

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007 AT 4:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Johansson, Stacey and Kosolowsky  
**Staff:** B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** K. Lund, P. Gunderson, T. Peck, R. Brown, C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, R. Ardill, S. Blackley and A. Watson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with Mayor Harwood presiding.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Outcome of Resource Development Meeting of February 3, 2007**

Councillor Anderson commented on the letter sent by Mr. Montgomery regarding some businesses being allowed to speak at the meeting held February 3, 2007. She agreed that the meeting was to hear from tenure holders and then to consult with the businesses at a later date. Councillor Kosolowsky made a comment that motions need to be made and followed so there will be no confusion on what will be occurring at meetings.

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- the meeting turned out to be a complaint session;
- the issues brought forward by agriculture members, such as wildlife, subdivision and stack yard, will need to be dealt with by other levels of government and the only help that Council could provide would be to write letters to the respective sections of government;
- members of public were disappointed with the meeting as nothing seemed to come from it;
- the main concern most tenure holders have is not enough communication;
- a policy needs to be developed;
- an ongoing plan be developed and regularly updated;
- the new policy include the same setbacks as the regional district has set out for the sour gas wells;
- the policy should include issues such as right-of-ways, communication with Council and stakeholders and setbacks for rural and urban areas;
- agriculture members who requested a new committee be formed be asked to speak to the Custodians as they are basically our agricultural committee;
- there is time to do planning as Hudson's Hope Gas will not begin development (if any) until 2008 and Dehua will not begin mining (if any) for quite a few years;
- another meeting be held to hear from businesses.

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Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council send a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources requesting that they proceed with tenure sales in the District of Hudson's Hope and that Council will have the right to review these tenure sales on a case by case basis."

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- to see if it would be possible for Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd. to have a feasible program by using only crown land and the current private land tenures only;

- that Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd. has been doing lots of researching and would probably be putting their wells where they believed they would get the most gas;
- that planning should be done before we send a letter to allow tenure sales to continue;
- setbacks from the Beryl Prairie subdivision will need to be discussed;
- that input from the landowners needs to be considered;
- that Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd. has been doing an excellent job and has been easy to negotiate with; therefore, we should allow tenure sales to continue and continue to negotiate to have everyone's rights considered;
- that Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd. may not always hold the tenure and it may end up in the hands of someone who won't consider the wants and needs of everyone involved.

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Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council table resolution 050/07."

DEFEATED

With Mayor Harwood, Councillors Anderson, Johnson and Stacey voting against.

Further discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- that the policy include a statement that any development within our boundaries needs stakeholder consultation;
- that consultation be done before the sale of tenures when possible;
- that restrictions on roads be dealt with;
- that a meeting with stakeholders who can bring positive ideas be held;
- that bylaws dealing with noise and roads be reviewed and any other bylaws Council wishing to be made be brought forward to staff.

The MOTION was then PUT and CARRIED

With Councillors Webster and Johansson voting against.

Council will bring their ideas to staff at the Council Meeting of Monday, February 12, 2007 for them to draft a policy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (4:48 p.m.)

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Clerk

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Mayor