

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Stacey, Webster, Johnson, Quibell, and Summer
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, L. Fox, C. Lewis, P. Reed, L. Huxley, H. Huxley, R. Karst and B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

The Administrator called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

INAUGURAL PROCEEDINGS

IP1 Swearing in Ceremony

Pursuant to section 210 of the *Local Government Act*, the Administrator witnessed the Oath of Office for Mayor Karen Anderson and Councillors Clayton Stacey, Terry Webster, Darryl Johnson, Travous Quibell and Doug Summer.

Councillor Gwen Johansson had signed the Oath of Office in advance as she was not able to attend the inaugural meeting.

IP2 Mayor's Inaugural Address (0530-01)

Mayor Anderson gave her inaugural address a copy of which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes as Appendix "A".

IP3 Board Appointments (0530-01)

399/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Mayor Anderson be appointed as the Director and Councillor Johnson as the Alternate Director for the Peace River Regional District Board."
CARRIED

400/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council appoint Councillor Webster and Councillor Quibell as the alternate to the North Peace Economic Development Commission."
CARRIED

401/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That Council appoint Councillor Stacey as the alternate to the North Peace Airport Commission."
CARRIED

402/08 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council appoint Councillor Summer and Councillor Quibell as the alternate to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee."
CARRIED

Councillor Quibell excused himself from the meeting at 6:24 pm.

MINUTES

M1 Special Meeting – November 24, 2008 at 12:00 pm (0550-01)

403/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held November 24, 2008 at 12:00 pm be adopted."
CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – November 24, 2008 at 2:20 pm (0550-01)

404/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held November 24, 2008 at 2:20 pm be adopted."
CARRIED

M3 Special Meeting – November 24, 2008 at 5:00 pm (0550-01)

405/08 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held November 24, 2008 at 5:00 pm be adopted."
CARRIED

M4 Council Meeting – November 24, 2008 (0550-01)

406/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 24, 2008 be adopted."
CARRIED

M5 Special Meeting – November 26, 2008 (0550-01)

407/08 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 26, 2008 be adopted."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Oil and Gas Commission Questions (0400-20)

The Administrator advised that Corey Jonsson is currently working on getting the answers to all the questions asked during the meeting held on November 24, 2008.

B2 Tembec – 12 Mile Road (6660-20)

A meeting with Tembec, the Ministry of Forests and BC Hydro has been scheduled to discuss the cut blocks and dust control on 12 Mile Road for December 15, 2008 at 9:00 am.

B3 Speed Watch Program (0400-30)

Council questioned whether any volunteers have been using the radar board for the Speed Watch Program. The Administrator advised that she was not involved in the program, but would provide an update at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

408/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C5 be received."
CARRIED

C1 Peace River Regional District – Legislated and Bylaw Appointments (0400-50)

C2 Ministry of Health Services – Health Service Issues (0400-20)

Council requested that this information be forwarded to the Hudson's Hope Ambulance attendants.

C3 Ministry of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform – Mobile Business Licence and BizPaL (0400-20)

Council requested staff acquire more information on the BizPaL program and publish the information in the Bulletin. Councillor Johnson suggested taking this information to the Economic Development Commission for consideration.

C4 Anemos Energy Corporation – Wind Power Investigation (6660-20)

The Administrator will complete the referral and forward to FrontCounter BC. The comments will include the concerns with the investigative area overlapping the Hudson's Hope Ski Hill tenure area.

C5 ICT 2008 Summit (0390-01)

409/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council approve conference, travel and accommodation fees for Councillor Quibell to attend the ICT Summit from February 19 to 22, 2009 in Vancouver."

CARRIED

The Administrator will look into the cancellation policy for this conference to ensure that we will be refunded if attendance is not required pending the consultant's report.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending November 29, 2008 (1920-01)

410/08

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$31,901.56 for the two-week period ending November 29, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)

411/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That the accounts payable reports for November 27, 2008 in the amount of \$40,309.39 and for December 4, 2008 in the amount of \$26,040.55 for a total of \$66,349.94 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Proposed Increase to User Fees for 2009 (3900-20)

412/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give second and third readings and adopt the Sanitary Sewer Regulation Bylaw No. 757, 2008."

CARRIED

413/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council give second and third readings and adopt the Hudson's Hope Garbage Collection Bylaw No. 758, 2008."

CARRIED

414/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That Council give second and third readings and adopt the Hudson's Hope Water and Sewer Connection Line Service Bylaw No. 761, 2008."

CARRIED

415/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
 "That Council give second and third readings and adopt the Water Service Regulation Bylaw No. 762, 2008."

CARRIED

SR4 Council Meeting Schedule (0550-01)

416/08

Moved by Councillor Summer and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
 "That Council adopt the 2009 Council meeting schedule."

CARRIED

SR5 Advertising in the Bulletin (1475-01)

Councillor Webster suggested that the advertising restriction with respect to alcoholic beverages be removed as there are several businesses who would be disqualified from advertising.

417/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
 "That Council adopt the Bulletin Advertising Policy as amended."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**CM1 NRATHA Meeting (0360-01)**

Councillor Webster submitted her report on the NRATHA meeting held December 5 to 6, 2008. She outlined the following steps that the District should take to increase tourism in the community:

- meet with April Moi to discuss CTF/CTO plans;
- meet with Tim Bennett to discuss the recreation sites and trails;
- contact Anthony Everett from NBCTR to discuss the community website;
- do research into what other communities are doing to increase tourism and how they feel tourism is benefiting them; and
- determine what commitment we are willing to make to tourism regarding time and funding.

Councillor Johnson also discussed some ideas that would help promote tourism in the community. It was suggested that this issue be referred to the strategic planning session.

NEW BUSINESS**NB1 Strategic Planning (6430-01)**

Mayor Anderson stated her proposal for Council to develop a Strategic Plan for the community. Council agreed to begin work on this plan in early January, 2009.

NB2 Peace Basin Trust (0400-30)

Councillor Webster reminded Council of the Peace Basin Trust that was trying to be developed and suggested that Council try to push for this trust to benefit the communities that were affected by the construction of the WAC Bennett Dam and the Peace Canyon Dam. Mayor Anderson will take the information to the Peace River Regional District Board to see what can be done to help get the Peace Basin Trust developed.

NB3 Christmas Decorations

Councillor Anderson advised of the complaints she had received on the Christmas decoration signs that were installed the wrong way. This will be rectified next year.

NB4 Seniors Snow Plow (5400-11)

The Administrator advised that all seniors in the community who sign a waiver are eligible for snow plowing if they are within the municipality boundaries.

NB5 Meeting Times (0550-01)

Councillor Johnson asked that special meetings be scheduled later in the day or in the evening for those council members who work during the day. Councillor Webster also inquired about changing the regular meeting time from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Administrator advised that an amendment to the Council Procedure Bylaw would be needed to change the time and will bring this forward in January.

NB6 Gifts for Lenore Harwood and Sam Kosolowsky

418/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize up to \$800.00 to purchase a gift for both Lenore Harwood and Sam Kosolowsky for their time and commitment to the community over past years."

CARRIED

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Meeting with Tembec and the Ministry of Forests (0550-01)

Mrs. Fox was advised that all Council meetings are open to the public, including the meeting with Tembec and the Ministry of Forests on December 15, 2008.

PE2 Shell Canada Bulletin Contact (6660-20)

Randy Karst requested that the Shell Canada contact in the Bulletin be changed to his name and phone number.

DIARY

Diarized

**Last
Review/Action**

DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i>		
	<i>December 10 Meeting with Talisman</i>		
	<i>December 11 Meeting with Hudson's Hope Gas</i>		
	<i>December 15 Meeting with Tembec, Ministry of Forests and BC Hydro</i>		
	<i>December 16 Meeting with Minister Neufeld</i>		
	<i>December 18 Meeting with Ministry of Transportation</i>		
	<i>January 12 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>June 2007</i>
DY3	<i>Unsightly 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>	

ADJOURNMENT

419/08 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:09 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor

APPENDIX "A"

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Firstly, I'd like to welcome and congratulate Doug and Clayton - I know that you will bring your expertise and knowledge of this community to the table, to the re-elected councilors your election shows that you have received a vote of confidence from this community, we now have step up to the plate and show the electors that they made the right decision, it is now up to us to do what's right for this community and to work on their behalf for the next three years.

But ... Being elected is only the beginning we must now take this honour and represent the residents of this community to the best of our ability. When making decisions we must always think what is best for Hudson's Hope, and not what is best for us. Never lose sight of why we are here and who put us here.

To Lenore and Sam, thank-you for the time and commitment you have given this community. Between these two dedicated people they have given over 40 years and countless hours to the betterment of Hudson's Hope.

During the election we all heard loud and clear that affordable housing, our seniors, health, and the youth are issues that the community would like us to focus on. To do this I believe we need to get to work on a strategic plan. In consultation with business and the public we can build a vision for our community and put this plan into action.

There is a wide range of talent and expertise in this community and I will be calling upon community members to assist the council in some initiatives that will be identified in our strategic plan.

We will continue to work with industries that are working within the District to build positive relationships. We welcome all businesses to our community, for, as we all know business is what makes a community grow and prosper.

I am committed to having the medical services, including the ambulance and police fully serviced. This is a priority of mine and I hope the rest of council.

Finally, in these times of financial uncertainty less funding from the Provincial government may directly impact us, especially grants which communities rely on for infrastructure. Therefore this Council will have to come up with a workable budget, and keep focused on the looming financial crisis that is now barrelling down on all of Canada.

On the weekend I came across the following statement "Winning elected office is an honour, having the opportunity to shape one's community is the reward". This is our challenge for the next 3 years - to make Hudson's Hope safe, healthy, sustainable and affordable. We have our work cut out for us, so lets get started.

Mayor Karen Anderson