

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Acting Mayor Webster; Councillors Anderson, Johnson and Johansson  
**Staff:** C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** C. Mercereau, K. Michel, R. Peck, C. Stacey, R. Brown and B. Bach

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**DELEGATION**

**D1 Hudson's Hope Historical Society (6.4.3.1)**

Ross Peck advised Council of the Hudson's Hope Historical Society's proposal that will be submitted to the Economic Development Committee. They are requesting funds to host a workshop to address the future needs to house and display the museum collections. This workshop will bring together all the ideas of the members and of the public to try to decide on how to proceed. The facilitator will be Harry Parsons with Bufo Incorporated for the amount of \$3,900.00 plus taxes.

429/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council support the application as presented by the Hudson's Hope Historical Society and recommend that the Economic Development Commission approve the application."

CARRIED

**MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – October 22, 2007**

430/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held October 22, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

**M2 Special Meeting – October 26, 2007**

431/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the minutes of the special meeting held October 26, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

**M3 Special Meeting – October 26, 2007**

432/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That the minutes of the special meeting held October 26, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**B1 School District No. 60 – Community Connections Program (1.5.6)**

The Administrator advised that because the City of Fort St. John was unable to be the central booking agent for some of the projects being considered, which included the Cameron Lake Project, they were not included in the grant application. Council wanted to remind the School District that the Hudson's Hope School does the booking for the Cameron Lake Outdoor

Education Centre.

**B2 Kemano Plant (4.3.4)**

Councillor Johansson requested clarification on the use of the Kemano plant which will be provided at the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

433/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C12 be received."

CARRIED

**C1 Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources – Land Surface Impacts (4.3.4)**

Council requested that staff send a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to ask for assurance that the surface impacts will not increase as a result of the Zone Specific Retention.

**C2 Minister Ida Chong – The BC Asia Twinning Tool Kit**

**C3 City of Fort St. John – Provincial Energy Interpretive Centre (1.5.2.1)**

434/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council send a letter of support to the City of Fort St. John for the new Provincial Energy Interpretive Centre."

CARRIED

**C4 BC Hydro – Turn it Off Community Challenge Award (9.7.1.10)**

Councillor Webster advised that a Sustainability Committee is being formed with members from the community to decide on projects within the community. BC Hydro is willing to fund some of these projects in the "Join Team Power Smart" campaign. The first meeting of this committee will be held on Friday, November 23, 2007 at 1:45 at the District Office.

**C5 Association for Mineral Exploration – Mineral Exploration Roundup 2008 (4.3.4)**

**C6 Hudson's Hope Health Centre – Invitation (6.2.1.1)**

**C7 Fire Services Liaison Group – Fire Service Delivery (7.1)**

Council requested that the survey be given to Fire Chief to complete.

**C8 Community Futures – Northern Women's Symposium (4.1.4.2)**

435/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council support the Northern Women's Symposium and Aurora Awards of Distinction by donating a bronze sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00."

DEFEATED

with Councillors Webster, Anderson and Johansson voting against.

**C9 District of Chetwynd – Winter Lights Celebration (1.5.2.3)**

Council requested that staff send a PSA to advise residents on the events occurring in Chetwynd.

**C10 Adoptive Families Association of BC – Adoption Awareness Month (1.2.1.2)**

Acting Mayor Webster proclaimed the following:

436/07

"WHEREAS, adoptive families in British Columbia provide the love and support of a permanent family; and

WHEREAS, the government of British Columbia recognizes the care, compassion, and unselfish commitment of British Columbia adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a need for adoptive families to nurture the growth and development of children, especially those with special needs because of age, physical, mental, or emotional disabilities and sibling groups; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Councillor Terry Webster, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2007 as Adoption Awareness Month and remind the citizens during this time that there are many children in our province who need adoptive families."

CARRIED

Council requested that staff publish an article in the Bulletin with regards to Adoption Awareness Month.

**C11 Community Futures – Self Employment Benefit Program (4.1.4.2)**

437/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council send a letter of support for the Self Employment Program to Community Futures Development Corporation."

CARRIED

**C12 Oil and Gas Commission – Proposed Resource Development Guidelines (4.3.4.6)**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending November 3, 2007**

438/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$42,433.16 for the four-week period ending November 3, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary**

439/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the accounts payable reports for October 24, 2007 in the amount of \$85,610.00 and for November 6, 2007 in the amount of \$42,846.63 for a total of \$128,456.63 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 Revenue and Expense Report – October**

440/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council accept the Revenue and Expense Report for October."

CARRIED

**SR4 Visitor Centre Statistics (4.2.1.1)**

Council reviewed the statistics for the Visitor Centre for the 2007 season.

**SR5 Municipal Groundskeeper Report 2007 (6.6.1.11)**

The Administrator confirmed that the Groundskeeper will be given a budget for the 2008 flower order rather than tendering the bid.

**SR6 Meeting with Dr. Gilles Wendling (9.2.4)**

Council discussed whether the presentation from Dr. Wendling would be beneficial.

441/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the decision of whether to book Dr. Wendling to give a presentation be postponed until the meeting of November 26, 2007."

CARRIED

**SR7 Resource Development Guidelines (4.3.4.6)**

Council reviewed the letter from the Oil and Gas Commission regarding the resource development guidelines and decided on the following changes to the document:

- number 10 will now read "The District of Hudson's Hope supports the BC Energy Plan commitment to disallow surface disposal of produced CBM water."
- number 14 will now read "The District of Hudson's Hope supports coalbed methane well spacing being not more than one well per quarter section of land for production wells on privately owned agricultural and leased agricultural land unless the surface owner willingly agrees to more."

442/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council rescind the adopted Resource Development Policy adopted on October 22, 2007."

CARRIED

443/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council adopt the Resource Development Guidelines as amended."

CARRIED

**SR8 School District No. 60 – Cameron Lake Project (1.5.6)**

**SR9 Peace River Regional District Representation (1.5.3)**

444/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council appoint Mayor Harwood as the designate to serve on the Peace River Regional District Board."

CARRIED

445/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council appoint Councillor Kosolowsky as an alternate to serve on the Peace River Regional District Board."

CARRIED

Council requested that staff inquire about the status of rural directors concerns regarding the voting process.

**SR10 BC Hydro Generation Capacity (9.7.1)**

**SR11 Tobacco Free Zones (2.5 xref. 6.2)**

446/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council adopt the Tobacco Free Zones policy."

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CM1 Meeting with representatives from BC Hydro (9.7.1)**

Councillor Anderson commented that meetings with companies should have all Council members included if discussing issues that affect the community.

**CM2 Literacy Committee (6.4.2)**

Councillor Anderson advised of the newly formed Literacy Committee that will be looking at all different issues in the communities.

**CM3 Spirit of 2010 (1.7.8.8)**

Councillor Anderson informed Council that the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> would be the Spirit of 2010 Week. The proposed activities for Hudson's Hope are the Men's and Women's Bopsiel on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and then a Winter Celebration Day on February 16<sup>th</sup> which would include snowman making competitions, crib and chess games the curling club and lots of other activities for all ages to take part in. Falon Burkitt and Alyssa Huxley will be helping with the activities as they were part of the 2010 Summit Conference.

**CM4 Hackney Hills Environmental Assessment (9.7.5)**

Councillor Johansson is part of the Hackney Hills technical committee and they are currently requesting comments for the Terms of Reference. She advised of the following additions she would suggest:

- that an assessment of the short and long-term economic impacts of the project on the community and the region be included;
- that a tracking system for each section of the Terms of Reference be included to enable committee members to follow the progress of each item;
- that representation for user groups, such as recreational users and hunters be included; and
- that information be provided as to the multiplier being used to determine projected firm energy.

She asked Council if they had anything in addition to add. Council did not add anything else to her comments.

**CM5 Economic Development Commission (4.1.1.1)**

Councillor Johnson advised of his attendance at the strategic planning session. They discussed the possible sustainable developments that may occur, such as Site C, new communications, availability of industrial land, railway transportation, and secondary industry. They also discussed better reporting practices to the respective Councils.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Coalbed Methane Protests (4.3.4.4)**

Councillor Johnson stated that a submission has been made to the OGC by one or more local First Nations and is opposed to the development by Hudson's Hope Gas. Councillor Johnson was unable to get a copy from the OGC but was told that the concerns were of caribou habitat, traditional hunting grounds and water. The Administrator advised that she would make an FOI request to the OGC in an attempt to obtain the document, thus having all the facts prior to writing any letters in support of the development.

**NB2 Employees (3.2)**

The Administrator advised that Rhonda Reschke has now returned to work for half days.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

**PE1 Road Conditions (9.8.1)**

Clayton Stacey asked that Council send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation asking that they put concrete barriers on the side of the road at the bottom of the Watson Slough Hill where two accidents have occurred in the past week.

Bob Bach commented that the snowploughing between Moberly Lake and the Hudson's Hope Bridge had not been done and that he had required four-wheel drive to drive home on the road. He requested that we write a letter to Cariboo Road Services questioning why the road is not being ploughed.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays November 26 Meeting with Tembec November 26 Council Meeting November 27 Zoning Bylaw Open House November 28 Meeting with Urban Systems November 29 Site C Pre-Consultation Meeting</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>Unightly 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	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	
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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
DY13	<i>Trade, Investment &amp; 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**

447/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;

"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

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matters pertaining to personnel land issues. (7:47 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.]

**ADJOURNMENT**

448/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:02 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor