed the next steps that should be taken with regards to the proposed Site C project. A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- the majority of the people that voiced their concerns were against the proposed project;
- it is hard to tell what the majority's opinion is when we only hear from the opposition;
- all members of the public were invited to attend the meeting and were also encouraged to submit written submissions;
- Council should support the public opinion and take a stand one way or the other;
- Council can either choose to be in favour, neutral or oppose the project;
- need to become involved in the regulatory process;
- questioned whether a referendum could be held to get a better understanding of how

- the community feels;
- at the regulatory meetings we can present evidence and cross examine any evidence provided;
- we would need to seek legal counsel if we want to be involved in the process;
- hearings on transmission will begin in May and we could register as an interested party for now;
- BC Hydro has established a five stage process for assessing Site C, at the conclusion of each stage a recommendation is made to Cabinet, which makes the decision whether to proceed to the next stage;
- we should still identify the greatest concerns for Hudson's Hope so that if the projects does go through we will see some benefits; and
- need to bring up all our concerns during the regulatory process.

124/09

Moved by Councillor Summer and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council is opposed to the construction of the proposed BC Hydro Site C project at this time."

CARRIED

with Councillors Johnson and Stacey OPPOSED

125/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That Council register as an interested party in the regulatory process for the British Columbia Utilities Commission."

CARRIED

B2 WestCan Tel Consultation Report (1855-03)

A status report from WestCan Tel on the broadband project was requested.

B3 Economic Development Strategy (6750-01)

Council discussed the proposed project and the funding opportunities associated with it.

126/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council proceed with the Economic Development Strategy project and apply for funding from NDI Trust in the amount of \$30,000.00 and an extra \$5,000.00 if one of the electoral areas is willing to participate in the project."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

D1 Sam Kosolowsky – Water Issues (5330-20)

Mr. Kosolowsky questioned Council on why the Water Treatment Plant project has been put on hold and a new study being completed. He advised that there have been studies completed over the last seven years for this project and questioned how much longer it will take to have a treatment plant. He advised that the water can cause health problems with the wood fibres and chlorine which when combined can produce mercury. The following comments were given by the Administrator and Council members:

- The system that was being looked at has been outgrown twice and the entire system needs to be relooked at from the beginning;
- If the entire system is not adequate for the community then a treatment facility that will only need to be changed or upgraded in the next couple of years should not be constructed;
- Need to look at the fundamental plans for what size of system, the water supply need, the long term needs of community and what would be the best treatment option;
- It needs to be done right the first time but it also needs to be expedited as it has taken a long time to complete;
- The new type of system that is being looked at will be three times as much money and

- we would not have enough funds from the current grant if we continued;
- The new Director of Public Works has been tasked with this project and will look at the entire project to see what needs to be completed first; and
 - The Water Treatment Plant is a priority for Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

RC1 Recreation Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference (0540-20)

127/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That Council adopt the Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.”

CARRIED

RC2 Recreation Advisory Committee – Campground Fees (0540-20)

128/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council give first, second and third readings to the Campgrounds and Community Recreation Facilities Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 768, 2009 which increases camping fees to \$15.00 and include a free armload of wood.”

CARRIED

RC3 Environmental Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference (0540-20)

129/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council adopt the Environmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.”

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary – March 7, March 31 and April 4, 2009 (1920-01)

130/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the municipal payroll, totalling \$86,903.15 for the six-week period ending April 4, 2009 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

131/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
“That the accounts payable reports for March 12, 2009 in the amount of \$82,637.22 and for March 25, 2009 in the amount of \$155,450.72 and for April 4, 2009 in the amount of \$74,887.46 for a total of \$312,975.40 be approved.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

132/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C10 be received.”

CARRIED

C1 Integrated Land Management Bureau – Old Forest Retention in Dawson Creek Timber Supply Area (0400-20)

Councillor Johansson commented that the objectives would only apply to tenures authorized under the *Forests and Range Practices Act* and would like to see them applied to all tenure holders.

133/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;

"That a letter be sent to the Integrated Land Management Bureau endorsing the proposal and ask that they try to extend the program to include all tenure holders so that there may be more consistency."

CARRIED

C2 Northern Environmental Action Team – Wear Green, Act Green (0230-01)

Council requested a PSA be sent out with regards to this challenge.

C3 Ministry of Community Development – Investments from the Provincial Government (0400-20)

C4 Squamish – Lillooet Regional District – Resolutions (0400-50)

C5 NCMA AGM and Convention – Registration Information (0400-01)

Mayor Anderson and Councillors Johnson and Johansson will attend the NCMA AGM and Convention in Dawson Creek from May 6 to 8, 2009.

C6 NCMA – Sponsorship for Convention (0400-01)

134/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council support the NCMA AGM and Convention by sponsoring \$1,000.00 towards the event."

CARRIED

with Councillor Johansson OPPOSED

C7 Spectra Energy – Responses to Questions from Council (6660-20)

C8 Northern Medical Programs Trust – 2009 Nominations for Directors (0400-80)

135/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council nominate Mayor Anderson as a Director for the Northern Medical Programs Trust."

CARRIED

C9 City of Burnaby – Six Storey Wood-Frame Residential Buildings (0400-50)

Council discussed some of the concerns that were presented in the document with having development of five or six storey wood-frame buildings, but did not believe this would become an issue in Hudson's Hope.

C10 Northern BC Tourism – City TV Special Campaign (0400-30)

136/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the District participate in the Northern BC Tourism television campaign for a cost of \$3250.00 plus GST or a lesser amount if other communities join."

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 Northern Economic Development Summit (0390-01)

CR2 2009 PCNA ICT Summit (0390-01)

CR3 Community Fibre Optic Networks

Council questioned why they would need to hire a socioeconomic development officer.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Post Office Building

Councillor Johansson advised that the staff at the Post Office have asked Council to write a letter to Canada Post regarding the state of the current building. Councillor Johnson questioned if they still required the letter of support because he thought the project was already approved.

NB2 Municipal Playground Equipment (1190-01)

Councillor Johansson requested the municipal playground equipment be inspected for safety hazards.

NB3 Temporary Water Permits (0400-20)

The Administrator advised that she was still waiting for information on the temporary water permits from the Oil and Gas Commission. Mr. Conway from BC Hydro is looking for maps that show the sloughing boundaries on Williston Lake. Mayor Anderson advised there are aerial maps at the Peace River Regional District that show the sloughing before and after.

NB4 Portage Road Closure (5400-01)

The Administrator stated that the municipal solicitor advised that it is not recommended to close either end of the road without closing the entire road. She will be looking into the costs and process of getting a supreme court decision on whether the road is public.

NB5 Environmental Committee Meeting (0540-20)

Councillor Webster advised that there were quite a few items that had been brought up for budget discussions during the Environmental Committee Meeting.

NB6 Senior Swimming in Chetwynd

The Administrator advised that there had been some interest for the senior swimming trip to Chetwynd. Information will be published in the Bulletin that this program will be looked at in September when the Hudson's Hope Swimming Pool closes for the season.

NB7 Dinosaur Tracks at the Dehua Site (6660-20)

Council requested a letter be sent to Dehua Canada advising them of their proximity to the dinosaur tracks and request that they take extra care not to disrupt them.

NB8 Post Office Parking Issues

Council discussed the parking issues at the Post Office. They questioned frontage access, the number of lots, the deep ditches and parking requirements. They have also discussed the road loop around the office. The Administrator will speak with Al Edgar from Ministry of Transportation about this issue and see if he has any suggestions.

NB9 Dinosaur Lake Parking Area (6130-20)

Councillor Johnson requested better signage at the Dinosaur Lake campground in the parking lot area of the site. This will be looked at by the Recreation Advisory Committee.

NB10 Cemetery Columbarium (4100-01)

The Administrator advised that there have been no inquiries about the columbarium, but that the revised Cemetery Bylaw needs to be completed to incorporate the new columbarium.

NB11 Reports from Peace River Regional District (0400-50)

The Mayor will place the reports from the Peace River Regional District on the agenda instead of the reading file.

NB12 New RCMP Corporal (7400-01)

It was advised that a new Corporal has been assigned to Hudson's Hope and he will begin in June, 2009.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays April 16 Budget Meeting April 20 Meeting with Northern Health April 22 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting April 27 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Unsightly 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>	

ADJOURNMENT

137/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:52 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor

