

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M.

Present **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Johansson and Webster
Staff: C. Bonnicks, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Others: Joan Chess, Fraser Basin Council

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the special meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

SMART PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES

Joan Chess from the Fraser Basin Council gave a presentation to Council on Smart Planning for Communities. The following information was provided:

- the gas tax funding that is received now requires communities to do sustainability planning;
- she discussed how the Fraser Basin Council was formed and the representatives that sit on the Council, which include three federal, three provincial, eight local government, eight First Nations, ten public, three from the Basin and a chair;
- the Council is funded by the provincial and federal governments;
- communities need to make new plans the deal with the climate and economy changes that are occurring;
- need to look at the current needs of the community, as well as those of the children and grandchildren of the community;
- need balance between the aspects of the economy, social, cultural, and environmental well being;
- discussed the principles of smart planning which include long term thinking, being broad in scope, integration, collaboration, public engagement, education, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- there are different types of plans that can apply to the sustainability principles;
- reasons why to complete this planning is to address any conflicting goals, set priorities and focuses, help align whole organization, measure and show commitment, reduce any uncertainty, and honour commitments;
- the new Bill 27 requires the OCP's to have information on how they plan to reduce greenhouse gases;
- there are different frameworks that can also be used such as Smart Growth BC, Natural Step, "PLUS" Planning Cycle, AUMA – Planning Framework, Earth Carter International, and Comprehensive Community Planning;
- the first step in completing this planning process would be to complete a community assessment to determine what the communities visions and goals are, adopt a framework to follow, then to prioritize everything that has been determined and take action;
- other communities that have completed this planning are Rossland, Dawson Creek, and Ladysmith; and
- the funding can be applied for through the UBCM Gas Tax and other funding sources.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor