

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Acting Mayor Stacey; Councillors Webster, Johnson, Quibell, and Johansson
Staff: J. Locher, Interim Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk; and A. Stebbing, Manager of Protective and Inspection Services
Other: D. Boullion, B. Misewich, D. Conway, D. Bruce, R. Karst, D. Wyant, and C. Wyant

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Public Hearing and Council Meeting (0550-01)

270/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the Public Hearing held August 24, 2009 be adopted, and the minutes of the Council meeting held August 24, 2009 be adopted, as amended."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Urban Systems – Signage on Rural Properties / Size of Manufactured Homes Permitted (3360-01)

The Interim Administrator advised that he is in discussions with Urban Systems to receive additional information about the signage on rural properties and size requirements of manufactured homes.

B2 Broadband Communication Feasibility Study (1855-03)

Council requested the feasibility study be provided to them for review. Council also requested the status of the grant and whether any payments have been made to Westcan Tel.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

D1 BC Hydro – Twelve Mile Road Erosion (0400-30)

Mr. Conway, Mr. Misewich, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Bouillon from BC Hydro gave Council information on the Twelve Mile Road erosion issues. The following information was highlighted in their presentation:

- registered agreements are on each property land title, which allows BC Hydro the right to affect that land by reservoir operation, including flooding, erosion, saturation, etc.;
- the owner of properties along Twelve Mile Road that have this agreement registered against their title cannot sue BC Hydro for any damages;
- there are approximately 28 properties along the Twelve Mile Road that have this agreement registered against their property and none of these properties have a safe line designated;
- erosion is occurring due to the fine grained soils on the shoreline and headlands;
- BC Hydro is currently reviewing all the documents and getting a legal opinion;

- currently BC Hydro believes that they have adequate rights to continue the regular reservoir operations;
- new aerial photos are being taken and compared to the original property lines;
- will be doing additional research with a Digital Elevation Model (DEM);
- a geotechnical assessment will be completed in the spring of 2010;
- BC Hydro will be meeting with the Ministry of Transportation to review the current road location of the Twelve Mile Road, as sections of the road are becoming very close to the reservoir;

Councillor Johansson voiced her opinion regarding these lands which were given to residents as replacement land for their lands that were flooded by the WAC Bennett Dam and now these same lands continue to erode due to the reservoir. She also advised the main issue for Council is that it has become hard to plan for the area, especially with more recreational and residential opportunities being explored, because of the uncertainty of how much land will be available in the future.

Council questioned the steps being taken to research the dust storms along the road. They also stated their concern of the possible loss of a recreational area if the yacht club property erodes.

BC Hydro will try to get better information to Council to help with their planning. They will also be looking at the procedures for approval of the Water Use Plan, as it took three years to pass in Cabinet the last time.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending August 22, 2009 (1920-01)

271/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$94,457.73 for the four-week period ending August 22, 2009 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

272/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the accounts payable reports for August 6, 2009 in the amount of \$20,307.49 and for August 17, 2009 in the amount of \$45,436.34 and for August 26, 2009 in the amount of \$52,566.43 and for September 3, 2009 in the amount of \$70,157.34 and for September 10, 2009 in the amount of \$64,183.80 for a total of \$252,651.40 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Telus Meeting (1855-03)

273/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council receive the report for information."

CARRIED

Councillor Quibell requested that when the meeting with Telus is scheduled, that any parties who would benefit from the project be invited to attend as well. Some of these parties would include BC Hydro, Northern Health, Talisman Energy, Shell Energy, and the Peace River Regional District.

SR4 Swimming Pool Year End Report (0810-20)

274/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council receive the 2009 Swimming Pool Year End Report."

CARRIED

Council requested a report be submitted on the current status of the swimming pool, which should include what problems still need to be fixed and approximate costs. These costs will need to be reviewed during the budget meetings, along with the budget requests and the recertification proposal. Council requested staff determine what other swimming pool policies are on recertification costs.

SR5 Tourism BC Networking Conference Request (2810-01)

275/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize conference, accommodation and travel expenses for Kathy Burseth to attend the Northern BC Tourism Association AGM and Conference on October 19 and 20, 2009 in Prince George."

CARRIED

SR6 MAIS Fall Conference Request (2810-01)

276/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize conference, accommodation and travel expenses for Rhonda Eastman and Johanna Dupuis to attend the Annual MAIS Fall Conference in Vancouver."

CARRIED

SR7 Front Counter BC Referral – Lynx Creek (0400-01)

277/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Front Counter BC be advised that current land use regulations do not permit resource development on the land in question; and further that, prior to considering an application to amend the zoning, District Council requires detailed information on both the extent of the proposed quarry operation and the reclamation plan for land when the quarry operation ceases production."

CARRIED

SR8 CAO Appointment

278/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council appoint Charles Nash as the Chief Administrative Officer."

CARRIED

SR9 Tender Results – Roadside Maintenance (1220-01)

279/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the contract for Roadside Maintenance be awarded to the low bidder, Back Country Brushing and Mowing Ltd., for the tendered price of \$17,000.00 plus GST; and further that notification be given to all property owners who will be affected prior to the work commencing."

CARRIED

The Interim Administrator advised the roadside maintenance is needed to address visibility and safety issues, as well as to ensure road structure is not impacted from the growth of large trees and their roots.

SR10 Agricultural Land Commission Seminar (0400-01)

Council will speak to the Agricultural Land Commission about having a seminar in Hudson's

Hope and updating their website with easier search features during their meeting with them at the UBCM Convention.

BYLAWS

BY1 Cemetery Bylaws (3900-02)

280/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give first, second and third readings to the Cemetery Management Bylaw No. 755, 2009, as amended and the District of Hudson's Hope Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 774, 2009."

CARRIED

281/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize staff to purchase the burial vaults and cremation liners which will be required if the bylaw is approved."

CARRIED

BY2 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 772, 2009 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 773, 2009 (3900-02 xref. 00470.010)

282/09 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council adopt the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 772, 2009 and the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 773, 2009."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

283/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C13 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Peace River Regional District – Volunteer Recognition Banquet (0400-50)

284/09 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That staff advertise the information on the awards and the workshops."

CARRIED

C2 Integrated Land Management Bureau – Hackney Hills Wind Project (0400-20 xref. 6660-20)

Council received this document as information. They discussed the concern with the caribou herds that would be affected and the number of roads that would be constructed to install the transmission line along the ridge.

C3 Northern Health – UBCM Meetings (0400-01)

Council requested staff book an appointment with Northern Health during the UBCM Convention.

C4 Northern Health – Consultations (0400-80)

Council requested staff contact Northern Health to determine who will be conducting these consultations, as some of the Northern Health representatives will be at the UBCM Convention during the sessions in the Peace Region.

C5 Northwest Corridor Development Corporation – Conference Information (0390-01)

C6 2009 Northeast BC Energy Conference Information (0390-01)

285/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council authorize up to two representatives to attend the 2009 Northeast BC Energy Conference if anyone is interested.”

CARRIED

Councillor Johansson supplied the draft agenda for the conference and advised on the public session with Preston Manning.

C7 Ministry of Transportation – Beryl Prairie Road (0400-20 xref. 5400-01)

Councillor Johansson will attend the meeting for Beryl Prairie Road with the Ministry of Transportation. Council discussed the issues of the wetland the Ministry has decided to keep rather than straighten the road. The Ministry was given a recommendation by the Ministry of Environment to not disturb the wetland; however, it was the final decision by the Ministry of Transportation as to whether they would keep the wetland.

C8 UNBC – Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting (0400-70)

The Deputy Clerk advised the meeting will now be held on November 9, 2009.

286/09

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council authorize Councillor Webster or Councillor Johansson to attend the Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting in Fort St. John on November 9, 2009.”

CARRIED

C9 North East Native Advancing Society – Aboriginal Youth Career Fair (0230-01)

Council requested this information be given to the Hudson's Hope Museum.

C10 UBCM – Operational Fuel Management Funding (1855-03)

C11 Talisman Energy – Farrell Creek Development Update (6660-20)

C12 UBCM – Proposed Recognition and Reconciliation Act (0400-01)

Some Council members will be attending this session at the UBCM Convention. This issue should be considered by our Council because there is a large amount of Crown land within the municipality.

C13 Community Energy Association – Funding from Natural Resources Canada (1855-01)

Council received the document for information, as there is no current projects that could be applied for under this funding grant.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 UBCM Meeting with Agricultural Land Commissioners (0400-01)

Council reviewed the brief that Councillor Webster had prepared for their meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission. They also discussed additional items to be added to the brief.

CR2 Community Meeting with Industry (0360-01)

Councillor Johansson advised of the community meeting that was held with industry representatives. They discussed ways of information sharing, first responder program, current medical services, and the issues of amount of traffic and dust control on Beryl Prairie Road. The Mediation and Arbitration Board Chair also spoke at the meeting.

CR3 NRATHA (0230-01)

Councillor Webster advised of her attendance at the NRATHA meeting. The reorganization and new format is currently being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Peace River Basin Trust (0400-30)

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- need to try to get the Peace River Basin Trust for the current dams and not include it with negotiations if the Site C dam proceeds;
- need to determine a “wish list” for Hudson’s Hope if Site C dam does proceed so that Council is prepared;
- should have a planning session for Council to discuss the issue in detail; and
- the needs and compensation for Hudson’s Hope are much different than other communities that may be involved in the Peace River Basin Trust.

This issue will be brought up at the Peace River Municipalities Association meeting to determine if the other municipalities are interested in pursuing the development of this trust.

NB2 Dudley’s Cabin at Alwin Holland Park – Liability Concerns (6130-01)

Councillor Johnson advised the historic Dudley cabin at the Alwin Holland Park is located partially on Mr. Sarauer’s property, and he is asking that it be moved. This has also become a liability issue with the porch, roof and building rotting. The District needs to consider a maintenance plan and budget funds to have the building moved onto the District property. If the costs are too great the District could consider donating the building to the Historical Society if they were interested.

287/09

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That staff be directed to research the cost amounts for the restoration and realignment of the historical Dudley Cabin at the Alwin Holland campground.”

CARRIED

NB3 Dinosaur Lake Campground (6130-01)

Councillor Johnson advised that he had met with Dan Boullion from BC Hydro to discuss the development of an ATV area and trails. Mr. Boullion has suggested that we make a plan to present to BC Hydro for a partnership for the park enhancements.

Council questioned BC Hydro’s other reservoir parks they operate, specifically the one in Mackenzie and whether BC Hydro should assume on some responsibility for the Dinosaur Lake Campground.

Councillor Johnson questioned signage for Dinosaur Lake and advised that he had come across the old sign in one of the municipal sheds that could be refurbished.

NB4 Seniors Driveway Snow Plowing (0340-50)

Council questioned the policy on snow plowing driveways for seniors. Council requested staff bring information to the next meeting on the policy, number of people on the plow list and costs for this service.

NB5 Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting (0230-01)

Council was advised that the Peace River Municipalities Association meeting is being held on September 22, 2009 at the Williston Lake Resort.

NB6 Museum – Invitation (0230-01)

The museum has invited Council for a tour of the site so that they can provide some additional information on their plans for the future. Council would like to wait until Mayor Anderson returns before booking a date for the tour.

NB7 Idling Concerns (3900-02)

Councillor Quibell questioned whether an anti-idling bylaw has been adopted. He advised that large trucks are idling along Beattie Drive near the credit union and questioned if anything could be done as there are residential homes in that area.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> <i>September 15 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting</i> <i>September 22 PRMA Meeting</i> <i>September 23 Community Services & Development Advisory Committee Meeting</i> <i>September 24 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting</i> <i>September 28 – October 2 UBCM Convention</i> <i>October 12 Thanksgiving</i> <i>October 13 Council Meeting</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>Sept 2009</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>	<i>Completed</i>

ADJOURNMENT

^{288/09} Moved by Councillor Johansson;
"The regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:40 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor