

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Councillors Kosolowsky, Anderson, Johnson and Johansson,
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with Councillor Kosolowsky presiding.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – August 13, 2007

358/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held August 13, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – August 22, 2007

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Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the minutes of the Special meeting held August 22, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Arena Concession (6.5.2.1)

Council was advised that the Arena Concession has been put to tender for any non-profit groups interested in running it. The Administrator also advised that a individual has inquired about running the concession and she has advised them to put an application forward in case no groups want to operate the concession.

B2 Seismic Activity (4.3.4)

Councillor Johansson gave contact information to the Deputy Clerk for a person who has knowledge geophysical activities. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact them to have a presentation made to Council.

B3 Run of River Power Inc. – Green Power (9.7)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised on behalf of Mayor Harwood that the proposed Run of the River Project on the Peace River at Dunvegan will be undergoing the environmental review this winter. If the project is approved Glacier Power will hope to begin construction in the summer of 2008.

B4 Peace River Municipal Association Meeting (1.5.1.6)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised that he would be attending the Peace River Municipal Association Meeting along with Mayor Harwood.

B5 Keepers of the Water II: Keeping the Peace (1.5.1)

Councillor Kosolowsky informed Council that the bus rate is \$50 per hour when it is being used and he has booked it for the conference. He asked the Deputy Clerk to book him accommodations in Fort St. John for September 27, 2007.

B6 Community Energy Plan (9.7.5)

The Administrator and the Director of Works and Protective Services will be meeting with Pembina Institute on September 12, 2007 to begin work on the project.

B7 Zoning Bylaw (5.3.1)

The Administrator reminded Council that the meeting to review the Zoning Bylaw will be on October 10, 2007.

B8 Resource Development Guidelines Policy (4.3.4.6)

Councillor Johnson commented that different wording should be used for having no "industrial development" in some specific areas, which would eliminate people have shops and other buildings which was not the intent.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 Town of Smithers – NBCTA AGM

C2 UBCM – 2006 Resolutions (1.7.11)

Council discussed the resolution and the response from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Councillors Johansson and Kosolowsky voiced their concerns with the response from the Ministry and the time in which it took them to respond. Councillor Johansson will write a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on behalf of Council.

C3 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Zone Specific Retention (1.7.11)

Councillor Johansson commented that the Zone Specific Retention will cause more impacts on surface land with more pipelines and roads. Council requested a letter be sent questioning what policies they have in place to deal with the increased surface impacts that the Zone Specific Retention will cause.

C4 OGC – Regulatory Colleagues and Industry Stakeholders (1.7.11.1)

Councillor Johansson advised that she will already be attending this meeting.

C5 City of Prince Rupert – Emergency Resolution (1.5.2)

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Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"To receive all resolutions regarding electoral boundaries for information."

CARRIED

C6 BC Transmission Corporation – UBCM Convention (9.7.6)

C7 BC Chamber of Commerce – Single Business Licence (4.1.6)

C8 Ministry of Community Services – Asia Pacific Initiative (1.7.8)

C9 Road Health – Sharing the Road Conference 2007 (4.1.1)

Council suggested asking Mayor Harwood or Councillor Webster if they would be interested in attending the Sharing the Road Conference.

C10 NCMA – Measuring Up the North Launch (1.5.1.2.1)

C11 Fraser Basin Council – UBCM Breakfast (1.5.2)

C12 UBCM – Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (7.1.2)

Council referred this issue to the Public Works Environmental Committee. Council discussed responding once the Policy Intentions Paper is received.

C13 City of Trail – UBCM Resolution (1.5.2)

C14 2007 Northeast British Columbia Community Coal Forum (4.1.1)

361/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council authorize Councillor Johnson to attend the 2007 Northeast British Columbia Community Coal Forum on October 10 and 11, 2007.”

CARRIED

C15 BCNPHA’s 15th Annual Conference (4.1.1)

C16 UBCM – The British Columbia Climate Action Charter (1.5.1.1)

The Administrator will take the Climate Action Charter to the meeting with Pembina Institute to see if it is possible for Hudson’s Hope to meet the commitments of the charter prior to joining. The Administrator will report back on the findings.

C17 BC Agriculture Council – Resolution on Biomass Boiler Standards (4.3.3)

C18 Environmental Assessment Office – Hackney Hills Wind Park Project (9.7.5)

Council requested that staff contact the Environmental Assessment Office to advise them that the District of Hudson’s Hope is interested in participating in the review of the Hackney Hills Wind Park Project.

C19 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notification of Application for Hudson’s Hope Gas Ltd. (4.3.4.4)

C20 Northern BC – Northern BC Tourism Association’s AGM and Convention (4.1.1.3)

C21 Correctional Service Canada – Restorative Justice Week 2007 (1.2.1.2)

Councillor Kosolowsky proclaimed the following:

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“WHEREAS, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "Facing the Questions", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

THEREFORE, I, Councillor Kosolowsky, of the District of Hudson's Hope, do hereby proclaim November 18 to November 25, 2007 as Restorative Justice Week in the District of Hudson's Hope."

CARRIED

Council suggested asking Council Webster to help promote the Restorative Justice Week.

C22 PRRD – Emergency Resolution, 2007 UBCM Convention (1.5.3)

363/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council endorse the Peace River Regional District's resolution regarding electoral boundaries."

CARRIED

C23 FCM Walkability and Placemaking Training Seminar (1.5.1.3)

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending August 25, 2007

364/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$61,446.30 for the four-week period ending August 25, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for August 23 and September 6, 2007

365/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the accounts payable reports for August 23, 2007 in the amount of \$82,975.49 and for September 6, 2007 in the amount of \$71,386.63 for a total of \$154,362.12 be approved."

CARRIED

SR4 Financial Assistance Policy Amendment (1.2.2)

366/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council adopt the Financial Assistance Policy, as amended."

CARRIED

SR5 Employee Training (9.1.8.2)

367/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council approve conference, accommodation and travel expenses for Ed Reschke to attend the Chlorine Handling course and for Darren Anderson to attend the Wastewater Collection 1 course."

CARRIED

SR6 Local Government Seminar (3.7)

368/07

Moved by Councillor and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize Carolyn Bonnicks to attend the "All's Fair In Love and Law" Seminar on October 5, 2007 and approve travel and accommodation expenses."

CARRIED

SR7 NRAHTA Regional Director (4.1.1.4)

369/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council support Councillor Webster's nomination."

CARRIED

SR8 Peace River Water Use Plan (9.7.1.7)

Council was given information on the accepted Peace Project Water Use Plan.

SR9 Northern Dino Tour (4.1.1.4)

370/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council contribute \$1,591.00 to the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association for the Northern Dino Tour."

CARRIED

SR10 UBCM Briefs (1.5.1.1.1)

Council reviewed and made some changes to the UBCM briefs.

SR11 Grass Maintenance (6.6.1.11)

Council requested clarification from the groundskeeper on the Weed and Feed product and whether she is recommending to use it.

SR12 Arena Netting (6.5.2)

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Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council approve purchase of spectator netting from Hi Pro Sporting Goods in the amount of \$1,010.35."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Spirit of BC Communities Committee Report (1.7.8.8)

Mayor Harwood submitted a report on the celebration events to be held in 2008. Council commented that one of the events that is missing is the rodeo which may be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

CM2 Electoral Boundary Rally (1.7.25)

Councillor Kosolowsky told Council of his attendance at the Electoral Boundary Rally.

CM3 Mountain Pine Beetle – TDB Consultants Inc. (4.3.2.9)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised of his meeting with TDB Consultants Inc. regarding the removal of Mountain Pine Beetle infested trees. During his meeting he viewed aerial maps of Hudson's Hope with company representatives and discussed the possibility of their company removing infested pine from Hudson's Hope. He also toured some of their sites where he saw how the equipment was used and their different methods. Council agreed to invite TDB Consultants to come and assess the situation and speak to Council.

CM4 Historical Committee (6.4.3.1)

Councillor Johansson reported that the trophy collection has been sent to a taxidermist who will be refurbishing each trophy.

CM5 Community Future Pine Beetle Kill (4.3.2.9)

Councillor Johnson advised of the new funding from the Federal government for people in northern British Columbia who want to enhance their business, which may include utilizing beetle wood. Community Futures is promoting the funding and will be helping with applications.

CM6 EDC Meeting (4.1.1.1)

Councillor Johnson advised that EDC has joined Links BC as an area which includes Hudson's Hope. This organization helps link industries with communities.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Ministry of Transportation (1.7.22)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised on behalf of Mayor Harwood that there is a new District Operations Manager who will be coming to speak to Council in the future.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Pine Tree Removal (4.3.2.9)

Bob Bach inquired about whether the company removing pine trees would leave the stumps. Councillor Kosolowsky advised that they would leave the stumps to keep stability to the slope. He described in detail their methods on tree removal.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i>		
	<i>September 19 Council Meeting</i>		
	<i>September 24-28 UBCM Convention</i>		
	<i>October 2 Wildfire Plan Presentation</i>		
	<i>October 9 Council Meeting</i>		
	<i>October 10 Zoning Bylaw Review</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			

DY10	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>
DY11	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>February 2007</i>
DY12	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>February 2007</i>
DY13	<i>BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>
DY14	<i>Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement</i>	<i>May 2007</i>
DY15	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue</i>	<i>August 2007</i>
	<i>Smart Growth BC – "A Legal Review of the Question of "Community Need"</i>	<i>August 2007</i>

ADJOURNMENT

372/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:23 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor