

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, August 13th AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Webster, Kosolowsky, Anderson, Johansson and Johnson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; H. Micholuk, Office Assistant
Other: John Hall, Norine Wark, Clarence Willson, Jack Wark, Bonnie Harper, Andrew Purvis, Carol Johnson, Bob Bach, Clayton Stacey, Dale Morgan, Don Rosen, Elizabeth Hunt, Winn Hays-Byl

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATIONS

D1 Elizabeth Hunt and Winn Hays-Byl – Tree Farm Licence (4.3.2.9)

Don Rosen, CANFOR and the following District staff from the Ministry of Forests, Dale Morgan, District Manager, Elizabeth Hunt, Stewardship Officer, Winn Hays-Byl, Operations Manager, Stewardship and Administration gave a presentation to Council regarding the increased annual allowable cut for Tree Farm Licence 48 in Chetwynd and provided the following information:

- The criteria considered for increasing the cut were:
 - Conservation of Biological Diversity
 - Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Condition and productivity
 - Conservation of Soil and Water Resources
 - Forest Ecosystem Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles
 - Multiple Benefits to Society
 - Accepting Society's Responsibilities for Sustainable Development
- Public Advisory Committee helped to identify values, objectives, indicators and targets (VOIT) for each Criterion and Element
- There are ~25 million m³ of mature susceptible Lodgepole Pine within the timber harvesting land base (36% of all mature volume)
- Strategy is to target 70% of the conifer allowable annual cut towards Lodgepole Pine
- The Mountain Pine Beetle was first detected in February 2004 and it was estimated that 1.5 – 2 million m³ attacked in 2006
- Forest Inventory improved and as a result it increased our estimated volume per hectare by 19% It also improved site productivity estimates based on ecosystem

A round table discussion provided the following concerns:

- The larger mills can only consume so much of the dead wood, stumpage fees should be minimized to allow smaller mills and farmers to utilize the infested pine trees
- There is a big concern for forest fires in these areas

D2 Northern Health – Tobacco Free Zones (6.2.1.3)

Bonnie Harper and John Hall, Regional Tobacco Reduction Coordinators from the Northern Health Authority in Dawson Creek gave a presentation to Council regarding the following proposals:

- To establish a 10 meter smoke free zone at entrances to municipal buildings (rinks, town hall, library and pool) which would include removing ashtrays.
- To support and install tobacco free zone signage around sports facilities playing fields,

parks and playgrounds within the town of Hudson's Hope.

Tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke in the North Peace is the highest in the province. It is the number one cause of preventable disease, chronic disability and premature death in British Columbia. They are not proposing a ban on smoking, but a tobacco free zones in areas where non-smokers and children may congregate.

Starting September 1, 2007 all public schools will be 100% tobacco free and starting January 1, 2008 there will be a smoking ban in all of the public buildings and facility entrances in the province.

329/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson
"That Council request staff to research the bylaws and/or regulations for non smoking in public buildings, focusing on our youth in the community."

CARRIED

D3 Keepers of the Water II: Keeping the Peace (1.5.1)

Noreen Wark, Keepers of the Water and Clarence Willson, Councillor of West Moberly First Nations provided information to Council about the Keepers of the Water II conference that will be held September 27th – 29th, 2007 in Fort St. John. The intent of the conference is the preserve the Peace River and the Arctic Ocean Basin. Following the presentation, Council was requested to supply documents and/or set up a booth at the conference and to provide a bus and driver for tours to the Hudson's Hope area on the first two days of the conference.

Councillor Kosolowsky offered to research the feasibility of providing a local bus and volunteered to drive the bus. In response to this offer, Councillor Kosolowsky's registration fee was waived.

330/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council approve Councillor Kosolowsky to provide the bus and driver for the two day event, provided that his registration fee is waived."

CARRIED

331/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council approve an expenditure for the Keepers of the Water conference of up to \$1500.00."

CARRIED

with Councillor Anderson OPPOSED

MINUTES

M1 Minutes of the Resource Planning Policy Meeting – July 4 , 2007

332/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the Resource Planning Policy meeting on July 4, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M2 Minutes of the Council Meeting – July 9, 2007

333/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson
"That the minutes of the council meeting held on July 9, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 TACSOTE – Donation Request (1.6.1.9)

The Administrator advised that the grant policy has been drafted to include the amendment

requiring donation requests to be included with annual applications. It was suggested that pass donations be held by the District until the event.

B2 Run of River Power Inc. – Green Power (9.7)

Mayor Harwood will be following up with Mark Poweska regarding any information on the project being constructed in Alberta.

B3 Grass Cutting (6.6.1.1)

The groundskeeper will report to Council this fall with recommendations for grass cutting and weed control.

CORRESPONDENCE

334/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C22 be received."

CARRIED

C1 City of Prince George – Northern Sports Centre (1.5.2)

C2 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Seismic Activity (4.3.4)

Councillor Johansson would like to see a policy created, outlining the expectations, that can be given to companies that conduct geophysical activities within the municipal boundaries of Hudson's Hope. She will provide the name of a knowledgeable member of a geophysical organization who should be invited to make a presentation to Council.

C3 City of Fort St. John – North Peace Care Centre Safety Issues Regarding Riverview Hospital (6.2)

335/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky
"That a letter be written in support of having a stand alone facility for those patients that are putting other patients in danger."

CARRIED

C4 Trudy Dorie – North Peace Care Centre Safety Issues (6.2)

C5 Homeowner Protection Office – Changes to the Homeowner Protection Act (8.3.6)

A round table discussion provided the following concerns regarding the new Homeowners Protection Act:

- Concerns regarding the amount of the fee, the intent of the fee. Does this provide the applicant with exemption, and how will the exemption affect future sales.
- This act is just a form of paper trail and doesn't actually provide any safety to the home owner, as there is no inspector checking the quality of the home.
- People are not taking out building permits as they should be. Certificates should be issued to ensure the buyer that the building is certified.

C6 NRAHTA – Annual General Meeting & Rendezvous (4.1.1.4)

Council decided to sponsor the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association by giving a donation towards their upcoming AGM & Tourism Rendezvous. It was recommended by Council that Kathy Burseth, Information Centre Supervisor attend the Tradeshow as well as one member of Council. The Administrator advised that we currently do not have enough staff to send to the conference to monitor a display booth. An upgrade to our District of Hudson's Hope banner should be referred to the 2008 budget.

336/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;

"That Council provided \$500.00 donation towards the upcoming AGM & Tourism Rendezvous and approve one Council and one staff member to attend this event on September 18th – 20th, 2007 in Fort St. John."

CARRIED

C7 Minister of Sooke – Local Government Access to Conflict of Interest Commissioner (1.5.1.1.1)

C8 Ministry of Natural Resources – Mountain Pine Beetle (4.3.2.9)

C9 Village of Port Clements – Inclusion of Routine Eye Examinations under the BC Medical Services Plan (1.5.1.1.1)

C10 UBCM – Gas Tax Agreement, Community Works Fund Payment (2.5.2.4)

C11 Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licence (4.1.6)

Council requested that this issue be diarized.

C12 BC SPCA – Regulation of Exotic Animals (1.5.1.1.1)

C13 Northern Medical Program Trust – The Northern Medical Community Partnership (6.1.2.2.1)

Mayor Harwood informed Council that she has been corresponding with one of the students by e-mail and she would like to volunteer to host the students in her home. It was recommended that staff write a letter supporting the program, including a resolution in support for the Northern Medical Community Partnership. Mayor Harwood is looking into the transportation information for the students and will be bringing it to Council.

337/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson
"That Council support the initiative through the University of Northern BC for the Northern Medical Community Partnership program."

CARRIED

338/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That an annual budget of \$500.00 be identified to support the project if necessary."

CARRIED

C14 Tammy Ho – Municipal Insurance Association (2.11.1.1)

339/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council appoint Councillor Webster and Councillor Johansson as alternates for the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia."

CARRIED

C15 MFA of BC – 2007 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Members (2.9.2)

C16 UBCM – Wood Fired Boiler Standards, Agriculture Waste Control Regulation Amendment (1.5.1.1)

C17 UBCM – Climate Change/Green Communities (5.8.1.1)

Council had a discussion on possible impediments, which included funding as a major one. Financial support needs to be identified and Council would like to set their own targets for the sustainable plan. Sharing of planning tools between provinces should be supported.

C18 MIA of BC – 2006 Dividend Cheque (2.11.1.1)

C19 Smart Growth BC – “A Legal Review of the Question of “Community Need” (5.6)

Council requested that this issue be diarized.

C20 Peace River Municipal Association – Meeting (1.5.1.6)

Mayor Harwood advised Council that she is attending the Peace River Municipal Association Meeting on September 12, 2007 in Pouce Coupe. Councillor Kosolowsky may also be attending.

C21 Ministry of Health – Kamloops Emergency Dispatch (6.2.2)

C22 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Petroleum & Natural Gas Rights Parcels (4.3.4)

Council requested that the caveats in the letter from Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources dated August 3, 2007 go into the next issue of the bulletin.

C23 Ministry of Economic Development – TILMA (1.8.11.2)

C24 PRRD – Peace River Liard Mountain Pine Beetle Coalition Inaugural Meeting (4.3.2.9.1)

Mike Ryder, Director of Protective Services and Public Works is attending this meeting on August 22, 2007. Councillors Kosolowsky, Johnson and Carolyn Bonnick, Administrator were also appointed to the committee.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending July 28, 2007

340/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$61, 801.40 for the two week period ending July 28, 2007 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for July 10, July 19, July 26 and August 8, 2007

341/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That the accounts payable reports for July 10 in the amount of \$54,258.56, July 19 in the amount of \$206,114.83, July 26 in the amount of \$42,057.69 and August 8, 2007 in the amount of \$95,397.11 for a total of \$397,828.19 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

342/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That the revenue and expense report for July be received.”

CARRIED

SR4 Request To Have Street Named After Long-Time Resident (9.6.1)

343/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That staff add Mr. Ernest Comer to the list of pioneers that will be considered for future street names in Hudson’s Hope.”

CARRIED

SR5 Annual Technical Conference (3.7)

344/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council approve conference, travel and accommodation expenses for Mike Ryder to attend the Annual Technical Conference, including the Leadership and Pipe Locating seminars in Victoria on September 17th – 20th, 2007

CARRIED

SR6 Ian Stacey – Resignation From Office Of Councillor (1.2.1)

345/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council received the Resignation Report."

CARRIED

SR7 Resource Development Guidelines Policy (1.2.2 Xref:4.3.4)

Council set a date for the public meeting for September 11, 2007 at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

SR8 Community Energy Plan (9.7.5)

346/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;

1. That Council award the Community Energy Plan contract to the Pembina Institute in the amount of \$33,500.00 plus GST.
2. That Council endorse the Administration to make an application to the Ministry of Community Services' Infrastructure Planning Program and the Community Action on Energy and Emissions for the maximum grant provided for preparation of the Community Energy Plan.
3. That staff be directed to engage the contractor to begin the project prior to announcement of grants.

SR9 Arena Concession (6.5.2.1)

Staff are currently looking into vendors that would provide and service vending machines. Another suggestion that was made was to put the idea out to smaller groups such as Minor Hockey, PAC, etc. in the community to see if there is an interest. If a non-profit group were to put forward a proposal, the organization would retain all profits; payment of rent required to the District would not be required.

SR10 Power Smart Facility Challenge (9.7.1.10)

The logo design selected for first place is "Where Energy and Energy Conservation Begin" with the District of Hudson's Hope Logo displayed behind the Motto. The winner of the challenge will be recognized at the Lunch N' Learn on August 29, 2007.

SR11 Community Action on Energy & Emissions Funding (9.7.5)

Council endorsed the application and the recommended targets as presented. **See SR8 of the minutes.**

SR12 Cheque Signing Authority (2.9.1)

347/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council endorse the recommended changes to the signatories for municipal accounts at North Peace Savings Credit Union."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Mission Possible – FCM Community Energy Planning Mission (1.2.1.3)

Councillor Webster advised that she would set a date for a committee meeting in October to discuss these issues.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Beryl Prairie Well (9.2.5.1.3)

Councillor Kosolowsky voiced his concern over the delay in the upgrade project for the Beryl Prairie Well and requested an update at the next meeting.

NB2 Beryl Prairie Road (9.6.3)

Councillor Webster brought forward the maintenance issues on the Beryl Prairie Road. It is not being properly maintained and continues to damage vehicles. The Administrator has requested maintenance plans from the Ministry of Transportation during the Yellowhead Road and Bridge strike.

NB3 Meetings in Beryl Prairie (1.2)

Councillor Webster suggested Council hold occasional meetings in the Beryl Prairie community to give residents an opportunity to meet with Council. Mayor Harwood responded that the Council has met in Beryl Prairie in the past when an issue is specific to the community and will continue to do so however, regular Council meetings should still be held at the District Office, where all residents have the opportunity to address Council.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Carol Johnson commented on how beautiful the flowers in Hudson's Hope look, and how much she enjoys her trips to town.

DIARY

		Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays September 10 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>
DY14	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue</i>	<i>August 2007</i>
DY15	<i>Smart Growth BC – "A Legal Review of the Question of "Community Need"</i>	<i>August 2007</i>

SPECIAL IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

348/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"To recess this regular meeting and, pursuant to Part 4, Division 3 and Part 5, Division 2 of the
Community Charter, convene a special meeting that will be closed to the public to discuss
matters pertaining to personnel issues. (9:25 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

349/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:43 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor