

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Webster, Quibell, Johansson, and Johnson
Staff: J. Locher, Interim Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: D. Bouillon, R. Bach and J. Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm with Mayor Anderson presiding.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Special Meeting – July 21, 2009 (0550-01)

258/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the minutes of the special meeting held July 21, 2009 be adopted.”

CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – August 10, 2009 (0550-01)

259/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held August 10, 2009 be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 UBCM Convention Meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission (0400-01)

Councillor Webster advised that additional information on the meeting topics for their meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission has been provided in her Council Report.

B2 Beryl Prairie Road Upgrades (5400-01)

Councillor Webster voiced her concerns with some of the plans for the upgrades to the Beryl Prairie Road. She believes that if the new base is not constructed across all the travel surface in identified areas it may cause the road to degrade quickly in the soft spots and create more problems.

260/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council request a consultation meeting the Ministry of Transportation to review the plans for the Beryl Prairie Road upgrades and to discuss any problems that Council thinks could occur in the future and ensure that these are being dealt with.”

CARRIED

With Councillor Johnson OPPOSED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Proposed Fair Trade Procurement Policy (0400-20 xref. 0400-01)

261/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council adopt the Fair Trade Procurement Policy with the policy to remain in effect until the Federal Government is able to resolve the inequitable market access problem created by Buy American legislation in the US; and further that copies of this resolution and policy be provided to the FCM, the Honourable Jay Hill MP, Leader of the Government in the House of

Commons and the Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade.”

CARRIED

SR2 Municipal Insurance Association AGM and Representatives (0510-20)

262/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council appoint Councillor Summer as the alternate representative for voting for the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia.”

CARRIED

SR3 Proposed Disposition of Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights (0400-20)

Council received information on parcels within the District that are included in the Notice of Public Tender for the September 16, 2009 disposition.

SR4 New Relationship Agreements (0400-01)

263/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the UBCM be advised that the Council of the District of Hudson’s Hope believes that there are no projects on the Land and Resources list or the Social Initiatives list for which we were not adequately consulted.”

CARRIED

SR5 Special Events Coordinator (8100-01)

264/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council authorize the Interim Administrator to negotiate a contract with Greta Goddard for the purpose of providing services as the Special Events Coordinator for the District of Hudson’s Hope for a two year term.”

CARRIED

SR6 Cemetery Bylaws (3900-02 xref. 4100-01)

Council reviewed the Cemetery Management Bylaw No. 755, 2009 and the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 774, 2009. Council agreed to the requirement for grave liners or burial vaults and cremation liners. They requested that the Columbarium memorial plaques not be provided by the District, which will allow customers to choose a unique design. The memorial plaques will have specific size, material and mounting requirements. It was requested that information on the proposed bylaws be published in the September Bulletin and be brought back for the first three readings at the September 14, 2009 Council meeting.

SR7 Pandemic Preparedness Planning

265/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That the Council Personnel Committee consider the need for a formal pandemic plan and report back to District Council with their recommendations as to the need for the plan and if one is recommended the suggested composition of the committee to prepare that plan.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

266/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C9 be received.”

CARRIED

C1 Northern Development Initiative Trust – Community Adjustment Fund (1855-01)

Council reviewed the approved grants given by NDI Trust through the Community Adjustment Fund. Council discussed different ideas for these funds that could be used in Hudson's Hope. Mayor Anderson advised that the new Economic Development Officer is willing to visit Hudson's Hope on a regular basis to look at our needs.

C2 NEAT – Community Adjustment Funds

C3 Terasen Gas Inc. – Invitation to Reception at UBCM (0510-20)

Staff was asked to find out the date of the reception and forward it to the Council members that are attending the UBCM convention.

C4 Urban Systems – Signage on Rural Properties / Size of Manufactured Homes Permitted (3360-01)

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- landowner rights should be considered, especially when adding a sign to their property can increase personal revenue;
- some sign sizes are controlled by the *Motor Vehicle Act*;
- election signs are exempt;
- should consider regulating the size and ensure content is not offensive;
- discussed the beauty of Hudson's Hope which could be lessened by an increase to signage;
- could standardize sign sizes and designate certain areas or zones for signage;
- should request that when companies have completed their work in the area that they remove their signs.

Council discussed the sizes of manufactured homes allowed in the Manufactured Home Park zones.

Council requested staff contact Joel Short at Urban Systems for additional information on signage and on the current size regulations for manufactured homes.

C5 BC Hydro – Funding Available for Electric Beautification Projects (0400-30)

C6 BC Housing – Seniors' Rental Housing Initiative (5040-01)

C7 BC Hydro – Meeting Requests for UBCM (0400-30)

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the meeting with BC Hydro at the UBCM convention is already scheduled. Council requested the reception for BC Hydro be added to the calendar.

C8 UNBC – Northern Medical Program (0400-70)

Council discussed the issues with not having a doctor on the weekends, as the student would be arriving on Friday afternoon and departing on Sunday. Council requested a letter be sent outlining our situation and advising that we would be interested if the student could possibly come during the week.

C9 Fort St. John Physiotherapy Clinic (0400-80)

Mayor Anderson advised that the Fort St. John Physiotherapy Clinic has offered its services for Hudson's Hope at a cost of 50 cents per kilometre, plus wage loss for the travelling physiotherapist at \$60 per hour (2 hours/day). Northern Health has only offered to allow them to use the space at the Hudson's Hope Clinic free of charge. Council discussed looking into other funding sources, such as BC Hydro or whether a partial user pay system or a higher surcharge could be done in this situation. Staff provided information on support through

Northern Health. Mayor Anderson will speak to the Fort St. John Physiotherapy Clinic to see if travel costs (hourly rate) could be added to the fees charged to the patient.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 Agricultural Land Reserve Regulations (0400-20)

Councillor Webster submitted a report on seminars held in 2002 to discuss new ALR regulations, but this seminar was never planned in the Peace region. She suggested Hudson's Hope host a seminar similar to the ones completed before. She also outlined additional issues she would like to discuss with the ALR staff during the meeting at the UBCM convention.

267/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council request the Agricultural Land Commission give a seminar in Hudson's Hope on the new and current regulations."

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Broadband Communication Feasibility Study (1855-03)

Councillor Quibell gave an update on the broadband communication feasibility study, highlighting the following points:

- Westcan Tel has completed the feasibility plan;
- the feasibility plan was then presented to Telus to determine if they were interested in a cost sharing project with the District;
- Telus agreed to look into the possibility of this project;
- Telus has now requested to complete the project independently with the District of Hudson's Hope as a partner, not vice versa;
- Hudson's Hope will need to look into the issues of providing financial assistance to a business; and
- the price from Fort St. John was quoted at approximately \$1.9 million; however, it is now possible to bring the broadband from Moberly Lake which would drastically decrease the price.

Council requested staff set up a meeting with Telus to discuss their proposal and give additional information.

NB2 BC Ambulance Services (0400-80)

Mayor Anderson advised that she had met with the BC Ambulance Service. There is currently no ambulance service in Hudson's Hope for one week. As BC Ambulance Service and Northern Health do not support each other, the clinic was not advised that there would be no ambulance service. The following issues were also discussed:

- ambulance attendants from other areas are not interested in coming to Hudson's Hope to be on stand by for a rate of \$2.00 per hour;
- the new First Responder Program may be able to help with support to the Hudson's Hope ambulance; however, they will not legally be able to transport any injured person;
- discussed the need for a full time doctor in Hudson's Hope that could be on call when there is no ambulance service during evenings and weekends;
- a nurse practitioner in Hudson's Hope would also help to elevate some of the work load that a full time doctor would have.

Council discussed the need for them to continue to bring these issues to the table to find a

resolution.

NB3 Torch Relay Event Grant (1855-03)

The Deputy Clerk advised that the grant that was applied for to host an event during the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Hudson's Hope was approved in the amount of \$8,000.00.

NB4 Economic Development Commission Meeting (6750-01)

Councillor Webster advised that she had attended the Economic Development Commission meeting and that the Hudson's Hope Museum had presented their proposal for a strategic plan to the committee. She also advised that the Cargill Grain Elevator is currently being considered for purchase by the North Peace Farmers Institute.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays September 7 Labour Day September 14 Council Meeting September 15 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting September 22 PRMA Meeting September 28 – October 2 UBCM Convention</i>		
DY2	<i>Unsightly 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 Resolution – Surface Land Owner Notification</i>	<i>May 2009</i>	
DY13	<i>Community Futures – REDI-BC Funding</i>	<i>June 2009</i>	
DY14	<i>Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity</i>	<i>July 2009</i>	
DY15	<i>Brush Removal along Municipal roads</i>	<i>July 2009</i>	

268/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;

“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 legal issues. (8:49 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:57 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

269/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:58 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor