

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Webster, Johnson, Johansson, Quibell and Summer
Staff: Charles Nash, Administrator; Vikki Bochon, Deputy Clerk and M. Carter, Director of Public Works
Other: Bob Bach, Cindy Lewis and Darren Woroshelo, RCMP Corporal

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Minutes – November 23, 2009 (0550-01)

355/09

M/S Councillors Johansson and Webster;
"The minutes of the Council meeting held November 23, 2009 be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Special Events Coordinator – Greta Goddard (8100-01)

Council received an informational report from the Special events Coordinator, Greta Goddard in regards to the Winter Carnival.

SR2 Info Center – Kathy Burseth (6900-01)

Council received an informational report from the Manager of the Info Center, Kathy Burseth regarding the Center's yearend.

SR3 Water Treatment Upgrade Phase 1-Administrator (5330-20)

The Mayor requested the Administrator to speak to his recommendation. Discussion ensued, with Councillor Webster and Johansson expressing concern over Council not reviewing the RFP's submitted by each firm and adding their individual input. It was suggested that Mr. Locher was hired for this task and Council should trust his recommendation as well as staff's. There was a motion put on the table at this time.

356/09

M/S Councillors Webster and Johansson;

"That Council have the material from the RFP's be made available to review and that Council have a Special Council Meeting on the evening of December 16th for discussion."

DEFEATED

With Councillors Johnson, Quibell and Summer opposed

It was clarified, that Council would be awarding only the Review Phase 1 at a total cost of \$37,900 + GST and not the entire contract. The recommendation was brought back to the table.

357/09

M/S Councillors Johnson and Quibell;

“That Council award the contract for Engineering Services for the New Water Treatment System to Focus Engineering of Fort St. John.”

And further that: “Focus Engineering be authorized to proceed with the Review Phase 1 immediately at a total cost not to exceed \$37,900 + GST. Phase 1 review to be completed no later than March 1st, 2010.

CARRIED

Councillors Johansson and Webster opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1

Mayors Challenge for High On Ice – Ice Carving Competition (0400-50)

358/09

M/S Councillors Webster and Summer;

“That Council approach Kasper Michel on attending and competing in the High on Ice , Ice Carving Competition on behalf of the District of Hudson’s Hope Council.”

And that: “Council cover his expenses for accommodations and dinner.”

CARRIED

C2

Hudson’s Hope Minor Hockey Pre-Novice Tournament – Request for donation 1770-01)

359/09

M/S Councillors Johnson and Summer;

“That Council donate \$200.00 to the Hudson’s Hope Minor Hockey Pre-Novice Tournament to help with ice time, referees and trophies.”

CARRIED

Council would like staff to advise Minor Hockey this is against our current policy and that future requests must be brought forward as a grant application to the budget meeting in the New Year.

C3

Northern Development Initiative Trust (0360-01)

C4

Transportation and Highways 0400-20)

C5

District of Mackenzie (0400-50)

360/09

M/S Councillors Quibell and Johnson;

“That Council request a letter sent in support for the need of filling the position of the Regional Geologist.”

CARRIED

C6

BCACA - BC Activity Coordinator’s Association (0360-01)

C7 Alliance for Arts and Culture (0360-01)

360/09 M/S Councillors Johansson and Webster:

"That Council request a letter of protest sent to the premier regarding cuts to cultural funding grants."

CARRIED

C8 City of Vancouver – Provincial Funding Assistance to the Arts (0400-50)

Council suggested the City of Vancouver be copied on the letter generated above in C7.

C9 Northern Winter Games Society (0230-01)

C10 Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Service (0400-01)

Council requested a letter of thanks be sent to UBCM for the funding.

C11 Hudson's Hope School – Request for donation (1770-01)

361/09 M/S Councillors Webster and Summer:

"That Council request a letter sent to Mr. Derrek Beam regretting to inform him the District is unable to help at this time, this is against our current policy and that future requests must be brought forward by way of a grant application to the budget in (February) the New Year. Advise Mr. Beam to provide the financials at that time.

CARRIED

C12 2010 Legacies Now (0540-20)

C13 Ministry of Housing and Social Development (0400-20)

Council requested a letter be sent to the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development to follow up on a meeting they had at UBCM.

C14 City of Burnaby (0400-50)

362/09 M/S Councillor Johnson and Summer;

"That a Letter of Support be sent to the City of Burnaby from the District of Hudson's Hope."

CARRIED

C15 Ministry of Health Services (0400-80)

C16 North Central Local Government Association (0400-40)

363/09 M/S Councillors Webster and Summer;

"That Council support Diane's Ray of Hope Benefit Dance and Silent Auction by way of donation for the Silent Auction not to exceed \$300.00."

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 NPEDC Committee Meeting Report (0360-01)

364/09

M/S Councillors Webster and Summer;

"That the District of Hudson's Hope commit to applying for an NDI Trust Grant, Writer's Grant in January of 2010."

CARRIED

CR2 Peace River Advisory Committee (0360-01)

Councillor Johansson spoke on the PWAC meeting she attended on December 7, 2009. In attendance was the usual BC Hydro representatives (Bruce Misewich, Dave Conway and Dan Bouillon), as well as Vice President Susan Yerkovitch and the Executive of Environment and Social Issues, Edie Thome. They spoke on various issues, but two issues of particular interest to Council were Boat Launches and Visioning Process.

CR3 Tembec Meeting (6660-20)

Councillor Johansson reported on a Tembec meeting she and Councillor Summer attended November 13, 2009. Tembec's purpose of holding the meeting was to fulfill suggestions emanating from an audit done by the Forestry Stewardship Council, which is the certifying agency for forest companies seeking to get sustainability certification.

CR4 LRMP Meeting (6440-01)

Councillor Summer reported on a meeting he attended with the LRMP on November 26, 2009.

CR5 PRRD Meeting (0400-50)

Mayor Anderson reported on a meeting she attended with the Peace River Regional District on December 11, 2009. She expressed her concerns that the board was prepared to vote on a recommendation to have a highway constructed from Chetwynd to connect to the Alaska Highway, just north of Taylor. She voted against this with Dawson Creek siding with her. The recommendation was changed to read, the Regional Board look at a feasibility study of constructing this highway. More information will be updated as she receives it.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Fallen Logs Behind the Sportsman Inn

Councillor Johnson commented on the trees that were cut down by the District two years ago located on the hill behind the Sportsman Inn. The purpose of fallen these trees was they were a potential liability and once cut down they could easily be cut into pieces and made available for public use. The trees lay on District property but in order to access them by vehicle, the access is owned by a resident, who will not allow access. At this point the logs are now rotten and no good for firewood. Councillor Johnson asked if staff could look into having displaced forest workers or someone else come in to clean this area up, as it is eye sore. The Administrator will be looking into this.

NB2 Senior Snow Removal

Councillor Johnson requested that this issue be dealt with early in the New Year. A plan or policy needs to be put in place before the next snow season.

NB3 Airport Activity

The Director of Public Works informed Council that at this time the Hudson's Hope Airstrip has regular activity. Oil and Gas Companies have a regular scheduled flight coming into the Air Strip weekly.

DIARY

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**Last
Review/Action**

Conventions/Conferences Holidays

*December 14 Council Meeting
December 24 District Office closes @ Noon for Xmas break
January 4 District Office reopens after Xmas break
January 11 Council Meeting
January 25 Council Meeting*

DY1	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY2	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY3	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY4	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY5	<i>Community Futures – REDI-BC Funding</i>	<i>June 2009</i>	
DY6	<i>Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity</i>	<i>July 2009</i>	

ADJOURNMENT

365/09

M/S Councillors Summer and Johnson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:41 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Deputy Clerk

Mayor