

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Councillors Kosolowsky, Anderson, Johansson and Johnson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk; and H. Greig, Office Assistant
Other: B. Bach, P. Gunderson, and A. Watson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm with Councillor Kosolowsky presiding.

MINUTES

M1 Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting – June 11 , 2007

289/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the minutes of the public hearing held on June 11, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M2 Minutes of the Council Meeting – June 11, 2007

290/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the council meeting held on June 11, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M3 Minutes of the Special Meeting - June 13, 2007

291/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held on June 13, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Camping – Pearkes Centre (04775.000)

Councillor Johansson suggested that Council look into a way to allow the Pearkes Centre to have camping once a year for the Jam at the Dam festival. The Administrator explained that the Community Charter will only allow a temporary commercial permit to be renewed once and that individuals may wish to assist the organization with finding an alternate location for campers, however, this is not a task the District should undertake.

B2 UBCM Resolution – Patio Heaters (1.5.1.1)

Councillor Johansson submitted the re-written patio resolution.

292/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council forward the Patio Heater Resolution to UBCM"

CARRIED

B3 Financial Statement Review (2.2.1)

The Administrator explained that the Moberly Lake Icemen bill has been outstanding since

spring of 2006 and that the organization no longer exists.

CORRESPONDENCE

293/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C10 be received."

CARRIED

C1 City of Dawson Creek – Alaska Highway House Grande Opening
C10 and Alcan Chronicles – Request for Support (1.5.2.2)

294/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council purchase an advertisement in the amount of \$250.00 in the Alcan Chronicles to congratulate Dawson Creek on the completion of the Alaska Highway House and The Road to Alaska Exhibits."

CARRIED

C2 Peace Valley Environment Association & West Moberly First Nations – Paddle for the Peace (1.5.5.2)

C3 District of Taylor – Local Government Consultations Building Regulatory System

The Administrator advised that she would be attending the Local Government Consultations Building Regulatory System.

C4 David Suzuki Foundation – Fish Habitat Protection (1.8.10)

C5 North East Native Advancing Society – Charity Golf Tournament (1.5.5)

C6 Charlie Wyse, MLA, Cariboo South – Kamloops Dispatch Centre

295/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That a letter be sent to Minister Abbott of the Ministry of Health requesting immediate completion of all necessary repairs to their facilities and to ensure acceptable emergency procedures be developed."

CARRIED

C7 Inaugural Asia Pacific Forum on Mining & Minerals (4.3.5)

C8 Guy Armitage & Mary Brereton – Proposed Disposition (4.3.4.6)

This letter will be discussed during the committee report from Councillor Johansson.

C9 Dave & Pam Gunderson – Proposed Disposition (4.3.4.6)

This letter will be discussed during the committee report from Councillor Johansson.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending June 16, 2007

296/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$28,883.02 for the two week period ending June 16, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for June 14, 2007

297/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the accounts payable reports for June 14, 2007 in the amount of \$36,610.55 be approved."
CARRIED

SR3 Administrator's Report

1 *Atkinson Subdivision (5.7.7)*

298/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council continue to negotiate with Mr. Leatherdale and provide an extension to allow further discussion to occur until September 30, 2007."
CARRIED

The Administrator advised that a special meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2007 to speak with Mr. Leatherdale. She also advised that BC Hydro is interested in the new housing development and that they will be invited to the meeting.

2 *Changes to Comply with Auditor's Recommendations (2.2)*

The Administrator advised that the Bullhead Mountain Curling Club has signed an agreement that they will apply for and turn over to the District any monies recovered from a GSTS rebate applicable to the funds supplied as grants. Councillor Johansson commented that all GST should come back the District.

299/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize the Moberly Lake Icemen write-off in the amount of \$3,056.25 for arena rental."
CARRIED

300/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give the first three readings to the 2006 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 736, 2007."
CARRIED

3 *Annual Report 2007 (1.3.6)*

301/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the Annual Report 2007 be accepted"

When asked for public comments, Mr. Bach asked that the vendor column on the Accounts Payable Report be increased so that the public could see the whole names of the vendors.

SR4 Green Vehicle Policy (9.1.6)

The Administrator advised that staff had an opportunity to comment on the policy but none were received. A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- idling time of only 10 seconds may be too short;
- by making people use the hybrid vehicle whenever possible it will save on the costs of paying for private vehicle mileage, as well as being more environmentally friendly than most vehicles; and
- the use of bio-diesel may not be a suitable fuel source.

302/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council adopt the Green Vehicle Policy."
CARRIED

Council requested that staff provide additional information on bio-diesel and to find out the

statistics for idling vehicles for 10 seconds.

SR5 Adams Street Frontage Tax Amendment Bylaw (1.3.2 & 2.4.6.1)

303/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council adopt the Adams Street Frontage Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 732, 2007."
CARRIED

SR6 Twelve Mile Road Local Area Service Establishment & Parcel Tax Roll Amendment Bylaw (1.3.2 & 9.7.1.6.1)

Councillor Johansson suggested writing a letter to the provincial government with regards to their policies on electrical extensions, as they now are conflicting with the current energy policy that encourages people to use alternative power. The Administrator commented that the provincial policy for extensions includes sewage, sidewalks and many other improvements; therefore, it would be difficult to amend this policy. They also discussed incentives for encouraging people to use alternate energy sources. Councillor Johansson advised that she would research additional information and then bring it back to Council.

304/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council adopt the Twelve Mile Road Local Area Service Establishment and Parcel Tax Roll Amendment Bylaw No. 734, 2007."
CARRIED

SR7 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw (1.3.2)

305/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council adopt the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 735, 2007."
CARRIED

SR8 Mountain Pine Beetle (4.3.2.9)

Council received information on harvest levels from Tree Farm Licence 48. It confirmed that the harvest levels are increased for all timber not just beetle damaged trees.

SR9 Municipal Ticket Information System Amendment Bylaw (1.3.2)

306/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council give first, second and third reading to the Municipal Ticket Information System Amendment Bylaw No. 728, 2007."
CARRIED
with Councillor Johansson OPPOSED.

SR10 Entrance Signs (2.5.1.9)

307/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize Canadian Rock Signs to begin construction of the entrance signs as indicated on the attached design with amendments made by Council."
CARRIED
with Councillor Anderson OPPOSED.

SR11 Free Crown Grant Application – Beryl Prairie (41202.010 & 5.5.1)

The Administrator explained that the application had been put on hold until it was determined whether the trees were infested with pine beetles. She advised that the trees did not show signs of Pine Beetle infestation.

308/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council continue with the Crown Grant application with the proposed facilities excluded."
CARRIED

SR12 Public Works Report (9.3.4.1)

Councillor Johnson suggested trying a wind aeration while the lagoons are working well. Council discussed that it would be hard to measure the success of the aeration system and also discussed the solar powered system.

SR13 Clerks and CAO Forum (1.5.1.4)

309/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize disbursement of funds for conference fees, accommodation and travel to Parksville for the Clerks and Corporate Officers Forum for Carolyn Bonnick and Becky Pringle."
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Scholarship Committee (6.1.1.3)

Councillors Anderson and Johansson advised that they had chosen a candidate, but they did not want to announce it to ensure the candidate did not find out prior to the ceremony.

CM2 Meeting with residents regarding parcels proposed for the August subsurface sale (4.3.4.6)

Council reviewed the correspondence regarding the proposed disposition from concerned residents. Councillor Johansson also provided a report on the meeting with residents from Beryl Prairie on the proposed disposition for August 15, 2007 with the following key issues outlined:

- surface and ground water concerns;
- wildlife transit corridor and calving area for large ungulates;
- nesting areas and habitat for numerous species of wildlife;
- restrictions on access for recreational vehicles;
- viewsapes should be preserved;
- noise restrictions;
- air quality and the impacts of dust on animals and plants;
- issues with weeds and plants being introduced and preservation of the topsoil; and
- the amount of wells drilled on private agricultural and leased agricultural land.

Councillor Johansson advised that portions parcels 0708074 and 0708075 may fall within the area outlined in the proposed Resource Development Policy as areas to protect from further industrial activities.

310/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council accept the report submitted by Councillor Johansson and send a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources advising them of the concerns that Council has been advised of from the residents of Hudson's Hope."
CARRIED
with Councillor Johnson OPPOSED.

CM3 Spirit of British Columbia (1.7.8.8)

Councillor Anderson advised that she would provide a report at the next meeting regarding her attendance at the Spirit of British Columbia meeting.

CM4 NRATHA Meeting (4.1.1.4)

Councillor Johnson advised that he had attended a NRATHA meeting in which they brainstormed ideas for the next five years. A document with everyone's ideas will be produced.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Cemetery Bylaw (6.3.2.1)

Councillor Anderson suggested that the District cemeteries consider having inurnment niches for cremated remains. The Administrator advised that the cemetery bylaw is currently being rewritten and that staff would do some research and bring information back to Council.

NB2 Camping Signage (6.6.1.7)

Councillor Johnson advised that there are no signs on the highway to advise tourists that Dinosaur Lake has camping and that there is no sign to say "Dinosaur Lake". Council also discussed that the donation boxes should be taken down and that the Director of Works and Protective Services be asked to have staff do more grounds-keeping at the campgrounds.

NB3 Resource Planning Policy (4.3.4.6)

Council scheduled a meeting to discuss the changes the lawyer made on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at 1:30 pm.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Ground Water

Bob Bach commented that during the building of the WAC Bennett Dam, dye tests were done from Williston Lake and water did run into the Peace River at Hudson's Hope.

PE2 Electrical Extensions

Bob Bach commented that although all the residents have to pay for clearing costs for the electrical extension it is increasing their property value.

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| DY1 | <i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays July 4 Resource Policy Meeting July 9 Council Meeting</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> |

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| 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> |

ADJOURNMENT

311/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:03 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor