

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009 AT 7:05 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Stacey, Johnson, Summer, Quibell, Webster  
And Johansson  
**Staff:** C. Bonnick; Administrator, V. Bochon: Office assistant  
**Other:** Randy Karst, Ed Reschke, Keith Reschke, Paul Dupuis, Cindy Lewis, Bob  
Bach, Brenda Hartley and Terri Peressini

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with Mayor Anderson presiding.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – June 8, 2009 (0550-01)**

206/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held June 8, 2009 be adopted."

CARRIED

**M2 Council Meeting – June 1, 2009 (0550-01)**

207/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held June 1, 2009 be adopted."

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**D1 Shell Canada Ltd. – Beryl Prairie Park Donation and Update on project (6660-20)**

Randy Karst of Shell Canada presented Council with a brief update on the Shell Canada Project. He explained that as of June 10 the gas facility was in production and Shell Canada's operational staff have taken over. In 2003 CSRI drilled the first test hole and the second in 2004. This was a pilot project on the Haagsman's property. In 2007 seven more test holes were drilled and 2008 Shell Canada had reached their flaring limits. Mr. Karst then went on to introduce, Operational Superintendent for Shell Canada; Dean Freeman and the Public Consultant for Shell Canada: Tamara Dokkie to Council. A donation was presented to the Beryl Prairie park by Mr. Freeman.

Councillor Webster asked Mr. Freeman if he could arrange a site tour for Council and Mr. Freeman agreed. Councillor Johansson asked Mr. Freeman about future plans with the facility. Mr. Freeman responded with, "at this point it is uncertain as this facility is a pilot project that will run for approximately eighteen months."

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**CW1 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Proposed Disposition (0400-20)**

Parcel within or partially within the District of Hudson's Hope. Tenure holders will be requested to follow the District's Resource Development policy as written and adopted Nov. 13, 2007, amended Feb 11, 2008, and Feb. 9, 2009 and the Zoning Bylaw 750, 2009 and to follow the

Oil and Gas Commission's "Guide To Public Engagement and Appropriate Dispute Resolution." Activity restrictions may apply to address concerns raised during public consultation process.

A round table discussion ensued, with members noting the following:

- Some of this land is now in the RU2 zone which prohibits resource development as a permitted use.
- Both properties were proposed before and were deferred after public concern was voiced. The property adjacent to Block 012 is privately owned.
- It is Council's belief that the landowners have not been notified.
- It is believed that the Old Growth Forest Management Area is partially located in Block 012.
- Discussion ensued regarding the use of directional drilling on RU2 zoned lands in order to minimize surface disturbances.
- Council is not opposed to directional drilling, as long as the surface is not disturbed in sensitive areas.

The Administrator advised that a PSA had been sent out requesting comments for today's meeting.

208/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Summers;

"That the District of Hudson's Hope does not oppose to the disposition on the conditions that:

1. The February 09, 2009 amendment date for the Resource Development Policy is added to the Caveat.
2. Compliance with the District of Hudson's Hope Zoning Bylaw is added to the Caveat.
3. No surface disturbance occur in the NW, SW and SE quadrants of block 011 and within those of block 012 that overlap old growth management area affected by integrated Land Management Bureau."

CARRIED

A resident sent in a couple letters expressing his concerns. These letters were reviewed by Council and verifying the parcels are in RU2 zone."

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

##### **RC1 Environmental Advisory Committee – Composter Policy (0540-20)**

209/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Quibell:

"That Council adopt the Composter – Purchase Assistance for Residents as amended."

CARRIED

##### **RC2 Environmental Advisory Committee – Rain Barrel Policy (0540-20)**

210/09

Moved By Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summers:

"That Council adopt the Rain Barrels – Purchase Assistance for Residents policy.

CARRIED

##### **RC3 Recreation Advisory Committee – Beryl Prairie Park (0540-20)**

The Committee recommended that Council authorize funds to be used for general maintenance and beautification of the Beryl Prairie parkland around the fire hall, well site and basketball court.

211/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;

"That park maintenance will be provided by the District, but the initial landscaping would need to be done by a contractor."

CARRIED

**RC4 Community Services & Development Advisory Committee – Terms Of Reference (0540-20)**

212/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
“That Council adopt the Community Services Advisory Committee Terms of Reference with the addition of policing services to the mandate.”

CARRIED

213/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
“That council request that the Recreation Advisory Committee add the Special Events services to their terms of Reference.”

CARRIED

**RC5 Community Services & Development Advisory Committee – Emergency Services Recommendation (0540-20)**

214/09 Moved by Councillor Summer and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Council endorse the Fire Chief implementing the First Responder Program and authorize an additional \$10,000.00 for the start up costs, and additional \$2000.00 for 2009 stipends recognizing that 2010 stipends will increase by \$5000.00.”

CARRIED

With Councillors Johnson and Councillor Stacey OPPOSED.

215/09 Moved by Councillor Summer and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Council approve a yearly recognition banquet for the Fire Department and their spouses to recognize their efforts in our community.”

CARRIED

**RC6 Community Services & Development Advisory Committee – BC Hydro Grant in Lieu of Taxes (0540-20)**

216/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
“That Council hire a consultant to prepare a study to compare taxation from industry with other small Northern Communities to determine our financial needs that could be met through an increased grant in lieu.”

CARRIED

**RC7 Community Services & Development Advisory Committee – Trade & Commerce Magazine (0540-20)**

217/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summers;  
“That Council not go ahead with the advertizing in the magazine as the Community feels that the money could be better spent elsewhere.”

DEFEATED

With Mayor Anderson and Councillors Stacey, Johnson and Quibell OPPOSED.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending June 27, 2009 (1920-01)**

218/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summers;  
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$101,101.19 for the four-week period ending June 27, 2009 be approved.”

CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)**

219/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the accounts payable reports for June 9,2009 in the amount of \$13,431.89 and for June 17, 2009 in the amount of \$77,023.36 and for June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$271,071.68 for a total of \$361,526.93 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 Special Events Coordinator**

220/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council authorize the Administrator to negotiate a contract with Dawn Mengerling for the purpose of providing services as the Special Events Coordinator for the District of Hudson's Hope for a two year term."

DEFEATED

221/09 With Mayor Anderson and Councillors Johnson, Webster, Johansson Stacey, Summer and Quibell OPPOSED.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That the Events Coordinator contract position be sent to the Recreation Advisory Committee to have the committee determine a term of reference and a new duty/job description."

CARRIED

The committee should, with community input, explore possibilities for expansion of recreation opportunities for teens and seniors. Also asking the tender to present some new ideas for the community. The committee then will bring this back to council.

**SR4 Referral Request For Recreation Use (0400-20)**

222/09 Moved by Councillor Summers and Seconded by Webster;  
"That Council endorse Project (ATS) No:28756(File No:RE32902) for the purpose of providing basic amenities at the site and to allow for local recreation groups to legally maintain the site."

CARRIED

**SR5 Deputy Appointments**

223/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson:  
"That Council appoint Becky Mercereau as the Deputy Corporate Officer and Rhonda Eastman as the Deputy Treasurer."

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

224/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Webster;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C11 be received"

CARRIED

**C1 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Tenuring Process in BC (0400-20)**

Council will be meeting with Richard Sawchuk Marketing and Community Relations Branch, Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources on July 21, 2009

**C2 Fort St. John Petroleum Association – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (0400-50)**

**C3 BCWF – Enbridge Northern Gateway Project**

**C4** **British Columbia Ambulance Service – Current level of service (0400-80)**

**C5** **City of Richmond – Gilmore Lands (0400-50)**

**C6** **Peace River Regional District – Board Newsletter (0400-50)**

**C7** **Jay Hill, P.C., M.P. – National Trails Coalition Grant Program (0400-20)**

Council has sent this to the Recreational Advisory Committee for review.

**C8** **UBCM – BCUC Inquiry into Long Term Transmission Needs (0400-01)**

**C9** **City of Burnaby – Municipal Liabilities (building construction regulations) (0400-50)**

**C10** **Steve & Tammy Fiarchuk – Crew Energy Inc. Road (6660-20)**

**C11** **RCMP Contract Renewal Update**

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**CR1** **NRAHTA AGM**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1** **Municipal Parks (6130-01)**

Councillor Johnson spoke about some concerns regarding the campground parks within the municipality. At Dinosaur Lake it has been decided that there are no ATV's permitted. He feels we are losing campers due to this rule. He would still like to see the large parking area developed for ATV campers. Councillor Johnson will meet with Dan Bouillon of BC Hydro to see if BC Hydro would be willing to help with this project. Councillor Johnson also advised Council that there have been vehicles parking on the grass area at Dinosaur Lake Camp Ground that is designated for tents only.

**NB2** **Beryl Prairie Seal Coating Project (5400-01)**

Councillor Summer suggested looking into the seal coating project on the Beryl Prairie Road to see if it could be extended into the Beryl Prairie subdivision. Councillors Johnson and Webster responded that this was already looked at but can't be done as the seal coat on the road is a different mix than the road in the subdivision.

**NB3** **Fort St. John Grain Elevators**

Mayor Anderson informed Council of a bid which was sent in for the purchase of the Fort St. John Grain Elevators.

**NB4** **UBCM – Appointments with Ministries (0400-01)**

Mayor Anderson reminded Council of UBCM and to bring their lists of Ministers that will want to meet with to Council.

**NB5** **Dinosaur Lake Boat Launch Wheel Chair Accessible (6130-20)**

Mayor Anderson advised Council that she has been approached by members of the public in regards to the lack of wheel chair access at the boat launch and the pier. Council replied that they would look for some ideas, but with the fluctuation of water levels, this may not be

possible.

**NB6 Decommissioning Watsons Spring (5600-50)**

Mayor Anderson advised Council that they have Decommissioned Watsons Spring. Recent water sample have found the water to be at unsafe levels.

**NB7 Computer for the Museum (1770-01)**

Mayor Anderson made a request to Council to have the District donate one of its old computers to the Museum. Council agreed and as soon as the full conversion of the computers at the District Office is complete the museum will be given one.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

**PE1 Road Allowances (5400-01)**

Cindy Lewis asked Council to clarify the regulations of Road Allowances for the Oil & Gas activity. Council requested this item be diarized and it be looked at in more detail in the near future.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> June 9 <i>Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting</i> June 17 <i>Community Services &amp; Development Advisory Committee Meeting</i> June 19 <i>Meeting with UNBC regarding the United Way Project</i> June 24 <i>Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting</i> July 6 <i>Public Hearing and Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Unightly 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>	
DY13	<i>UBCM Resolution – Surface Land Owner Notification</i>	<i>May 2009</i>	

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| DY14 | <i>Community Futures – REDI-BC Funding</i>       | <i>June 2009</i>    |
| DY15 | <i>Road Allowance for Oil &amp; Gas Activity</i> | <i>July 6, 2009</i> |

**ADJOURNMENT**

225/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:31 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor