

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnicks, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: Ben Jones, Peace River Corporation; Ken Truscott, Crew Energy; Paul Denver, Crew Energy; K. Lund, E. Gallant, B. Webster, A. Dragset, M. Brerton, R. Brown, D. Summer, L. Summer, P. Enderlen, B. Bach, R. Jackson, C. Stacy, P. Gunderson, D. Gunderson, C. Lewis, D. Watson

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATION

D1

Crew Energy (6660-01)

Paul Dever and Ken Truscott of Crew Energy gave a presentation on their company and the proposed projects that will take place in Hudson's Hope. Consultations with the community will be coordinated soon. The main issues that were discussed were as follows:

- the companies previous work has been environmentally and financially sound;
- they work on four or five projects at a time;
- have a high drilling success;
- operate 85 – 90% natural gas exploration;
- have a joint partnership with Peace River Corporation for the wells located in Hudson's Hope;
- looking at exploring the Montney zones, which are approximately two kilometres underground;
- they do not expect to find any water;
- the well drilled near the transfer station was licensed as sour gas; however, no H₂S gas was found;
- the plans for 2008 are to re-enter and deepen the well near the transfer station, start four exploration wells and complete a 3D seismic survey;
- the seismic surveys will be done with explosives;
- seismic crews will need to get permission from landowners prior to entering any privately owned properties; and
- they are currently in the process of submitting applications to the OGC.

Councillor Kosolowsky expressed his concern with sour gas wells in the area. Council requested that Crew Energy keep the District updated on the progress of the projects and to send all notifications to Council. They also agreed to put contact names and phone numbers in the Bulletin.

D2

Eileen Gallant – Grass and Dandelion Issues

Eileen Gallant advised of the following concerns:

- dandelions are overgrown on District properties and in some cases it is hard to even see the flowers because of the dandelions;
- grass inside the pool area should be removed as it is not being used or allowed to be used;
- the grass at the pool is starting to grow through the cement near the water;
- does not like all the crows that are at the pool area;
- the pool dressing room drains are higher than some of the floor which is causing pools of

- water to build up in the dressing rooms; and
- the ditches in Lynx Creek are too deep to mow.

Council will forward these concerns to the Director of Works and Protective Services.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – April 14, 2008 (0550-01)

153/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held April 14, 2008 be adopted, as amended.”

CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – April 23, 2008 (0550-01)

154/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held April 23, 2008 be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Doug Leatherdale – Atkinson Property (3220-20)

The Administrator advised that Mr. Leatherdale has suggested naming the property “Hudson Terrace” and naming the park “Dr. McLean Memorial Park.”

B2 Ministry of Forests – Removing Mountain Pine Beetle Infected Trees (0400-20)

It was advised that the Ministry of Forests has not been contacted. Mayor Harwood also advised that a presentation is being made at NCMA Annual Convention with regards to this issue.

B3 Site C Consultation – Stage 2 (0400-30)

Councillor Johnson advised that he would be able to attend the second stage of Site C consultation on May 15, 2008.

B4 Community Foundation (0400-01)

Councillor Johnson explained that the Community Foundation funds will be used to support non-profit groups in Hudson’s Hope. The types of grants and the amounts given will be determined by the Steering Committee, which consists of a number of non-elected members of the community.

B5 North Peace Economic Development Committee (0360-01)

Mayor Harwood advised that the cost for being part of the North Peace Economic Development Committee is \$3,183.00 per year for Hudson’s Hope.

CORRESPONDENCE

155/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C12 be received.”

CARRIED

C1 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notifications (6660-01)

C2 District of Taylor – 50th Anniversary (0400-50)

Mayor Harwood requested staff confirm two people for Taylor's 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

- C3 Ministry of Finance – Carbon Tax (0400-20)**
- C4 Branding the Peace Country Association – AGM and Celebration Concert (0230-01)**
- C5 Water Across Time – Resolution**
- C6 BC Healthy Communities 2008 Provincial Conference (0390-01)**
- C7 PRRD – Donation Request (0400-50)**
- C8 City of Vancouver – Arthritis Awareness Month (0630-01)**

Mayor Harwood proclaimed:

“WHEREAS September is known as Arthritis Awareness Month in Canada, during which The Arthritis Society promotes public awareness about this chronic disease that can affect anyone from children to the elderly; and

WHEREAS The Arthritis Society is the leading source of arthritis information and education so that Canadians can learn more about this disease and understand their important role in prevention, treatment, and management; and

WHEREAS The Arthritis Society, BC & Yukon Division works towards building positive relationships with elected and government officials, in order to ensure that they understand how to help relieve the burden of arthritis, and to provide recommendations on how to achieve equitable access to care and treatment for arthritis consumers in the province of British Columbia and the Yukon territory, while encouraging all Canadians to speak up in the fight against arthritis; and

WHEREAS The Arthritis Society, BC & Yukon Division uses Arthritis Awareness Month to promote awareness about arthritis in communities across British Columbia and the Yukon, and to raise funds through special events, individual donations, and philanthropic gifts to support programs, services and internationally acclaimed research done here in BC; and

WHEREAS This year's theme for Arthritis Awareness Month celebrates the 60th anniversary of The Arthritis Society and is about empowering people with arthritis to live their lives to the fullest by combating the limitations which arthritis could impose day to day, and is about Canadians committing to a world without arthritis which can be achieved through the donation of time and funds to provide help to those living with arthritis and to support innovative research to discover better treatments for a cure; and

WHEREAS One in six people in Canada live with the chronic pain and disability of arthritis. Through education, support, understanding and awareness of this disabling disease, The Arthritis Society is able to help the nearly 4.5 million Canadians affected by arthritis – including 600,000 in British Columbia and the Yukon – to FIGHT IT!

NOW, THEREFORE, September 2008 is HEREBY AFFIRMED as Arthritis Awareness Month.”

- C9 Doug Leatherdale – Subdivision Name (3220-20)**
- C10 UBCM – Response from Finance Minister Carol Taylor on the Carbon Tax (0400-01)**

Councillor Johansson requested that more information be provided on the Climate Change Charter so that Council can decide whether they are interested in participating.

C11 Deklan Mengering – Donation Request (1770-01)

C12 Curling Club Annual Mother's Day Dinner – Donation Request (1770-01)

Council discussed the grant application policy that states that all donation requests be submitted during the application period.

156/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council donate an aquafit season pass for the Bullhead Mountain Curling Club's Annual Mother's Day Steak and Lobster Dinner."
CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending April 21, 2008 (1920-01)

157/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$18,540.65 for the two-week period ending April 21, 2008 be approved."
CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

158/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the accounts payable report for April 25, 2008 in the amount of \$68,855.57 be approved."
CARRIED

Council requested reports be submitted on the water quality reports and their findings. Council also requested that the Director of Works and Protective Services submit an update report monthly.

SR3 Meeting Dates (0550-01)

159/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council cancel the Council meetings on May 26 and June 9, 2008 and schedule a regular meeting for June 2, 2008."
CARRIED

SR4 Twelve Mile Road Electrical Extension – Parcel Tax (3900-02)

160/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council give first reading to the Twelve Mile Road Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 749, 2008."
CARRIED

SR5 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

161/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council appoint Councillors Quibell, Webster and Johnson to the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel and that Mayor Harwood and Councillor Johansson and Anderson be appointed as the alternates."
CARRIED

SR6 2008 Tax Rate Bylaw (3900-02)

162/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council give first reading to the 2008 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 748, 2008."
CARRIED

SR7 2008 Financial Plan Bylaw (3900-02)

163/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council give first reading to the Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 747, 2008."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Councillor Johansson submitted her report on the Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting. She discussed the seamless education being considered between secondary and post-secondary education systems. She also advised of the School District #60's geo-thermal drilling equipment which they have used to put geo-thermal in the last two houses they built. They are looking at the possibility of converting the schools to a geo-thermal system.

CM2 COFI (0390-01)

Councillor Johnson advised of the following information he received when attending the COFI conference:

- wood is one of the few renewable sources that stores carbon;
- the new Olympic convention centre will have 15 million feet of board wood to showcase to the world;
- emphasis on land planning and integrated land use;
- carbon credits are having a negative effect, because we are creating forests on land that could be used to produce food;
- looking at making products with wood and plastic combined;
- need to find ways to capture and store emissions; and
- try to use waste wood rather than burn it.

CM3 Spirit of 2010 (0540-20)

Mayor Harwood advised that the "Spirit Log" will be coming to Fort. St. John, Dawson Creek and Fort Nelson. The train will not be coming this far north as the rail lines will not allow it on their tracks. The torch relay course will be announced soon and could include Hudson's Hope.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (0400-20)

The Administrator advised that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Titles Branch, have been asked to advise the District once a decision has been made on the sale of parcels 0805028 and 0805027. Council requested that a meeting be set up to have the Titles Branch come to Hudson's Hope to discuss how they operate and give general information.

NB2 Memorial Service

Mayor Harwood advised that a memorial service for Dr. Mike McLean will be held on April 29, 2008.

NB3 Zoning Meeting (3360-01)

A zoning meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2008 following the public presentation of the financial plans. Mayor Harwood and Councillors Anderson, Webster and Johansson will be able to attend.

NB4 Subdivision Requirements

The Administrator questioned whether they would like new subdivisions that are larger than 3 new parcels to be required to have a designated parkland or give a cash contribution in lieu. The cash would be decided by Council and could be up to 5% of the value of the land based on fair market value. Council requested for more information be provided.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Days Inn Property (3220-20)

Mary Brerton asked if Council was able to ask the Days Inn to build a park or do landscaping to make the property more appealing. Councillor Johnson advised that they would probably already have some landscaping plans to promote their business.

PE2 Green Spaces

Bob Bach advised that it is important to keep green spaces in each subdivision. The Lynx Creek subdivision has a green space of forest which requires no funding for the upkeep.

| DIARY | | Diarized | Last Review/Action |
|--------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| DY1 | <i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> May 6, 2008 <i>Public Presentation of Financial Plans</i> May 6, 2008 <i>Zoning Meeting</i> May 13, 2008 <i>Council Meeting</i> May 15, 2008 <i>Site C Local Gov't Consultation</i> May 19, 2008 <i>Victoria Day</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>Unightly 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> | <i>Apr 2008</i> |
| DY10 | <i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i> | <i>Feb 2007</i> | |
| DY11 | <i>BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i> | <i>May 2007</i> | |
| DY12 | <i>Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement</i> | <i>May 2007</i> | |
| DY13 | <i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences (0400-20)</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 (0400-01)</i> | <i>Jan 2008</i> | <i>Apr 2008</i> |

