

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 AT 6:10 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Quibell, Johnson, Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnicks, Administrator; T. Turvey, Office Assistant
Other: Bruce Misewich, BC Hydro, G. Koenig, S. Vig, B. Webster, M. Tremblay, D. Summer, R. Tremblay, S. Palfy, C. Lewis, K. Lund, B. Bach, B. Dean, P. Enderlin, D. Silk, C. Powell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm with Mayor Harwood presiding.

DELEGATION

D1 BC Hydro Updates

BC Hydro – Bruce Misewich, Director, Regional Operations for Northern and Thermal updated Council with the following issues:

- tour guides have started the summer season with Sue Stark as the on-site manager, Ann Walker as the Manager of Tour Guides and Bruce Misewich as the District Manager;
- there is a 12 to 14 percent chance of spilling at GMS this year, it will depend on the reservoir condition and generator problems at both GMS/Peace Canyon which include:
 - one unit will be down at GMS until September;
 - a unit spill will be necessary at Peace Canyon if two or three units go down; and
 - a chance of emergency spill to maintain maximum levels at GMS or for economic reasons, however there is no plan to spill at this time.
- the capital program for G2 – G4 and G1 are being worked on at this time and one more after these;
 - at GMS they have a G3 runner failure;
 - there is known cracking on G1 – G5;
 - BC Hydro will be spending \$2 - \$3 million over the next 10 years on maintenance to bring the capacity up to 3000 megawatt, as the current capacity is at 2700;
- the Safety Program is running well; and
- Bruce Misewich has a meeting on June 5, 2008 with a Howard Mayer, Dean of Business at Northern Lights College, Industry and Contract Training to discuss the closure of the Northern Lights College in Hudson's Hope.

Council questioned whether housing is still an issue for contract employees. Mr. Misewich said that it is sufficient; however, the plan is that there will be contract employees from Alstom or GE for at least another 10 years. Councillor Anderson questioned whether the vacant positions at GMS have been filled and what BC Hydro is doing to fill these jobs. Mr. Misewich advised that human resources is recruiting some positions, however some are hard to fill. BC Hydro's long term goal is to have people move to Hudson's Hope.

Mayor Harwood asked who is responsible for the sign on the highway at the Lynx Creek Boat launch as the only sign there now is a "Private Property" sign which confuses boaters. The Administrator advised Highways Department would be responsible for putting up the sign; the Director of Works and Protective Services have advised BC Hydro staff of this.

Council was advised that there is no date set yet as to when the security gates at GMS will begin operation.

Council would like to see a meeting with Northern Lights College, BC Hydro and the District. Mayor Harwood has tried to arrange a meeting, however, the college has advised that the District may attend a Board meeting if they feel a NLC policy has been violated. BC Hydro does not have space to hold courses at either GMS or Peace Canyon. The Northern Lights College would have to rent facilities.

D2 Doug Summer – Oil and Gas Parcel Sales

Mr. Summer restated his concerns with the sale of properties within parcels 0805027 and 0505028 and believes that farming and oil and gas are in conflict and would like the properties rezoned to show that resource development is not allowed in agriculture areas. Mr. Summer would also like to include an exemption on Crown land which he holds as grazing leases and requests Council to make a request to the Land Titles Branch to postpone the sale of the properties until they could be rezoned.

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That staff be requested to determine the amendments necessary to bring the zoning into alignment."

The Administrator advised that the date of the disposition in the letter in from the Ministry dated May 29, 2008 has been delayed to the middle of August, not July 16th as stated.

Councillor Johnson stated that he did not feel it would do any good to change the zoning at this point in time. Council should not be changing zoning for every little thing that arises; Council should be more concerned with growing fuel costs and obtaining underground fuel sources.

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- some amendments have already been done to zoning; why do some and not others?;
- farmland and water sources need to be protected;
- farming is the livelihood of these property owners and needs to be protected;
- the Official Community Plan says that Council supports all industries and we need to try to give support to all; little support has been given to Agriculture in the past;
- some members feel that an incompatibility between oil and gas development and agriculture has not been proven; and
- the Crown Land between Brenot Creek and Lynx Creek should also be protected as it contains an area with old growth forest and is a unique wildlife area.

191/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
To substitute for the pending motion the following:
"To amend the resource development policy to reflect Council's intention to restrict resource extraction on all the privately owned lands within the provincial oil and gas tenure blocks 0805028 and 0805027 and all of the crown lands that lie north of Brenot Creek and South of Lynx Creek within provincial oil and gas tenure blocks 0805028 and 0805027."

CARRIED

with Mayor Harwood & Councillor Johnson OPPOSED.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – May 13, 2008 (0550-01)

192/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held May 13, 2008 be adopted, as amended."

CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – May 6, 2008 (0550-01)

193/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the minutes of the Special Council meeting held May 6, 2008 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 UBCM Resolution

Councillor Johansson asked if Council still wanted her to write a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to give the same status to Local Governments as First Nations have. It was suggested that it would have greater impact to write draft resolution through the UBCM. Council agreed that they would like her to write a general resolution to present at the UBCM.

B2 Edna Smith – Road Allowance

The Administrator advised that Mrs. Smith has put log barricades in place with planters at the end to restrict ATV's from driving across and eroding her driveway. Bob Dean, Cpl, Hudson's Hope RCMP Detachment has put a report in the Bulletin in June and will continue to look into the problem of ATV's.

PUBLIC INPUT

P1 Development Variance Permit – Vig

194/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"To approve and issue Development Variance Permit No. 2008-03."
CARRIED

P2 Development Variance Permit – Silk/Humborstadt

195/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"To approve and issue Development Variance Permit No. 2008-04."
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 Hudson's Hope Ski Association – Father's Day Fishing Derby

196/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"To donate a Seasonal Swim Pass to the Hudsons' Hope Ski Association the same as last year and to develop a donation policy for consistency."
CARRIED
with Councillor Kosolowsky OPPOSED

C2 Taylor Gold Panning Committee – Invitation to Compete August 3rd, 2008

Mayor Harwood will attend the Annual World's Invitation Championship Gold Planning in Taylor this year.

C3 Minister Colin Hansen – Media Contact - Beijing, China

Mayor Harwood is the media contact for the District of Hudson's Hope

C4 James Rymer – Letter to Dawson Creek Ministry of Forests regarding proposed logging of Twelve Mile Road

197/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council send a letter of to support Mr. Rymer’s letter to Mr. Dale Morgan, District Manager, Dawson Creek Ministry of Forests and Range.”

CARRIED

C5 ‘Spirit of the Peace’ Pow Wow Society – Invitation to attend.

Councillors Anderson, Johansson and Webster expressed an interest to attend the Spirit of the Peace and will advise staff of intention by June 3, 2008.

C6 Northern Lights College – Closure of the Hudson’s Hope Campus

Mayor Harwood will write the Ministry of Education about the Northern Lights College decision to close the Hudson’s Hope Campus and will review the college’s policies for discussion at their Board meeting if they are unwilling to meet with Council.

C7 Peace River Regional District – Provincial Climate Change Charter

198/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council authorize Administrator, Carolyn Bonnick to representative the District of Hudson’s Hope at these meetings and Mike Ryder, Director of Works, as the alternate.”

CARRIED

C8 The Council of Senior Citizens’ Organizations of BC – Conference on Seniors Health.

C9 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notice of Hudson’s Hope Gas Wellsite

- a) HHG Portage Field Change b-32-A/94-B-1
- b) HHG Portage Field Change b-22-A/94-B-1
- c) Amendment from wellsite a-23-A/94-B-1 to tie-in at b-22-A/94-B-1
- d) Amendment from wellsite b-31-A/94-B-1 and b-32-A/94-B-1 to c-13-A/94-B-1

C10 Canfor

199/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“To send Councillor Johnson to the next Canfor-Chetwynd Public Advisory Committee meeting on June 19, 2008.”

CARRIED

C11 Minister of Energy & Mines - Response to Sale of Subsurface Rights

See item D2 of these minutes.

C12 Crew Energy – Response to Questions

Council wanted clarification on what a ‘spacing unit’ is. Ms. Lewis thought it was 160 acres, however, Crew Energy will be asked to confirm. Council questioned whether a representative from International Exploration Consultants of Canada is still planning to make a presentation to Council on the seismic process. The Deputy Clerk will be asked to provide an update at the next meeting.

C13 NHRATA – Proclamation

Mayor Lenore Harwood, herby proclaimed the following:

“WHEREAS, Hudson’s Hope and communities within North Eastern British Columbia benefit

economically, culturally, and socially from the tourism industry.

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable to bring attention to the Hello North Visitor Stay Another Day Program which raises awareness of our communities events, and better facilitates communication between all communities in north eastern BC while encouraging visitors and residents to participate in the many attractions and activities within the region and to *Live a Day . . . the Northern Way*.

AND WHEREAS, each year from mid-May to September, 320,400 visitors travel the Alaska Highway. The visitation generates \$93 million for the North Eastern BC region.

NOW THEREFORE, I do proclaim that during the months of June, July, and August 2008 the residents of Hudson's Hope invite visitors to celebrate our way of Life and *Live a Day the Northern Way*."

Mayor Lenore Harwood, hereby proclaimed the following:

"WHEREAS, the tourism industry within Hudson's Hope is a major contributor to our local economy.

AND WHEREAS, it is advantageous to designate June as "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town" month to raise awareness of the unique attractions within Hudson's Hope, thus encouraging residents to become aware of the value of tourism resources.

AND WHEREAS, the enlightened awareness will lead to a better understanding of the value of tourism within our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lenore Harwood, on behalf of Hudson's Hope, do hereby proclaim June, 2008 as "Be a Tourist in Your Own Town" month to raise awareness in the local community about the economic and social impact of the tourism industry, and encourage everyone in the industry to celebrate the month."

C14 Ministry of Forests and Range – Mountain Pine Beetle

C15 Village of Pouce Coupe – Canada Day Parade

C16 Minister of Community Services – Proclamation World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mayor Lenore Harwood, hereby proclaimed the following:

"WHEREAS throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons is largely under-recognized, and

WHEREAS World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action which recognizes the significance of elder abuse as a social issue, and

WHEREAS a better understanding of abuse and neglect will support the development of awareness into action, and

WHEREAS seniors are a diverse population within a society that supports its members throughout the life continuum, and recognizes individual rights to dignity, respect, autonomy and choice, and

WHEREAS citizens, community organizations and public officials all have vital roles in working together and sharing information on how to prevent and recognize signs of abuse or neglect, and

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia is committed to ensuring that seniors are valued within safe communities and to supporting their contributions to a vibrant province, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 15, 2008, shall be know as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in the District of Hudson's Hope."

C17 MLA, Charlie Wyse – Community Charter for Regional Districts

Mayor Harwood to take to the Peace River Regional District for support.

C18 City of North Vancouver – Funding for Municipal Police Forces Beat Officers

C19 Ida Chong, FCGA Minister – Small community Grant.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending May 17, 2008 (1920-01)

200/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$37,411.85 for the two-week period ending May 17, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

201/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the accounts payable reports for May 16, 2008 in the amount of \$94,000.74 and for May 28, 2008 in the amount of \$95,851.20 for a total of \$189,851.94 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Public Works Report

Council received the information provided from the Director of Works and Protective Services on the dust problem at the intersection of Highway 29 and Clarke Avenue and requested that a letter to the Edgar's be sent to advise what the Municipality is doing about the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Ministry of Forests

Councillor Johnson gave a report on his meeting with the Ministry of Forests.

CM2 Hudson's Hope Historical Society

Councillor Johansson provided an update on the Historical Society.

- On Monday, June 16th the Historical Society will meet to discuss their expansion; and
- Gary Powell's bronze 'Pack Horse' statue is currently on display in FSJ.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Dandelions

Council would like to know what the District is doing about the dandelion situation. The

Administrator advised that the groundskeeper is over-seeding the grass in Beattie Park and at the District Office. This grass is supposed to choke out the weeds. She is also using a Corn Gluten which is used to prevent new growth.

Councillor Kosolowsky would like this information put in the Bulletin so residents know something is being done.

NB2 Conflict of Interest Issues

Councillor Anderson advised that when a Councillor is a committee liason to a group, this would cause a conflict of interest and Council members may have to step down when dealing with financial issues. The Administrator will look into this issue.

NB3 Disposal Wells Close to the Peace River

Councillor Webster would like to ensure that any Oil and Gas disposal wells that are close to the Peace River cannot affect our water supply, either spring water or via groundwater flow.

At present the hydrologist's reports go to the oil company for revision prior to going to the municipality. Councillor Webster would like to change that so the municipality gets the original report.

Ms. Lewis advised that there are no wells currently close to the river and the disposal well is in a deep injection zone at 2000m, where the river level is at 300m. Ms. Lewis will find out what zones are currently being used.

Mayor Harwood suggested that the PFRA (Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Association) become involved in the water study as an impartial resource.

NB4 Beryl Prairie Park

Council asked what is being done to finalize the Beryl Prairie Park. Administrator advised the ILMB needs West Moberly First Nation response before it can be finalized. Council suggested writing a letter to West Moberly First Nations to request sign off.

NB5 Ball Diamonds

Councillor Kosolowsky requested that the ball diamond fields be upgraded as they are in disrepair and are potentially dangerous. The Director of Works will be notified of these issues.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Locum Doctors

Mr. Koenig asked who is responsible for finding a locum for the doctor. Mayor Harwood advised that it is the responsibility of the doctor to call the locum service and if the doctor can't find one Northern Health would then try to find a locum when they can.

PE2 Town Spring

Mr. Bach remarked that the spring along the riverbank used to be low flow prior to the WAC Bennett Dam construction.

PE3 Site C Office

Mr. Bach asked about the display at the Library for Site C. Mayor Harwood advised that BC Hydro will be setting up an office for a couple of months in Hudson's Hope for Site C enquiries that would be staffed for ½ to 1 day per week depending on usage.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays June 7, 2008 BC Hydro Site C Open House June 10, 2008 BC Hydro Site C Open House June 23, 2008 Council Meeting</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>Unsightly 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>
DY16	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY17	<i>Site Inspections with Tembec (6660-01)</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>	
DY18	<i>Registration for the Northeast BC Community Coal Forum</i>	<i>May 2008</i>	

ADJOURNMENT

202/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:20 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor