

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Webster, Kosolowsky, Anderson and Johnson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; M. Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk;
Other: Wayne Lowen, Chris Leatherdale, M. Poweska, B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATIONS

D1 Atkinson Development (5.7.7)

Wayne Lowen and Chris Leatherdale spoke to Council on the proposal for the Atkinson Development and provided the following information:

- The housing market is very unpredictable with oil and gas industry.
- They will require a covenant for purchasers to develop the land lot within a certain period of time or the land will revert back to the developers; this should help to ensure timely development of the subdivision.
- A display home is being considered for placement within the subdivision.
- Once a completion date for the engineering drawings can be determined, they will contact the Administrator to discuss a closing date for the land sale, which is expected to be late October or November, 2007.

The Administrator stated:

- The District would be willing to remove the phased development clause and the Option to Purchase agreement from the sale contract if the developers can commit to registering the covenant prohibiting trailer-style housing within the subdivision.
- The draft contract has been amended to require that construction of the servicing requirements begin within 60 days of subdivision approval; not transfer of land.
- The contract cannot be signed until engineering drawings are submitted and reviewed.

312/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize staff to execute land sale contracts for the Atkinson subdivision."
CARRIED

MINUTES

M1 Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting – June 25 , 2007

313/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the public hearing held on June 25, 2007 be adopted."
CARRIED

M2 Minutes of the Council Meeting – June 25, 2007

314/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the council meeting held on June 25, 2007 be adopted."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Curling Club GST Rebate (6.5.3)

The Administrator explained that all the GST rebate applicable to the grant monies provided to the Bullhead Curling Club will be submitted back to the District.

B2 Mountain Pine Beetle – Tree Farm Licence 48 (4.3.2.9)

Councillor Webster suggested sending a letter of opposition to the Ministry of Forests regarding harvest level increases to all timber. A roundtable discussion ensued and it was determined that the Ministry of Forests be requested to give a presentation on the tree cut increase so that Council could better understand the changes.

B3 Entrance Signs (2.5.1.9)

Council was advised that the signs are in the production stage.

B4 Camping Signage (6.6.1.7)

The Director of Works and Protective Services advised that he spoke with the Ministry of Transportation to get new or correct signage put up on the highways. New entrance signs at the campgrounds was referred to budget discussions for 2008.

B5 Cemetery Directory (6.3.2.1)

The Administrator advised that a plot directory at the cemetery could be done as it is not in violation of any Freedom of Information laws, however, they would need to find/design a structure that would withstand weather and could be easy updated.

B6 Lagoon Aeration (9.3.4.1)

The Director of Works and Protective Services advised that he was still getting information on Solar Powered Aeration and that he wanted to use quality devices. He also advised that the wind driven aeration systems would not work on hot and calm days when they are needed most. He will bring cost estimates and a recommendation back to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

315/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C10 be received."

CARRIED

C1 TACSOTE – Donation Request (1.6.1.9)

316/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council donate a one time family swim pass to the TACSOTE for their community garage sale."

CARRIED

Council requested that staff draft an amendment to the grant policy to include donation requests in grant applications at the beginning of the year.

C2 Official Opposition – TILMA (1.8.11.2)

C3 Gordon Campbell, Premier – UBCM Annual Convention (1.5.1.1.1)

Council asked that meetings with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Transportation be requested for during the UBCM Convention. Council will forward any other meeting requests to the Deputy Clerk by July 20, 2007.

C4 UBCM – Format for Small Talk (1.5.1.1.1)

Council will forward any ideas for the Small Talk Forum to the Deputy Clerk prior to July 20, 2007, being the deadline for topics.

317/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize Mayor Harwood, Councillors Kosolowsky, Anderson, Webster, and Johansson and the Administrator to attend the 2007 UBCM Convention."

CARRIED

C5 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Seismic Activity (4.3.4)

This letter is to be brought back at the next meeting as Councillor Johansson would like to speak to it.

C6 Steve & Tammy Fiarchuk – Electrical Extension Grant (2.5.3)

318/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council approve the Electrical Extension Grant for Steven and Tammy Fiarchuk in the amount of \$1304.00."

CARRIED

C7 District of Squamish – Implementation of Energy Efficiency Standards

C8 Run of River Power Inc. – Green Power (9.7)

Mark Poweska advised that he had not received any recent information on this project but would provide Council with information about the project being constructed in Alberta.

C9 Chris Bowers – TILMA (1.8.11.2)

C10 City of Greenwood – Forest Sector (4.3.2)

319/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council support the motion by the City of Greenwood regarding instability in the province's forest sector and that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Forestry."

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending June 30, 2007

320/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$27,850.11 for the two week period ending June 30, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for June 25 and July 3, 2007

321/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the accounts payable reports for June 25, 2007 in the amount of \$52,157.11 and for July 3, 2007 in the amount of \$18,197.51 for a total of \$70,354.62 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

322/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the revenue and expense report June be received."

CARRIED

SR4 2006 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw (1.3.2)

323/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council adopt the 2006 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 736, 2007."

CARRIED

SR5 Arena Advertising (2.6.16)

324/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council direct staff to enter into a contract with Action Sports Advertising Inc. to advertise an interior wall billboard on behalf of BC Hydro and that staff draft a policy for advertising space at the Arena."

CARRIED

SR6 Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw (1.3.2)

325/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council rescind adoption of the Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw No. 724, 2007."

CARRIED

SR7 Community Tourism Funding – Phase 2 (2.5.1.9)

326/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council direct staff to make an application for Phase 2 Community Tourism funding to be used for the entrance signs."

CARRIED

SR8 Scrap Wood Pile (6.6.1.7)

SR9 Green Vehicle Policy – Idling and Bio-Diesel (1.2.2)

Mayor Harwood commented that there is a bio-diesel plant proposal for the City of Dawson Creek. Council also suggested putting some of this information into the Bulletin.

SR10 Trailer Located at 10017 Fedderly Avenue

SR11 Crests

327/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council purchase 50 crests from Custom Stitch in the amount of \$14.99 per crest plus tax and the \$200.00 initial set up charge."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 FCM Conference (1.5.1.3)

Mayor Harwood spoke of her attendance at the FCM Conference. She advised that other communities sent several delegates and that the District should look at sending more than one

person next year. All the information is available for Council to review.

CM2 2008 and 2010 Committee (1.7.8.8)

Mayor Harwood and Councillor Anderson advised that there will need to be planning for the 2008 Celebrations in Hudson's Hope. Some of the possible events are the 40th Anniversary of WAC Bennett Dam and a Homecoming Celebration.

CM3 Pouce Coupe Parade (1.5.2.6)

Councillor Johnson advised that he did not attend the Pouce Coupe parade as he did not feel the float looked good enough to enter the event. Council referred construction of a float to be used at these sort of events to showcase Hudson's Hope to the 2008 budget process.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Grass Cutting (6.6.1.1)

The Director of Works and Protective Services responded to concerns on the lack of grass cutting and danger trees that have not been removed by advising that grounds keeping was now up to date and the trees would be removed shortly. Council requested the Groundskeeper submit a report on lawn care and weed control. A previous Council passed a motion to use no herbicides or pesticides on municipal lawns; this may have to be looked at again.

NB2 Williston Lake Reservoir (9.2.3.1)

Mayor Harwood advised of the level of the Williston Lake Reservoir. Mark Poweska advised that there is a 20-24% chance of BC Hydro having a spill this year.

NB3 Zoning Bylaw (5.3.1)

The Administrator advised that the zoning bylaw has been reviewed by herself and the Director of Works and Protective Services. She also advised that Urban Systems is currently creating the zoning maps and that they plan to meet with Council in September.

NB4 Senior's Summary (4.1.2)

Mayor Harwood distributed the Senior Summary which has population statistics for the region. Council discussed the need to address housing issues with an aging population.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Days Inn Hotel

Mark Poweska inquired about the status of the hotel. He was advised that building should begin this fall.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays August 13 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>	<i>June 2007</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>July 2007</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>	

ADJOURNMENT

328/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:26 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor