

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Quibell,
Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnicks, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: D. Robertson, G. Davage, L. Fox, C. Lewis, B. Bach, D. Summer, L. Summer,
P. Enderlin

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – October 27, 2008 (0550-01)

358/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held October 27, 2008 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – October 27, 2008 (0550-01)

359/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held October 27, 2008 be adopted."
CARRIED

M3 Special Meeting – October 28, 2008 (0550-01)

360/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held October 28, 2008 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M4 Special Meeting – October 29, 2008 (0550-01)

361/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held October 29, 2008 be adopted."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Wooden Statues (6130-20)

Councillor Kosolowsky requested that a roof be built over the wooden statues. This will be considered during the 2009 budget discussions.

B2 BC Hydro Site C Feedback Forms (0400-30)

Council will meet on November 18, 2008 after the meeting with International Exploration Consultants Inc. to complete the feedback form provided by BC Hydro for the proposed Site C project.

B3 Speeding in School Zone (7550-01)

Mayor Harwood advised that ICBC is bringing the radar board on November 14, 2008 and that

we are looking for volunteers to help monitor the board. Mayor Harwood also advised that the wooden police car that was used to slow traffic down in the school zone has been found in Chetwynd and has been returned to the Hudson's Hope RCMP detachment.

B4 Cement Road Barriers (5400-01)

Council was advised that the cement road barrier at the bottom of the Watson Hill has been installed.

B5 Increased Traffic on Beryl Prairie Road (5400-01)

Councillor Webster voiced her concern with the increased road traffic on the Beryl Prairie Road that will result from a Talisman well that will require 800 tanker truck loads of water. Council was advised that a meeting is being scheduled with Talisman for early in December, 2008.

DELEGATION

D1 CGG Veritas – Seismic Program (6660-01)

Mr. Robertson from CGG Veritas presented Council with the following information:

- their company does seismic exploration worldwide;
- once they have acquired seismic data they are able to licence the information to multiple companies;
- able to do stakeless surveying which eliminates line trucks, reduces environmental impact, brush clearing and field noise;
- discussed how the 2D and 3D data is acquired;
- advised that regulations require them to be 180 meters from any cement foundation or water well;
- any trees that need to be taken down require stumpage to be paid and cut according to regulations;
- discussed the process when a landowner will not allow the company onto the property and how they can still acquire some of the information from doing the work around the boundary of the property;
- the current program is proposed north of the municipal boundaries;
- they will be notifying all stakeholders in the area that the program will take place;
- landowners are able to request water well tests be done prior to the seismic activity taking place and it is up to the company as to whether they complete these tests;
- CGG Veritas would be willing to do any water well tests that are requested; and
- in the future the company may want to complete a program within the municipal boundaries.

CORRESPONDENCE

362/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C11 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Canadian Diabetes Association – World Diabetes Day (0630-01)

Mayor Harwood proclaimed:

"That November 14, 2008 be proclaimed as World Diabetes Day in Hudson's Hope."

C2 BC Safety Authority – Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week (0630-01)

Mayor Harwood proclaimed:

"Whereas, the 2nd full week of November (Sunday through Saturday) commencing November 9 to 15, 2008, has been declared Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week, and

Whereas, the purpose of this week is to increase public awareness of the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walkways and,

Whereas, the goal of this week is to reduce, through education and awareness avoidable accidents and,

Whereas, the elevator escalator industry greatly contributes to the quality of life and,

Whereas, this endeavour is worthy of support and cooperation to benefit the citizens, the general public and the short-range vertical transportation industry.

Therefore, let it be known that I Mayor Harwood of the District of Hudson's Hope do hereby proclaim the 2nd full week of November (Sunday through Saturday) commencing November 9 to 15, 2008 Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week, and I hereby urge all citizens in the District of Hudson's Hope, British Columbia to participate fully in this observance to improve our quality of life."

C3 Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada – Closure of Old Wells (0400-20)

Council requested that the information regarding the closure of old wells be published in the Bulletin. Councillor Kosolowsky also requested that Council have an opportunity to view the entire *Water Act*.

C4 Pitch-In BC – Membership Renewal (5280-01)

363/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council renew the membership with Pitch-In British Columbia for 2009 in the amount of \$225.00."

CARRIED

Councillor Webster requested information on the Civic Pride Program offered by Pitch-In BC.

C5 District of Chetwynd – Winter Lights Celebration (0400-50)

C6 Fraser Basin Council – Smart Planning for Communities

Council requested more information on the Smart Planning for Communities program. Council also asked that the Fraser Basin Council be contacted to schedule a meeting.

C7 Doug Leatherdale – Subdivision Development (3220-20)

Council discussed the Atkinson subdivision development and the issues that have been brought up by Mr. Leatherdale.

364/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council invite Mr. Leatherdale to come to Hudson's Hope to discuss the subdivision issues."

CARRIED

C8 Hudson's Hope Gas Ltd. – Drilling Noise (6660-20)

C9 Tembec – Cut Blocks Along 12 Mile Road (6660-20)

365/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council contact BC Hydro to discuss the problems of erosion and dust on the shores of

Williston Reservoir along the 12 Mile Road area.”

CARRIED

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- request again that Tembec reconsider the proposed blocks on the Twelve Mile Road;
- need to confirm who is removing the pine beetle infected trees to the East of Tembec's proposed cut blocks;
- the old growth forests near the Brenot and Lynx Creek areas look like they have been tagged for cutting, therefore, Council requested that staff contact Tembec and ILMB to find out whether they are actually cutting those old growth trees; and
- confirm with Tembec and ILMB that there is old growth forest on Portage Mountain that should be protected.

C10 City of Dawson Creek – Mayor Kruk (0400-50)

C11 Environmental Assessment – Hackney Hills Wind Project (6660-20)

366/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council send a letter to Aeolis Wind Power supporting green energy projects.”

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending November 1, 008 (1920-01)

367/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$31,067.02 for the two-week period ending November 1, 2008 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

368/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That the accounts payable report for November 5, 2008 in the amount of \$53,761.32 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report (1890-01)

369/08 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council approve the Revenue and Expense report for October, 2008.”

CARRIED

Council requested this report be removed from all future agendas and instead be included in the accounts payable file.

SR4 2008 CAO Forum (2810-01)

370/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That Council authorize disbursement of funds for conference fees, accommodation, and travel to Harrison Hot Springs for the CAO Forum for Carolyn Bonnick.”

CARRIED

SR5 Tangible Capital Assets Policy (0340-50)

371/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council adopt the Tangible Capital Assets policy as presented.”

CARRIED

SR6 Session with George Cuff (0390-01)

372/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize expenditures for all members of Council to attend the George Cuff session in January, 2009 and that the District of Hudson's Hope contribute a proportionate amount to overall expenses."

CARRIED

SR7 Tangible Capital Asset Grant (1855-04)

373/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council authorize administration to apply for an Infrastructure Planning Grant for the Tangible Capital Assets project."

CARRIED

SR8 Wildland Fire Protection (0540-20)

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- quote for the Cemetery Hill was reworked with the committee members at an estimated \$150,000.00;
- the Director of Works and Protective Services will be the site manger when TDB is in Hudson's Hope completing the work;
- landowners around the Cemetery Hill area should be advised of the work that will be taking place;
- grants will be applied for to cover the majority of the costs; and
- the committee will be looking at what should be done in Jamieson Woods now.

374/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council authorize up to \$40,000.00 to contract TDB Consulting of Prince George to complete removal of timber and debris on the Cemetery Hill in accordance with the Wildfire Protection Plan."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Fibre Backbone Connecting Hudson's Hope to Fort St. John

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- should enquire with BC Hydro and BCTC to see what equipment and/or routes we could use to install the fibre backbone;
- if tele-education and telemedicine are options then we should look for other organizations that could contribute;
- the consultant would drive the route and present a number of different scenarios and the costs associated for Council to consider;
- a tower may be installed at the Halfway River which could help with the cell phone service issues along the route to Fort St. John;
- although the route to Chetwynd would be less costly it makes more sense to go to Fort St. John because they still need to send a signal to Fort St. John which would add additional costs;
- the current route being considered to Fort St. John has a seven kilometre gap;
- fees to connect to the "outside world" would be paid by the service providing companies; and
- grants may be available through NDI Trust and the Administrator advised that there is a grant up to \$5,000.00 for Infrastructure planning for the proposed study and quote.

375/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council contract Westcan Tel Ltd. to conduct a feasibility study and cost estimate for a

broadband communication connection between Hudson's Hope and Fort St. John up to the amount of \$5,000.00 that staff be authorized to apply for an Infrastructure Planning Grant for this project."

CARRIED

CM2 Northwest Health Research Group Community Planning Workshop (0360-01)

Councillor Anderson submitted her report on the Northwest Health Research Group Community Planning workshop she attended. The five main areas of concern were: outdoor air quality, recruitment and retention, wellness of transient works, rural family and women's health, and knowledge translation. Another workshop will be held in January, 2009.

CM3 Cariboo Road Services Meeting (0360-01)

Councillor Johnson advised of his attendance at the Cariboo Road Services meeting. The following information was provided:

- purchased four new sand trucks, one new grader and one snow blower for the pine pass area;
- have a full crew this year as they have recruited workers from Mackenzie; and
- are using a new weather forecast system for the Hudson's Hope area.

CM4 Spirit of BC Events (0540-20)

Councillor Anderson advised that they will be having a literacy event in which residents can write about Northern lifestyles and what living in the North means.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 New Doctor (0400-80)

Mayor Harwood advised that Dr. Wright is proceeding with his proposal to come to Hudson's Hope with three doctors that would cover four days a week. They would look at expanding these hours if needed. The current doctor will be leaving on December 12, 2008.

NB2 Peace Glen Fire (7200-01)

Mayor Harwood expressed her thanks to the firemen and the ESS personnel for their work during the fire at the Peace Glen Hotel.

NB3 Meeting with Anemos Energy Corporation (0400-20)

The Deputy Clerk advised that an extension has been given for the referral from Front Counter BC with regards to Anemos Energy Corporation's proposal for a wind power investigation on Portage Mountain. A teleconference meeting will try to be scheduled for November 26, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

NB4 PEP Bank Account

Councillor Quibell questioned whether an account was set up at the North Peace Savings and Credit Union for PEP that was being unused and if this money could be turned over to another group.

DIARY

Diarized

**Last
Review/Action**

DY1 *Conventions/Conferences Holidays*
November 24 Meeting with IEXCO (Seismic)
November 24 Meeting with OGC
November 24 Council Meeting

	<i>November 26 November 26</i>	<i>Teleconference with Anemos Energy Meeting with BC Hydro</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>Oct 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)</i>		<i>October 2008</i>	<i>Completed</i>

ADJOURNMENT

376/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:20 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor