

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

M1 Special Meeting – September 11, 2007

383/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held September 11, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – September 19, 2007

384/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held September 19, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M3 Tax Sale – September 24, 2007

385/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the tax sale held September 24, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M4 Special Meeting – October 2, 2007

386/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held October 2, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M5 Special Meeting – October 2, 2007 at 6:00 pm

387/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held October 2, 2007 at 6:00 pm be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Resource Development Guidelines Policy (4.3.4.6)

Council decided to meet on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 3:00 pm to revise the Resource Development Guidelines Policy and have it ready for adoption at the October 22, 2007 meeting.

B2 Northeast Regional Community Foundation (4.1.4.2)

Council discussed whether they thought the Community Foundation would work in Hudson's

Hope. Councillor Johnson advised that he sits on the Board as a citizen representative, not a Council representative and went into detail about how the foundation would work. He will solicit membership for the steering committee.

B3 Entrance Signs (2.5.1.9)

Council was advised that Canadian Rocks Signs visited the site and will be returning soon to construct and pour the concrete pads.

B4 Pine Beetle Infested Tree Removal (4.3.2.9)

Council discussed making a timber mark application. The Administrator advised that an application will be made shortly.

B5 Literacy Society (1.5.6)

388/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Councillor Anderson be appointed to sit on the task force for planning a District Literacy Plan."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

389/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C22 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Volunteer Fire Departments – Halloween Fireworks (7.1.5.1)

390/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council donate \$1,000 for the annual Halloween Fireworks to the Beryl Prairie Volunteer Fire Department."

CARRIED

C2 Homeowner Protection Office – Fees, Warranty Period and Future Sales (8.3.6)

Council discussed the respond from the Homeowner Protection Office.

391/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That a letter be sent to the Homeowner Protection Office opposing the pending amendments to the *Homeowner Protection Act*."

CARRIED

C3 Hackney Hills Working Group Meeting (9.7.5)

392/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Councillor Johansson be appointed to represent the District of Hudson's Hope at the Hackney Hill and Thunder Mountain Technical Working Group."

CARRIED

C4 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notification of Application for Hudson's Hope Gas Ltd. Wellsite Portage d-73-I/93-O-16 (4.3.4.4)

C5 West of the Sixth Meridian Land Ltd. – Notification of Application for Hudson's Hope Gas Ltd. Wellsite Portage a-A96-I/93-O-16 (4.3.4.4)

C6 BC Achievement Foundation – Community Achievement Awards (4.1.5.8)

Council agreed to nominate Rosaleen Ward and requested Councillor Anderson complete the nomination documents. It was also requested that the nomination information be put in the Bulletin.

C7 CFDC – Small Business Week (4.1.4.2)

Mayor Harwood proclaimed the following:

393/07

“WHEREAS, In conjunction with national Small Business Week, October 14-20, 2007 Community Futures Development Corporations throughout the province will be celebrating local small business and entrepreneurship development in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Week is an opportunity to pay tribute to the entrepreneurs who drive the Canadian economy and use their energy to expand Canada’s business sector. It is also an opportunity for Community Futures Development Corporations to celebrate their accomplishments and raise their profile; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Week serves as an opportunity to inform the public on how Community Futures Development Corporations, with support from Western Economic Diversification Canada, are playing a key role in developing small business throughout British Columbia.

THEREFORE, I, Lenore Harwood, Mayor of District of Hudson's Hope recognize and proclaim the week October 14th to 20th, 2007 as “Small Business Week”.

CARRIED

C8 CFDC – Invitation for Small Business Week (4.1.4.2)

394/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council appoint Councillor Johnson to attend the celebration for Small Business Week presented by Community Futures on October 17, 2007 in Dawson Creek.”

CARRIED

C9 Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Notice of Public Tender of Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights (4.3.4)

Council requested staff to make the same comments to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for Parcels 0712010 to 0712013 that were made during the last referral process.

C10 Northern Lights College – Invitation (6.1.2.1)

Council requested that a regret letter be sent advising that no one would be able to attend the event.

C11 Ministry of Health – North Peace Care Centre (1.7.15 xref. 6.2.)

C12 Peace Canyon Energy Corporation – Run-of-the-River Power Plant (9.7.7)

Council requested that Peace Canyon River Corporation be asked to make a presentation in Hudson’s Hope.

C13 NCMA – Measuring Up The North Project (1.5.1.2)

C14 Canadian Natural Resources – AARC Community Intervention Project (6.2)

Councillor Johansson advised that she may be able to attend the AARC Community Intervention Project. Mayor Harwood will attend if Councillor Johansson is unable to attend.

C15 NCMA – Professional Development Training (1.5.1.2)

C16 HSE Integrated Ltd. – Air Quality Monitoring Services Presentation

C17 Northern Medical Program – Community Partnership Pilot Program (6.1.2.2.1)

Mayor Harwood will respond to Mr. Lee to advise him that we will host him for a weekend to show him our community.

C18 Ministry of Community Services – Community Energy Plan Grant

C19 BC Hydro – Turn It Off Challenge (9.7.1.10)

Council requested staff determine the time commitments for Phase II and bring the information back to the next meeting.

C20 Ministry of Forests and Range – Instability of Forest Sector (1.7.13)

^{395/07} Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That a letter be sent to the Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing confirming Council’s original position.”

CARRIED

C21 BC Hydro – Pre-Consultation Meeting (9.7.1.4)

Mayor Harwood advised that the pre-consultations will be taking place during the week of November 12th or 26th. Councillor Kosolowsky asked staff to get information on what the provinces generation capacity is with both public and private energy producers and what the peak load is.

C22 Province of British Columbia – Independent Land Surface Office (4.3.4)

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending September 22, 2007

^{396/07} Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$23,489.30 for the two-week period ending September 22, 2007 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary

^{397/07} Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the accounts payable reports for September 18, 2007 in the amount of \$50,110.55 and for September 26, 2007 in the amount of \$32,409.74 for a total of \$82,520.29 be approved.”

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson was advised that his NPEDC expenses should be charged to the Peace River Regional District.

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

^{398/07} Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council accept the Revenue and Expense report for September, 2007.”

CARRIED

SR4 Bullhead Mountain Curling Club (6.5.3)

399/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council recommend payment of final construction costs to the Bullhead Mountain Curling Club in the amount of \$33,341.95 and an additional payment of \$110,000 which will be returned to the District by the Bullhead Mountain Curling Club upon receipt of the third instalment of grant funding from the province."

CARRIED

SR5 Closing the Office – Christmas / New Years (3.6)

400/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize the municipal operations to close at noon hour on December 24 and December 31, 2007."

CARRIED

SR6 Arena Advertising (4.1.5.10)

A roundtable discussion ensued and it was suggested that a termination clause be added to the contract.

401/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council adopt the Arena Advertising Policy as amended."

CARRIED

SR7 Acting Mayor (1.2.1)

402/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council appoint Councillor Johansson as Acting Mayor for October."

CARRIED

SR8 District Literacy Plan (1.5.6)

SR9 Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan

403/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That:

- 1) Council endorse the Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan for Hudson's Hope, as circulated.
- 2) Council create a Wildland Interface Fire Protection Committee with Councillor Kosolowsky as chair and Councillor Johnson as co-chair.
- 3) Staff solicit for candidates who would form the committee."

CARRIED

SR10 Arena Concession Tender (6.5.2.1)

404/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize staff to enter into a one year contract with Ms. Gonwick to operate the arena concession without the requirement to pay rent or commission to the District."

CARRIED

SR11 Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative (5.7)

405/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council direct staff to make an application for the Seniors' in Communities Dialogue grant."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 NRAHTA AGM (4.1.1.4)

Councillor Webster discussed her attendance at the NRAHTA AGM. The following projects were suggested to be looked at during the budget review:

- walking tours in cooperation with the Museum and the Visitor Centre;
- WiFi internet connection for the Visitor Centre;
- new District of Hudson's Hope banners;
- video clip from Simon Ratcliffe to promote Hudson's Hope with footage from the area; and
- have quality pictures taken for promotional materials.

CM2 Union of BC Municipalities Convention Report (1.5.1.1.1)

Mayor Harwood provided a report on her attendance at UBCM Convention. Council requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Minister Carole Taylor and to find out if a decision has been made with regards to the grant in lieu from BC Hydro.

406/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That a letter be sent to Jim Mattison, Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment to request increasing the Minister of Environment staff members in the Northeast of the province."

CARRIED

CM3 Keepers of the Water II (9.2.3 xref. 1.5.1.)

Councillor Johnson submitted a report on his attendance at the Keepers of the Water II conference. Councillor Kosolowsky also attended the meeting and commented that he found it very informative and suggested inviting Dr. Giles Wendling, a water well expert, to give a presentation in Hudson's Hope. Council suggested getting cost estimates for having Dr. Wendling present here. Councillor Kosolowsky also described his bus tours that he did for the Keepers of the Water II conference.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Transmission Crew Relocation (9.7.1)

Councillor Anderson expressed her concern of the relocation of transmission crew from Hudson's Hope, as well as other positions that are not going to be filled by people who will live in Hudson's Hope.

407/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That a letter be sent to BC Hydro regarding the recruitment issues surrounding workers coming and living in Hudson's Hope."

CARRIED

NB2 Elimination of Plastic Bags (9.5.3)

Councillor Webster suggested a new way to help people stop using plastic bags. Her suggestion was that businesses would put the people's names into a draw who didn't use plastic bags. At the end of a six week contest a name would be drawn at each business and that person would win a prize or a gift certificate. She also recommended that the District have a grand prize that would be drawn from all the entries. The prize will be determined once the retailer prizes are known.

408/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council support the stop using plastic bag contest in principle."

CARRIED

NB3 Spirit of BC Communities (1.7.8.8)

Mayor Harwood advised that Alyssa Huxley and Falon Burkitt were accepted to attend that Youth Altitude Experience in Whistler. Upon their return they would help plan the Spirit of BC event.

NB4 Tobacco Free Zones (6.2.1.3)

The Administrator advised that staff would be applying for a grant in the amount of \$250 for signage for the Tobacco Free Zones.

NB5 Canadian Dehua International Mines Group (4.3.5.1)

Council discussed the issue of Dehua bringing foreign workers to do the mining. Mayor Harwood advised that the company would look for local workers first; however, they would need to bring foreign workers if no one qualified could be found. Mayor Harwood also advised that she had been contacted by Dehua and that they are interested in meeting with Council this month.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Transfer Station (9.5.2.1)

Bob Bach questioned whether a compost pile could be made at the Transfer Station, rather than have it all go into the bins or burned. He also asked if asphalt shingles could be put into the bins for a small tipping fee, rather than having residents truck them to Chetwynd. Mr. Bach also suggested having a bag limit for garbage pick up for decreasing the amount of garbage and promoting recycling.

PE2 Plastic Bag Removal (9.5.3)

Andrew Purvis commented that a town in Manitoba has banned any use of plastic bags.

DIARY

Diarized

Last Review/Action

DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays October 22 Council Meeting November 7 Meeting with BC Hydro re: Transmission Relocation November 13 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	Oct 2004	Sept 2005
DY3	<i>Building Amendment Bylaw</i>	Oct 2004	Apr 2006
DY4	<i>Ticketing Bylaw</i>	Oct 2004	June 2007
DY5	<i>Unightly Premises Bylaw</i>	Nov 2004	June 2006
DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	Apr 2005	July 2007
DY7	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	Apr 2005	
DY8	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	June 2006	
DY9	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	Sept 2005	

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

409/07 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 land issues. (8:17 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

410/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:48 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor