

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Councillors Johnson, Anderson, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson  
**Staff:** C. Bonnicks, Administrator; M. Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** D. Penner, G. Pringle, D. Summer, B. Bach, C. Lewis, A. Watson, L. Fox, A. Sikoersky, C. Stacey, R. Karst, C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, J. Pethrick, A. Pethrick, R. Brown, E. Edinger, G. Chatten, K. Hawkins, S. LaCroix and R. Mills

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with Councillor Johnson presiding.

**DELEGATION**

**D1 Deryle Penner – Resource Planning (6660-01)**

Deryle Penner from the County of Grande Prairie presented information on how the oil and gas development within the County boundaries is dealt with and planned for. The following information was given:

- recommended that local governments deal with oil and gas development by becoming and staying pro-active;
- industry can mean more money for infrastructure to be built, but there needs to be more development and maintenance because of industry use;
- by using permits, agreements and fees for road use, the oil and gas road development can be more easily managed;
- the District should develop a strategy to deal with development so that all parties know what to expect;
- a Seismic Bylaw is a good way to deal with the issues surrounding seismic programs within the District;
- when companies want to do seismic work on a County property they negotiate with them and give them a list of conditions that must be met if they do work on the land;
- having permits for road use and rig moves allows better control over road use and routes;
- they use a company called Road Data to process some permit applications on their behalf;
- companies are required to sign a Pipeline Crossing Agreement and a Request for Consent if they plan to construct a pipeline that will cross a county road;
- the pipelines have to be 30 meters outside of road allowances in case there may be future road upgrades on these allowances;
- statutory utilities such as natural gas, phone and hydro are permitted within the road allowances;
- road bans and road bonds are used on the County roads;
- once a well is drilled and is producing, they advise assessment who then begin to charge taxes;
- advised that record keeping is crucial and suggested a program called Patch Map that they use to help keep track of all the roads and wells;
- discussed the importance of protecting aquifers and having air monitoring completed;
- roads constructed by oil and gas companies are private unless they are within a county road allowance;
- the County of Grande Prairie has a planning department that deals with many of these issues;
- dust control has become an issue and in some instances the oil and gas companies pay for dust control; and

- the county has denied road access if wells are planned in undesirable areas.

**D2 Evie Edinger – Road Access (5400-01)**

Evie Edinger and George Chatten questioned Council about the road from Highway 29 to the mouth of Maurice Creek. Mrs. Edinger and Mr. Chatten both advised that they believe that the road through the private properties is not a public road. She advised that a representative from the Surveyor General of BC had advised her that the only granted road goes through crown land not private property. The Administrator advised that a road had been gazetted in the 1960's and a copy of that map was shown. All parties agreed that an exact definition of where the road goes and who owns it needs to be determined. The Administrator will continue to work with the municipal solicitor to resolve this issue.

**MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – August 25, 2008 (0550-01)**

284/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held August 25, 2008 be adopted."

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**B1 UBCM Annual Convention (0400-01)**

The Administrator advised that the briefs for the UBCM meetings will be available by September 12, 2008.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

285/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C7 be received."

CARRIED

**C1 Northern BC Tourism – 2008 AGM (0390-01)**

**C2 BC Hydro – Funding Available for Electric Beautification Projects (0400-30)**

Council requested that this be referred to the 2009 budget meetings.

**C3 Councillor Webster – Noise Concerns with Beryl Prairie Well (6660-20)**

Council requested more specific information on the noise complaints from Councillor Webster. Council discussed the options of speaking with Beryl Prairie residents about their concerns and speaking with Hudson's Hope Gas about what actions they will be taking to reduce the noise.

**C4 City of Fort St. John – 2008 BC Oil and Gas Conference (0390-01)**

286/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council authorize up to four Council members to attend the 2008 British Columbia Oil and Gas Conference to be held in Fort St. John from October 7 to 9, 2008."

CARRIED

**C5 Recycling Council of BC – Request for Proclamation (0630-01)**

Councillor Johnson proclaimed:

"That October 19 to 25, 2008 be proclaimed as Waste Reduction Week in Hudson's Hope."

**C6 PRRD – Annual Peace River Regional Volunteer Recognition Banquet (0400-50)**

**C7 BC Hydro – Site C Consultation Meetings (0400-30)**

The Administrator advised that she had left a message with BC Hydro to find out whether a special meeting will be held on October 7, 2008 to meet with Council. Councillor Anderson also suggested that a representative from Council should attend the Fort St. John meetings to find out what their concerns are. Councillor Kosolowsky and Johnson both advised that they will be attending the Fort St. John meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending August 23, 2008 (1920-01)**

287/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$46,193.25 for the two-week period ending August 23, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

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

288/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That the accounts payable reports for August 27, 2008 in the amount of \$101,461.41 and for September 4, 2008 in the amount of \$33,140.77 for a total of \$134,602.18 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 Revenue and Expense Report (1890-01)**

289/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council approve the Revenue and Expense report for August, 2008."

CARRIED

**SR4 2008 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw (3900-02)**

290/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council give first reading to the Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 754, 2008."

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CM1 Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting (0360-01)**

Councillor Anderson advised that she had attended the Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting in Tumbler Ridge. She advised that the meeting was held at the golf course and it was hard to hear what was being said. She also advised that most of the issues that were discussed were old business. Council requested a letter be sent to advise of the bad acoustics and suggest that the fall meeting be held later in the year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Oil and Gas Development Information (6660-01)**

Councillor Johansson advised that when she was travelling across Alberta she stopped by a number of communities and got information from them on the different types of forms they use for oil and gas development within their boundaries.

**NB2 Meeting with Minister Black (0400-20)**

Councillor Quibell commented that the meeting with Minister Black had been successful as Network BC contacted him with regards to the Hudson's Hope cellular and internet services and advised him that they were interested in helping.

**NB3 Atkinson Property (3220-20)**

The Administrator advised that the engineering plans have been submitted for the development of the Atkinson property and the sale is expected to be completed by the end of October.

**NB4 Ditch Maintenance**

Councillor Johnson voiced his concern about some of the deep ditches within the community and how some are so overgrown that it is hard to see the stop signs at the corners. The Administrator advised that this issue has been put in the diary for the 2009 budget discussions.

**NB5 BCTC Meeting (0400-01)**

Councillor Anderson advised that she thought the meeting with BCTC and BC Hydro will be combined as we have the same issues to discuss with both parties. Councillor Quibell requested an additional item be added to the agenda for these meetings to get information on who the District would contact with regards to the Rights-of-Way owned by the company.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> <i>September 15 BC Hydro Community Reception</i> <i>September 18 Meeting with Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources</i> <i>September 22-26 UBCM</i> <i>September 29 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>June 2007</i>
DY3	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY4	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>July 2007</i>
DY5	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
DY6	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY7	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY8	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
DY9	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY10	<i>BC's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
DY11	<i>Trade, Investment &amp; Labour Mobility Agreement</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
DY12	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences (0400-20)</i>	<i>Aug 2007</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>

DY13	<i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
DY14	<i>Regional Community Foundation (0400-01)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
DY15	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY16	<i>Registration for the Northeast BC Community Coal Forum</i>	<i>May 2008</i>	
DY17	<i>Schedule meeting to discuss waste management</i>	<i>August 2008</i>	

291/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

"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. (6:38 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 6:43 p.m.]

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **NB6 Oil and Gas Planner**

Council discussed the prospect of hiring a planner for the resource development that will continue to grow in Hudson's Hope over the next few years.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

292/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (6:45 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor