

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MAY 28, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk; and L. Rhymer, Groundskeeper
Other: A. Huxley, J. Kinahan, B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

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

STAFF REPORTS

SR3 Bedding Plants (6.6.1.11.1)

The Groundskeeper, Lannie Rhymer, advised that she had returned a large portion of the bedding plants that were delivered by Peace River Greenhouses as they were not suitable for planting. She was able to get other varieties of petunias from the same greenhouse; however, the rest of the order was purchased from other sources. She advised that the planting will be done late this year due to these problems. Council discussed whether the bedding plant order needs to go to tender. The Administrator will look into this matter further. The Groundskeeper stated that she would like to purchase from a proven nursery; however, she would be willing to test other nurseries plants to see how their product does prior to awarding the contract in future years.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

D1 Alyssa Huxley – Reducing Energy Consumption (9.7.5)

Alyssa Huxley gave a presentation on her ideas for helping the environment by joining forces with the community and the school. She advised that she was sent to Vancouver by School District No. 60 to hear a presentation by John Abbott, which has motivated her to get more involved in the community and school. She discussed the following projects:

- helping with the District's Turn It Off Challenge
- talk with the elementary students about recycling and energy conservation and maybe having a school challenge;
- school audits completed by students;
- making recycling bins more available to residents and students;
- composting for the school cafeteria;
- can drives in the school;
- memorial garden at the school;
- building an outside study area to be used in the spring and summer for some classes; and
- advertising how to sponsor children in third world counties.

Ms. Huxley discussed her interest in working with the District on any projects that would help the environment.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – May 14, 2007

252/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That the minutes of the council meeting held on May 14, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Building Inspector (8.2)

The Administrator gave a brief explanation on the insurance issues with hiring a Building Inspector. She advised that a report will be made at the June 11, 2007 meeting on this issue.

B2 Twelve Mile Road Costs (9.7.1.6.1)

The Administrator told Council the amounts that all the property owners owe and the grant amounts that they qualify for the clearing costs of the Twelve Mile Road electrical extension.

B3 Peace Water Use Plan & Operating Order (9.7.1.7)

In response to a question, staff advised that they had not heard back from the Ministry of Environment on the Peace Water Use and Operating Order.

B4 Lagoon Aeration System (9.3.4)

Council discussed the potential energy savings that a wind driven aeration system would provide. The Administrator advised that the Director of Works and Protective Services had spoken with a company who advised him that wind would not be a good choice with the lagoon system we have, but that a solar powered system may work better. She advised that there would have a report for the June 11, 2007 meeting. Councillor Webster suggested that a committee of engineers from BC Hydro be asked to give their comments on which type of system should be selected.

B5 NEEMAC (4.3.4)

Councillor Johansson explained her position with NEEMAC, that she was not representing the District of Hudson's Hope. Fred Jarvis and Larry Houley are the District's representatives. Council discussed the need for Council members to share information.

B6 Twelve Mile Road Electrical Extension (9.7.1.6.1)

The Administrator requested the Twelve Mile Road electrical extension project be taken off the diary as it is now complete. Council requested that a report be done on the electrical extension project.

B7 British Columbia's 150th Anniversary

Mayor Harwood advised that she would be attending the roundtable in Prince George to discuss ideas for celebrating British Columbia's 150th Anniversary.

B8 Village of Pouce Coupe – July 1st Parade (1.5.2.6)

Mayor Harwood and Councillor Johnson agreed to attend the July 1st Parade in Pouce Coupe. They will be taking Kasper Michel's float and a gift of a tree for the 75th Anniversary of the Village of Pouce Coupe.

B9 Community Clean-Up (9.5.4.1)

Council discussed that the June 10, 2007 date for the community clean-up would need to be changed due to other events that would be in conflict. They discussed having an evening community clean-up. Council will decide on the exact date a later time.

CORRESPONDENCE

253/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C14 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Dick Harris, MP – Drought Assistance News Release

C2 Hudson's Hope Ski Association – Father's Day Fishing Derby Donation (1.6.1.6)

254/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council donate a pool pass to the Hudson's Hope Ski Association for the annual Father's Day Fishing Derby."

CARRIED

C3 Karen Goodings – Thank you letter

C4 City of North Vancouver – Energy Efficiency for New Buildings (9.7.5)

C5 Hudson's Hope Health Care & Housing Society – X-Ray Unit Donation (6.2.1.1)

Mayor Harwood announced that the Hudson's Hope Health Care and Housing Society had raised enough money over the past weekend for the new radiography unit. Council asked staff to send a letter to advise them to consider the District of Hudson's Hope for a donation for their next project.

C6 Double "H" Saddle Club – Rodeo Donation (6.4.5.3)

255/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council donate the set-up and takedown fees for the tent to the Double "H" Saddle Club for their annual rodeo."

CARRIED

C7 UBCM – Local Government and the Environment Conference (1.5.1.1.1)

256/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize the Administrator or the Director of Works and Protective Services to attend the Local Government and the Environment conference on June 27 and 28, 2007."

CARRIED

C8 Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts – Kickin' Day of Play (4.1.1.3)

C9 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Consultation (4.3.4)

The Administrator advised that she would be meeting with the Ministry of Transportation on May 30, 2007 and would question the issues of companies notifying them when using public roads, getting permits and unconstructed road allowances.

C10 UBCM – Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement (1.8.11.2)

C11 Premier Gordon Campbell – NorthLink System

C12 Minister of Natural Resources – Mountain Pine Beetle Epidemic (4.3.2.9)

Council discussed the issues with the mountain pine beetle outbreak and the situation with residents wanting to use the infected wood, but who did not want to pay the high stumpage fee. They commented that there were some problems with the policy and asked staff to write a letter to the Ministry of Forestry.

C13 Hudson's Hope Music Festival – Tent Donation (6.4.5.12)

257/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council donate the set-up and takedown fees for the tent to the Hudson's Hope Music Festival for the annual Jam at the Dam festival."

CARRIED

C14 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Crown Dispositions (4.3.4)

Councillor Webster voiced her concerns of having potential sour gas well near the Beryl Prairie subdivision. Councillor Johansson commented that some of the areas for sale may be in the resource plan as designated areas for no drilling, she would look at the map. Council requested that this information be put in the Bulletin and that the maps be available for public viewing. This issue is to be diarized for the June 11, 2007 meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending May 19, 2007

258/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$33,985.64 for the two week period ending May 19, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for May 22 and May 24, 2007

259/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the accounts payable reports for May 22, 2007 in the amount of \$35,914.57 and for May 24, 2007 in the amount of \$201,498.11 for a total of \$237,412.68 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Bedding Plants (6.6.1.11.1)

Councillor Johnson stated that the issue of transportation of the plants should be looked at. He suggested making shelves that could go into a trailer or a vehicle for transporting large orders of plants. Council also discussed having somewhere to store the plants. The Director of Works and Protective Services was asked to comment on these issues.

SR4 FCM Community Energy Planning Mission (1.5.1.3)

260/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council approve conference, travel and accommodation expense for Councillor Webster and Carolyn Bonnick to attend the FCM Community Energy Planning Mission in Alberta from July 29 to August 3, 2007."

CARRIED

SR5 Campground Incident Report (6.6.1.8)

SR6 Tent Rental – HH Fall Fair (6.4.5.2)

261/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council donate the setup and takedown fees for the Hudson’s Hope Fall Fair.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Turn It Off Challenge Workshop (9.7.5)

Councillor Webster reported on the Turn It Off Challenge Workshop. She discussed her ideas for the District to do for the challenge. Council questioned how they would be measuring success and the amounts of reduction. Councillor Webster advised that she had not seen the marking scale but that they would be sending electricity usage amounts for the past three years to each community and that they would be measuring success on other areas such as staff involvement.

CM2 Historical Society (6.4.3.1)

Councillor Johansson advised that she and Mike Ryder had met with the Historical Society to discuss the options for another building to store the Olive Powell Trophy collection. They discussed bank stability, setbacks, property ownership, geotech reports, and additions to current buildings. Council questioned whether the museum building was designated as a heritage building, as this would impact plans for an addition. Councillor Johansson advised that they would be meeting with Olive Powell to discuss this further.

CM3 Resource Policy (4.3.4.6)

Councillor Johansson distributed the draft Resource Planning Policy. The Administrator advised that she would send it to the lawyer for review prior to a public input.

STAFF REPORTS

SR7 Pool Boiler (6.6.1.3.4)

The Administrator advised Council of the problems with the boiler at the swimming pool. A new boiler will need to be purchased which will take approximately one month to receive.

262/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,000 to purchase and install a new boiler for the pool facility.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Dentist (6.2)

Mayor Harwood advised that she had spoken with Dr. Penar, who is looking at opening a dental practice in Hudson’s Hope. She gave him the information to contact Northern Health.

NB2 Mosquito Trap

Councillor Johnson volunteered to have a mosquito trap at his residence for a test site for West Nile research which is being conducted by the Peace River Regional District on behalf of the District of Hudson’s Hope.

NB3 Meeting with Auditors (2.2)

The Administrator told Council of the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 5:30 with the auditors to discuss the financial statements.

NB4 Calendar System

Council agreed that the meeting calendar should be used to indicate absences for Council and senior staff. Council agreed to let the Deputy Clerk know when they would not be in attendance of any Council meetings.

NB5 Grass Cutting

Council requested the lawn be mowed at 10001 Dudley Drive.

NB6 Tax Rates (2.4)

Councillor Webster commented on the tax prices that some seniors are having to pay with the high increase on the assessments and no decrease to the mill rate. She requested that in the following year Council do a review and compare taxes and services to other communities.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Museum Buildings (6.4.3.1)

Jackie Kinahan suggested that instead of constructing a new building, the museum could look at moving a historical building onto the property.

PE2 Tax Rates (2.4)

Jackie Kinahan questioned the tax rate increases. Mayor Harwood advised that the residential taxes did not get increased, but because of the higher assessment the taxes have increased. She also advised that the police and school rates are adopted by cabinet and the District does not have a say in those amounts. Councillor Webster advised that the taxes have increased 22% over the past 3 years and she believes that Council should look at raising the utility mill rate to address the increase to taxes.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays June 7 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel (Adams Street) June 8 Meeting w/ Atkinson Developer June 11 Public Hearing / Council Meeting June 13 Meeting w/ Auditors re: financial statements</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>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>
DY9	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>
DY10	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>February 2007</i>
DY11	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>February 2007</i>
DY12	<i>BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>
DY13	<i>Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement</i>	<i>May 2007</i>

SPECIAL IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

263/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;

"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 land issues. (7:37 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

264/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:44 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor