

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: C. Brown, G. Dueck, B. Rowe, S. McDonald, A. Anderson, J. Vandenberg, J. Vandenberg, C. Stacey, V. Greig, S. Meyers, B. Bach, D. Heiberg, L. Heiberg, L. Kirtzinger, K. Birosh, and D. Joslin

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATION

D1 Aeolis Wind – Hackney Hills Wind Project Update (6660-20)

Colleen Brown from Aeolis Wind gave an update to Council on the Hackney Hills Wind project. The following information was provided:

- changes have been made to the proposed areas for development;
- the first phase will provide up to 400 MW;
- currently in the pre-application stage of the BC Environmental Assessment process;
- many studies are being completed for the environment assessment which includes studies for socio-community, bio-physical, fish habitat, plant communities and wildlife habitat;
- power line interconnection is currently being assessed and Aeolis Wind is in discussions with BC Hydro and BCTC;
- working on a proposal to submit Hackney Hills Wind Park as a viable competitive project for the Clean Power Call in 2008;
- the time frame for the project to be in commercial operation would be approximately 2016;
- there is currently a restriction on motor vehicles above 1400 meters and Aeolis Wind is applying for a motor vehicle variance permit for access roads that will need to be constructed for access;
- studies and a census are currently being completed on the Graham Cariboo herd which is estimated at 230 animals;
- almost all the transmission lines will be located on Crown land;
- the footprint during the construction will be approximately twice that of the actual footprint, however, they plan to rehabilitate the land that is disturbed during the construction stage;
- preliminary mapping indicates where the access roads would be located; and
- will be have open houses and public meetings in Hudson's Hope in the spring of 2009.

Ms. Brown will report back to Council on what voltage they will generate at. Ms. Brown also requested a letter of support from Council if they approve of the process and the need for green energy.

D2 John Vandenberg – Cameron Lake Campground Closure (6130-20)

Mr. Vandenberg reminded Council of the continued concerns being raised by the community with regards to the closing of Cameron Lake campground.

Waive Normal Procedure

313/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council waive normal procedure and allow Lori Kirtzinger to speak to the issue."
CARRIED

Mrs. Kirtzinger advised of her experiences working as the campground attendant at Cameron Lake this summer and provided the following information:

- when campers were advised of the proposed closure all were dismayed;
- only lake in community and region that locals and tourists can use for swimming;
- having the campground provides employment opportunities for residents;
- the only issues throughout the summer were the local teenagers that would come out on Friday and Saturday nights to party;
- tourism should be a priority for Hudson's Hope; and
- Cameron Lake was more popular than the other three campgrounds combined.

Waive Normal Procedure

314/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council waive normal procedure and discuss Agenda Item SR3-3."
CARRIED

SR3-3 Cameron Lake Campground – Reverting to Crown Land (6130-20)

315/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council retain and operate the Cameron Lake Campground as a recreational facility."
CARRIED

Council discussed forming an advisory committee to help work on solutions for some of the issues at Cameron Lake, and that the committee membership include concerned community members.

D3 Blue Rowe – Arena Advertising Policy (0340-50)

Mr. Rowe requested that Council consider revising their current arena advertising policy to allow winter sport organizations who secure contributions through advertising to receive 75% of the fee and the District of Hudson's Hope receive the remaining 25%. The money would be used for a number of things including subsidizing ice time fees, new equipment, tournament costs and to provide financial relief as their current policy exempts new members from paying membership fees in order to encourage new members.

316/08 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council direct staff to draft an amendment to the Arena Advertising Policy to allow organizations to receive 75% of the fees if they secure the advertising and that the policy be brought back to Council for the October 27, 2008 meeting for approval."
CARRIED

Mr. Rowe also advised that a company may be interested in donating a large sum of money to go towards the costs of having the arena open a month earlier than normal in 2009. He will be coming back to Council once the details are finalized.

MINUTES

M1 Special Meeting – September 18, 2008 (0550-01)

317/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the minutes of the Special meeting held September 18, 2008 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M2 Tax Sale – September 29, 2008 (0550-01)

318/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That the minutes of the Tax Sale meeting held September 29, 2008 be adopted.” CARRIED

M3 Council Meeting – September 29, 2008 (0550-01)

319/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held September 29, 2008 be adopted, as amended.” CARRIED

M4 Special Meeting – October 1, 2008 (0550-01)

320/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the minutes of the Special meeting held October 1, 2008 be adopted.” CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Noise Concerns with Beryl Prairie Wells (6660-20)

Staff advised that a letter was sent to Hudson's Hope Gas requesting information on how they plan to minimize the noise during the next drilling period.

B2 Northern Lights College – Budget (0400-70)

Staff has made an FOI request for the Northern Lights College budget information. The college has thirty days to respond to the District's request.

B3 Halloween Fireworks Donation (1770-01)

Council requested that the Volunteer Fire Department be asked to apply for the donation as a Financial Assistance Grant at the beginning of each year.

B4 Northern Health – Physiotherapy Services (0400-80)

Mayor Harwood advised that Northern Health does not pay travel costs to contractors. Physiotherapists would likely need to include these costs in their fees when they bid for a contract or find an alternative solution to cover these costs.

B5 Hudson's Hope Health Centre Proposal (0400-80)

Mayor Harwood advised that a billing number belongs to a physician not a clinic. She also advised that the District would stop paying the office rental at the end of November.

B6 Beryl Prairie Road Conditions (5400-01)

Councillor Webster requested that Council try to meet with the northeast Regional Transportation Advisory Committee and present them with the information on the Beryl Prairie Road and provide letters of support.

CORRESPONDENCE

321/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;

"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C8 be received."

CARRIED

C1 W6M Land Ltd. – Notifications (6660-20)

Council requested staff contact the Oil and Gas Commission to find out whether a map can be obtained that outlines all the approved wells and pipelines.

C2 PRRD – Mass Carcass Disposal Emergency Plan (0400-50)

Councillors Webster and Anderson will attend the Mass Carcass Disposal Emergency Plan tabletop exercises on Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

C3 British Columbia Achievement Foundation – Awards (0290-01)

Council requested this information be published in the Bulletin.

C4 Community Futures – Small Business Week (0230-01)

Councillor Johnson will be attending the Small Business Week celebration being hosted by Community Futures.

C5 Ministry of Community Development – UBCM Convention Meeting (0400-20)

C6 Ministry of Children and Family Development – Autism Awareness Month (0400-20)

322/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Mayor Harwood proclaim October as Autism Awareness Month."

CARRIED

C7 Northeast Health Research Group – Community Research Planning Workshop (0390-01)

323/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council sponsor one meeting room for two days for the Community Research Planning Workshop hosted by the Northeast Health Research Group."

CARRIED

324/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council approve Councillors Anderson and Webster to attend the Community Research Planning Workshop on October 30th and 31st in Fort St. John."

CARRIED

C8 BC Healthy Communities – 2008 Northern Fall Gatherings (0390-01)

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending October 4, 2008 (1920-01)

325/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$37,160.95 for the two-week period ending October 4, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

326/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

"That the accounts payable report for October 9, 2008 in the amount of \$91,032.30 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3-1 Climate Action Charter (0400-01 xref. 5280-01)

327/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the District of Hudson's Hope become a signatory to the Climate Action Charter."

CARRIED

SR3-2 Computer Loan Requests – Mike Ryder & John Vandenberg

328/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize a computer loan agreement between the District and Mike Ryder in the amount of \$802.06 and a computer loan agreement between the District and John Vandenberg in the amount of \$838.53."

CARRIED

SR3-4 Atkinson Subdivision (3220-20)

329/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council authorize an extension until January 2009 to complete the Atkinson lands sales contract in lieu of the developer signing an Option to Purchase and providing a \$1000 non-refundable deposit."

CARRIED

with Councillor Webster OPPOSED

SR3-5 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw (3900-02)

330/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give three readings to the 2008 Annual Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 756, 2008."

CARRIED

SR4 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw (3900-20)

331/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council give third reading to the Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 754, 2008."

CARRIED

332/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council rescind motion number 331/08."

CARRIED

Councillors Kosolowsky, pursuant to s. 100 of the *Community Charter*, stated he had a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Rod and Gun Club and excused himself from the meeting. Councillor Johnson, pursuant to s. 100 of the *Community Charter*, stated he had a conflict of interest as he is a member of the Ski Association and excused himself from the meeting.

333/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council give third reading to the Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 754, 2008."

CARRIED

334/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council give final reading to the Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 754, 2008."

CARRIED

Councillors Kosolowsky and Johnson rejoined the meeting.

SR5 Closing the Office – Christmas / New Years (2650-01)

335/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council authorize the municipal operations to close at noon hour on December 24th and December 31st, 2008.”

CARRIED

SR6 Fireworks Donation (1770-01)

336/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council donate an additional \$500.00 for the Beryl Prairie and Hudson’s Hope Volunteer Fire Departments for the annual Halloween Fireworks.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Oil and Gas Conference Report (0390-01)

Councillors Webster, Kosolowsky and Johansson submitted their written report on the Oil and Gas Conference they attended.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Ministry of Transportation Notice (0400-20)

Mayor Harwood advised that there may be a possible closure of the Peace River Bridge for an assessment. Signs will be posted and closures could last up to two hours.

NB2 Spirit of BC Roundtable Meeting (0540-20)

337/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council authorize Mayor Harwood and Dawn Mengerling to attend the Spirit of BC roundtable on October 30, 2008.”

CARRIED

NB3 Aeolis Wind Project (6660-20)

Council requested an update on the vehicle variance permit and the Cariboo situation from the Ministry of Environment prior to sending the letter of support. Council requested that this item be diarized.

NB4 Hudson’s Hope Ambulance Attendants (0400-80)

Councillor Anderson advised that there will only be one ambulance attendant next month. It was requested that a letter be sent to Rod McCarthy, BC Ambulance Service, regarding the issue and to see if there are any solutions on how to increase the number of attendants.

NB5 Municipal Office Lights (0810-20)

Council requested that a light be turned on for Council meetings at the Council Chambers entrance.

NB6 TACSOTE (0230-20)

TACSOTE will be hosting the Pie a la Mode on October 24, 2008.

NB7 Towns for Tomorrow Grant (1855-03)

Councillor Quibell requested that Council consider looking for a consultant to help with getting information to apply for an communications infrastructure grant through the Towns for Tomorrow grant program. It was requested that Councillor Quibell get more information and prepare a report for Council.

NB8 Telus Long Distance Phone Problems

Council was advised of the loss of long distance and cell service because of a Telus equipment problem. Council requested a meeting with Telus to determine what the solutions could be for this problem as there was no 911 service during this period of outage.

NB9 Dinner Meeting with School District No. 60 (0550-01)

The Deputy Clerk advised that the School District would like to have a dinner meeting on October 27, 2008 at 4:00 pm at the Hudson's Hope School. All Council members except Councillor Quibell are available to attend.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays Mass Carcass Disposal Meeting School District No. 60 Dinner Meeting Council Meeting Shell Canada Energy Meeting</i>		
		<i>October 22</i>	
		<i>October 27</i>	
		<i>October 27</i>	
		<i>October 28</i>	
DY2	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>June 2007</i>
DY3	<i>Unightly 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 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
DY11	<i>Trade, Investment & 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>	
DY18	<i>Aeolis Wind Project – Letter of Support (6660-20) 2008</i>		<i>October</i>

ADJOURNMENT

338/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:07 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor