

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday July 12, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Webster; Stacey, Quibell; Johansson, Summer; and Johnson

Staff: Mike Carter - Director of Public Works; Christine Harwood – Acting Deputy Clerk; Alan Stebbing; Manager of Protection & Inspection Services

Other: Three members of the public were in the gallery

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Mayor Anderson presiding.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

172/10 M/S Councillors Summer/Stacey

“The agenda for the Council meeting of July 12, 2010 be adopted”.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held June 28, 2010 (0550-01)

173/10 M/S Councillors Webster/Quibell;

“The minutes of the Council Meeting held June 21, 2010 be adopted as amended”.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BR1 SR1 Process for OCP Review (6480)

Councillor Johansson stated that the issue of availability of land for small holdings is still an area of concern with the existing OCP.
Councillor Webster noted that there have been recent expansions of rural subdivisions in the Charlie Lake area. It is not known if these rural acreages are being developed with or without water/sewer services.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

D1 KPMG – Colleen Ballantyne (1610-01)
Ms. Ballantyne did not attend the meeting

D2 Dale Morgan – District Manager, Ministry of Forests & Range (0400-20)
Mr Morgan presented information on the local operations of the Ministry, and the current economic state of the local Forest Industry.

D3 Arne Anderson, Beryl Prairie Road – concerns with rural garbage collection fees. (0220-01)
Mr Anderson presented a concern with the fees charged for rural garbage collection. He stated that he does not use the weekly pick up service. He takes his own garbage to the dump as required. He would be willing to pay for the dump user fee, but does not want to pay for a service he doesn't use.

Councillor Webster noted that the decision to provide weekly garbage collection on Beryl Prairie Road was made as the result of a referendum in which the majority of the Beryl Prairie residents voted in favour of the service.

Mayor Anderson stated that the District Bylaw No. 758 (2008) is in effect for the area in question.

Council will have the Administrator contact Mr Anderson to discuss the procedures for a review of the Bylaw.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Water Treatment Operations – Mike Carter, Director of Public Works (5330-20)
The Director of Public Works presented information regarding the water treatment options of Rapid Sand Filtration vs. Membrane Filtration. Of concern is the cost of implementing a treatment system in a piecemeal fashion. The Director noted that when looking toward the future, a membrane filtration system will be more likely to meet health standards and regulations. The initial investment in membrane filtration may be less costly in the long term.

Mayor Anderson reminded Council that there is a meeting tentatively scheduled with BC Hydro for next week. The intent of this meeting is to pursue a funding partnership with BC Hydro for the Water Treatment System by providing a detailed proposal.

Councillor Johansson agreed that a defensible proposal would be key to securing funding partnership.

Councillor Webster asked the Director if there was research done into what treatment systems were being used in other communities

The Director confirmed that many communities are using sand filtration, some are using membrane filtration. BC Hydro is currently using membrane filtration in its local operations.

Councillor Johnson commented that the original recommendation by the consultant (Focus) was to go with membrane filtration.

Councillor Quibell stated that while the decision on which treatment method would require more consideration, the partnership funding request with BC Hydro should still be pursued based on the need to relocate the existing intake system.

Councillor Johansson said that her understanding was that the funding partnership with BC Hydro was in consideration of the entire project, regardless of the treatment option chosen.

Councillor Johnson agreed that the treatment options were simply "nut & bolts" and the funding partnership should be pursued for the project in its entirety.

Mayor Anderson brought the previous motion:
“to approve the Peace River as the source for the Water System Upgrade project, and to approve the combination of pressure sand filtration and UV disinfection as the preferred treatment method”
from the meeting held June 28, 2010 back to the table.

174/10 M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

“to rescind the previous motion: “to approve the Peace River as the source for the Water System Upgrade project, and to approve the combination of pressure sand filtration and UV disinfection as the preferred treatment method.”

CARRIED

175/10 M/S Councillors Johnson/Quibell

“to approve the Peace River as the source for the Water System Upgrade project.”

CARRIED

Staff is to further investigate treatment options and prices before making a final recommendation.

**SR2 Fire Truck Trip – Alan Stebbing, Manager of Protective & Inspection Services (7200-01)
X Ref (1280-20)**

The Manager of Protective & Inspection Services provided a proposed schedule and options for picking up the new fire truck in Albany, New York. Discussion included concerns with the number of driving hours scheduled for each day, persons who are eligible to drive District vehicles as per District policy, and whether volunteer Fire Department members would receive their daily stipend for making the trip.

176/10 M/S Councillors Stacey/Johnson

“ To authorize Alan Stebbing to sign any paperwork needed to successfully transport the apparatus to Hudson's Hope. This includes but is not limited to insurance, importation or repair documents.”
And

“To authorize the Deputy Treasurer to increase the limit on Alan Stebbing's District Master Card to \$10,000.00 for the months of July and August to facilitate transport of the apparatus.”

CARRIED

177/10 M/S Councillors Webster/Summer

“that Alan Stebbing contact the Hudson's Hope and Beryl Prairie Volunteer Fire Department members to ask for volunteers to make the trip to Albany, New York to pick up the new fire truck, and if no one is interested, to authorize Nickolas Stebbing to make the trip, provided this is done within the guidelines of District vehicle policies”

DEFEATED

178/10 M/S Councillors Stacey/Johnson

“to send Alan Stebbing alone to Albany, New York to pick up the new fire truck.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 ALC – Information from June 4, 2010 meeting with Council (0400-30)

179/10 M/S Councillors Johansson/Johnson

“to include the investigation into land available within the District for the development of small acreages for rural residential use, in the specific items to be reviewed in the OCP.”

CARRIED

C2 City of Vancouver – Resolution submissions to UBCM (0400-01)

FOR INFO

C3 BC Federation of Labour – Letter Re. Minimum Wage Increase (0510-01)

180/10 M/S Councillors Webster/Quibell

“to send a letter of support to have the minimum wage in BC increased from \$8.00 per hour to \$10.00.”

CARRIED

With Councillor Johnson Opposed

C4 City of Duncan – Resolution submission to UBCM (0400-01)

FOR INFO

C5 City of Pitt Meadows – Resolution submission to UBCM (0400-01)

FOR INFO

C6 City of Fort St John – Energy Conference 2010 (0400-50)

This item will be added to the Council calendar for October 12 – 14, 2010.

FOR INFO

C7 Ministry of Health – Letter Re. Funding for Health Care Services (0400-20)

FOR INFO

C8 Council of Tourism Association – email Re. 2010 Tourism Industry Conference (0400-30)

FOR INFO

C9 UBCM – email Re. Registration for 2010 UBCM Conference (0400-01)

This item will be added to the Council calendar for August 13th, which is the deadline for early registration. Councillors will decide who will be attending and which pre sessions they plan to attend prior to that date.

FOR INFO

C10 UBCM – email Re. Small Talk Forum 2010 (0400-01)

FOR INFO

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 North Peace Economic Development Commission – Councillor Webster Verbal Report (6750-01)

Councillor Webster informed Council that the North Peace EDC is looking to create a new name and “brand” image for itself. She reported that at the last EDC meeting, Andy Ackerman informed her that there are not as many grant applications being received from the community of Hudson’s Hope as there are from other communities. It was suggested that a meeting could be arranged to bring the groups with funding requirements together with Mr Ackerman to discuss how his services as a Grant Writer could be used.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Hotel signs in trees along highway and in town (0400-20)

Concerns were presented with the placement of new signs being put up in and near town for advertising. The signs are located on Highways’ right of ways.

Staff is to contact Allan Edgar to discuss the regulations for these types of signs.

NB2 Thank you to Fire Department (0220-01)

Councillor Stacey offered his thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance at the Motor Vehicle Incident on the Farrell Creek Road on Saturday. It was observed during this incident that the local Emergency Services should be programming the radio frequencies posted for the industry roads into their system.

NB3 Water Plan for new projects (5280-01)

Councillor Johansson suggested that the District request Water Use Plans from companies starting new projects in the Municipality. The idea would be to encourage the shared use of existing water facilities and cooperation in the construction of new facilities.

This item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

NB4 Roadside pull outs (0400-20)

Mayor Anderson reported that at the last PRRD meeting, the Mayor of Chetwynd brought up the subject of a lack of pull out areas on local highways. Of concern is the number of trucks with large and oversize loads who need a safe place to stop to check their loads. Another concern is the availability of space for all drivers to pull off to safely use cell phones.

Staff is to send a letter to the MOT to express this concern.

NB5 Talisman Lynx Creek water take out facility (5400-01) x ref (6660-20)

Mayor Anderson enquired if public access to the river via Millar Road has been restricted due to the construction of Talisman’s water facility.

Councillor Stacey noted that Millar Road ends just across from Highway 29. The remainder of the facility is constructed on privately held leased land.

There is a sign at the end of the gazetted road to prevent other trucking companies from inadvertently using Talisman’s facility.

Councillor Johnson commented that there is a public boat launch with river access and parking available on the other side of the Lynx Creek bridge.

NB6 Public Hearing (3360-01)
The Manager of Protective and Inspection Services informed Council that there will be a Public Hearing at the next Regular Council meeting on Monday July 26th regarding a rezoning application.

DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i>		
DY1	<i>July 19 Meeting with Northern Health</i>	
DY2	<i>July 20 Breakfast Meeting with BC Hydro</i>	
DY3	<i>July 26 Council Meeting/Public Hearing</i>	
DY4	<i>August 2 BC Day</i>	
DY5	<i>August 9 Council Meeting</i>	
DY6	<i>August 13 Deadline for Early Registration for UBCM</i>	
DY7	<i>August 23 Council Meeting</i>	
DY8	<i>September 27 – October 1 UBCM</i>	
DY9	<i>October 12 -14 2010 Energy Conference</i>	
DY10	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>
DY11	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY12	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>
DY 13	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>
DY14	<i>Community Futures – REDI-BC Funding</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY15	<i>Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity</i>	<i>June 2009</i>
DY16	<i>Electoral Process</i>	<i>July 2009</i> <i>Feb 2010</i>

ADJOURNMENT

181/10

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

"To recess this regular meeting of Council and move In-Camera pursuant to:

(1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations

CARRIED

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:47

182/10

M Councillor Stacey

"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:50p.m.)

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor