

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present    **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Kosolowsky and Johansson  
              **Staff:**     Becky Pringle, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**FINANCIAL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society**

Mr. Peressini was present in support of the application and stated the following:

- the grant amount of \$14,000.00 will cover mostly operating costs;
- they would like to pressure wash the exterior of the building;
- as the sewer is not up to code it will need to be fixed;
- the BBQ will need to be converted from natural gas to propane; and
- emergency lighting is not working.

Council questioned the situation with the kitchen and also discussed rental fees.

Councillor Anderson stated she had a conflict of interest as she is employed by the Hudson's Hope Public Library and left the meeting.

**Hudson's Hope Public Library**

Mrs. Bashforth and Mr. Lindsay were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- the grant amount is a 3.5% increase from the 2006 funding;
- staff wages and staff hours have both increased;
- the libraries in the region are forming a federation which will enable them to receive more funding;
- discussed the BC One Card, the Provincial Book Grant and the Technical Grant;
- discussed the wording of "sick leave" funds;
- explained that the wages for the new position are less but will be offset by training required;
- they have increased the hours of some positions to keep people up to date with information and encourages people to continue working at the Library;
- they explained the new online search systems that they will be looking at purchasing;
- they explained the pilot project of other libraries becoming the acting government agents; and
- they advised that they also need the parking lot size increased, a sidewalk up to the Library and chinking of the building; these issues are being dealt with already in the municipal budget.

Councillor Anderson returned to the meeting.

### **Hudson's Hope Historical Society**

Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Lavallee and Mr. Peck were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- they advised that they have applied for a grant with BC Hydro for a project to digitize photographs;
- they advised they have applied for the Young Canada Works Student Funding Grant to be able to hire students for the summer months;
- an archival assessment will be done this year;
- the electrical in the building will need to be redone;
- a policy will be developed during the coming year;
- retired residents will be recruited to do some volunteer work at the museum if available;
- training for the new coordinator may be done via the internet to save some costs;
- the gift shop will be downsizing (the gift shop brought in approximately \$5000.00 in revenue last year);
- will be having someone come in to take a look at their financial situation;
- if the Young Canada Works Student Funding is not received they will have one full time position and one part-time position, plus they will have to decrease the hours of operation;
- they advised they may need an advance of the funds.

### **The Arts & Cultural Society on the Edge**

Mrs. Ward and Mr. Lindsay were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- they advised they got approved for the job creation grant; however they have not received any applications yet;
- the job creation grant is a 52-week program and offers fulltime employment for one EI eligible person and part time employment for a supervisor;
- they plan to have two large events each year (an Arts Week and Pie a la Mode weekend);
- Mayor Harwood advised that they could receive funding from the Spirit of 2010 Week grants;
- they advised that they are partnering with other art groups in the community such as the theatre group;
- they are also looking at doing youth programs; and
- a cultural scan will be done to see if any cultural events could be held.

### **Hudson's Hope Music Festival**

Mrs. Adams was present in support of the application and stated the following:

- she advised that they had applied for a grant with BC Hydro but had not heard back from them;
- advertising has increased drastically because they want to do more advertising in the newspapers and on the radio stations to attract more spectators;
- stage maintenance will include painting;
- although they do not pay any bands, they do pay for food and sometimes lodging;
- fence panels need to be rented and gas supplied to whomever picks them up from Dawson Creek;
- insurance has decreased as they have shopped around and found a cheaper deal; and
- the new insurance will allow them to hire security locally which may cost less.

### **Reviving the Spirit Community Theatre**

Mrs. Bolliger was present in support of the application and stated the following:

- advised that their missions are to bring live theatre to the community, enhance growth and potential of the society, form a society with longevity, provide members with an opportunity to cultivate a hobby and build skills, and offer workshops to members;
- she advised of their accomplishments to date, which included two plays performed last year and their current play they are rehearsing for which will be presented locally and at the Zones in Fort St. John;
- they have partnered with Theatre BC, School Drama Club, TACSOTE, and Stage North;
- they plan to produce a new play this year, attend a workshop sponsored partly by Theatre BC, and attend workshops at the Zones;
- the funding will assist with the upcoming projects; and
- they explained that the venue fees include dress rehearsals.

### **Red River Metis Society of Hudson's Hope**

Mr. Wilmet and Mr. Martin were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- they currently have 28 adult and 20 children members;
- the funding will help members get education;
- there are 10 to 15 members wanting to take course which will include first aid, simply accounting, computer skills, chainsaw handling, and traffic control;
- for every 10 Metis taking courses they will offer a course to one non-Metis;
- the society will also help local entrepreneurs;
- some of the funds will assist with members attending an aboriginal event;
- they explained that the records for the past years have been misplaced and new record keeping being done;
- Council advised that federal and provincial funding should be available for this type of group; as well funding is available through Community Futures and NENAS.

### **Double H Saddle Club**

Mrs. Milliken and Mrs. Bairstow were present in support of the application and stated the following:

- they went through their 2007 projects; paint all outbuildings, paint all pipe fences, rebuild new announcers booth and stairway, replace broken windows, build horse shelters in infield for winter boarding, fix water line for winter use, build new horse pens, new electrical waterers, and upgrade electrical panel to handle more usage;
- they discussed the rental fees for boarding horses at the grounds;
- they advised that the grandstands are completed, although in the future they may want to put a roof on them;
- they discussed membership dues, and their current member count is approximately 8 families and 10 individuals;
- they discussed the 2006 projects that were completed;
- their top three projects are announcer booth, new horse pens with shelters and electrical panel;
- they discussed clinics are how the fees are determined.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor