

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Quibell, Kosolowsky, Johnson and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; H. Micholuk, Office Assistant
Other: B. Bach, A. Purvis, C. Johnson, D. Arberry, Renee Mounteney and Allan Edgar, Ministry of Transportation

CALL TO ORDER

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

DELEGATION

D1 Ministry of Transportation – Maintenance Contract

Renee Mounteney and Allan Edgar from the Ministry of Transportation gave a presentation to Council on the Highway maintenance for Hudson's Hope. They discussed the following issues:

- Priorities of public safety, road and bridge infrastructure and the environment.
- Contract is a ten year term, and the contractor is responsible for quality control and quality assurance.
- Provided examples of routine activities that the contractor would perform.
- Discussed rehabilitation exclusions from maintenance contracts.
- Service levels and road classifications.
- Emphasis on new technology:
 - Weather and road condition forecasts.
 - New materials: liquid de-icers, pre-wetted abrasives.
 - Electronic/Internet based highway condition reporting www.DriveBC.ca.
- Audits performed by contractor and Ministry of Transportation, approximately two audits per year.
- Stakeholder concerns related to maintenance.

The following concerns and comments were raised up by Council:

- Additional dust control with calcium applications during the summer months on Beryl Prairie Road.
- Discussion regarding the effectiveness of salt under -6C weather conditions, using sand when conditions are colder.
- It was confirmed that the roads are annually updated in the Ministry of Transportation data base.
- Is the use of a contractor more cost-effective than providing these services with provincial staff.
- Update on the status of the bridge at Cache Creek, advertisement to tender is going out soon.
- Update on the material hauled to Farrel Creek, guard rail needs an adequate shoulder, confirmation that it will be corrected.
- Requested assurance that weeds such as camomile be dealt with prior to them going to seed.
- Discussion regarding the waste material from road excavation that is currently being dumped on the side of the road could be hauled to the gravel pit so that the land can be used for other purposes once the gravel pit is exhausted.
- Letting contractors know when the community is not satisfied with the road maintenance.

MINUTES

M1

Special Meeting – November 9, 2007

469/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That the minutes of the special meeting held November 9, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

M2

Council Meeting – November 26, 2007

470/07

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 26, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

M3

Special Meeting – November 28, 2007

471/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 28, 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1

BC Hydro – Recruitment of BC Hydro staff in Hudson’s Hope

The Administrator confirmed that the recent job postings were full time positions.

B2

Northern Health – Physiotherapist

Mayor Harwood advised that she would get more information on the number of patients that would need physiotherapy in Hudson’s Hope.

CORRESPONDENCE

472/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C9 be received.”

CARRIED

C1

Keepers of the Water – Keepers of the Athabasca vs. Tar Sands Project

Council requested that the Director of Works and Protective Services prepare a report on the water testing and results. They requested that mercury tests be completed before and after the water treatment project.

C2

The Harrison Energy Group Inc. – 2D Seismic Program

Councillor Johansson will give the Deputy Clerk a new contact name for seismic information.

C3

City of North Vancouver – Retaining and Expanding Market Rental Housing in the City of North Vancouver

C4

Human Resources and Social Development Canada – 2008 Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award

C5

BC Hydro – Peace River Site C Hydro Project

C6

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands – Growing Together, Farming in Partnership with Local Governments

C7

The Dimestore Fishermen – TV Program

Councillor Johnson will research this program to see whether there are people in the community willing to share the costs, as he believes that this would be good advertisement for the community. He will be looking to see if the Tourism/Economical grant would cover any costs that may be associated.

C8

Henry Giesbrecht – Hudson's Hope Transfer Station

473/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council refer this item to the in-camera portion of the meeting."

CARRIED

C9

Jay Hill, MP - Invitation

STAFF REPORTS

SR1

Payroll Summary Ending December 3, 2007

474/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$20,810.19 for the two-week period ending December 1, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2

Accounts Payable Summary

475/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the accounts payable reports for November 30, 2007 in the amount of \$33,343.19 and for December 5, 2007 in the amount of \$26,394.56 for a total of \$59,737.75 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3

Revenue and Expense Report

476/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the revenue and expense report for November, 2007 be received."

CARRIED

SR4

Application for Robert and Jessica Kelly to subdivide land within the Agricultural Land Reserve for the purpose of providing one additional residential lot

477/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council recommend the Agricultural Land Commission approve the application to subdivide Legal Subdivision 8 of Section 14, Township 81, Range 26, W6M, Peace River District, except Plan H830, (PID: 016-044-444) for the purpose of providing one additional residential lot."

CARRIED

SR5

2008 CAO Forum

478/07

Council requested that the funds come from the 2008 budget.

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize disbursement of funds from the 2008 budget for conference fees, accommodation and travel to Kamloops for the CAO Forum for Carolyn Bonnick."

CARRIED

SR6

Community Foundation

Council requested that staff get more information on what the other communities are contributing to the foundation.

SR7

Notifications from Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd.

Council requested a letter be sent with regards to the depths of disposal wells and whether they are below the water levels, what types of materials are used in the casing for disposal wells and what the disposed water consists of.

SR8

Northern Trust Crown Land Proposal

Council decided that there were no urgent needs.

SR9

Tobacco Control Act and Regulations

SR10

Proposed Increase to User Fees

The Administrator advised that the new fees for the arena, pool and campgrounds would be forth coming in the new year.

479/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give first reading to the Water Regulation and Connection Amendment Bylaw No. 738, 2007."

CARRIED

with Councillor Kosolowsky OPPOSED

480/07

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council give first reading to the Sanitary Sewer Regulation and Connection Amendment Bylaw No. 739, 2007."

CARRIED

with Councillors Kosolowsky and Johnson OPPOSED

481/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council give first reading to the Garbage Collection Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 740, 2007."

CARRIED

with Councillor Kosolowsky OPPOSED

Council discussed a system to be used at the transfer site to identify people who have not paid to use the site and requested staff to report on the use of stickers.

SR11

Snow Clearing Policy Proposed Amendment

482/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the Council adopt the Sidewalk Clearing and Snow Removal policy as amended."

CARRIED

SR12

Emergency Program Coordinator – Contract Renewal

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize the Administration to negotiate a contract with Kim Stacey for the purpose of providing services as the Emergency Program Coordinator for the District of Hudson's Hope for a one year term."

CARRIED

NB1

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Leave

483/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council authorize Councillor Webster's absence from Council meetings from January 19th to March 31st, 2007."

CARRIED

NB2

Conference Calls

Council agreed that conference calls could be done for Councillors who were away but were willing to call in to be part of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1

BC Hydro

Councillor Johansson advised that Jack Weisgerber has resigned from the Peace Williston Advisory committee.

CM2

2010 Celebrate Winter

Councillor Anderson advised that the meeting for the 2010 Celebrate Winter would be going ahead in January, 2008.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1

Chlorine Injection Sites

Mr. Bach requested information on the level of chlorine in the municipal water supply as he believes it is stronger in areas close to the injection site and wanted to confirm that the new filtration system will address this problem.

Some members of Council believe that Mr. Bach's statement was correct but requested a report from the Director of Works and Protective Services for the next meeting.

PE2

Garbage Pickup

Mr. Arberry requested information on the percentage of garbage that is for pickup and disposal. He suggested limiting the amount of bags for pickup.

The Administrator confirmed that the amount of garbage is half and half for pickup and disposal.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays December 13 Pre-Consultation for Site C</i>		
DY2	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>July 2007</i>
DY3	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
DY4	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY5	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	
DY6	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	

DY7

Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

February 2007

DY8

BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations

May 2007

DY9

Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement

May 2007

DY10

Minister of Small Business and Revenue

August 2007

DY11

*Smart Growth BC – "A Legal Review of the Question of
"Community Need"*

August 2007

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

484/07

"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 issues. (7:58p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 8:23p.m.]

ADJOURNMENT

485/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:23 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor