

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
FINANCIAL PLAN MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

Present **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Webster, Johnson, Kosolowsky, Quibell and Johansson
 Staff: Carolyn Bonnicks, Administrator; Mike Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services; Rhonda Reschke, Deputy Treasurer; and Becky Mercereau, Deputy Clerk

BUDGET REVIEW

Ms. Reschke and Mr. Ryder reviewed the 2008 Proposed Budget. Council reviewed the proposed budget and the questions from Council were answered as follows:

- the issue of shutting down the Cameron Lake Campground will need to be discussed further;
- the prior year surplus number will change, as the correct figures have not been calculated yet;
- inside employees wages have increased to allow for a full-time employee to complete the project for Tangible Capital Assets;
- a vacuum be added to the custodian expenses;
- funds have been added to office supplies for the new payroll system implementation;
- it was suggested that a new IT account be formed and \$10,000.00 be placed into that account;
- staff training has increased to allow for Rhonda Reschke and Johanna Dupuis to attend training for MAIS;
- hearing tests need to be performed this year for the General Trades staff;
- the drainage at the back steps to the Council Chambers will need to be addressed;
- the Bulletin/Wages account should include the paper and copying charges for producing the Bulletin;
- removed funding for the BC Ambulance Services grant-in-aid;
- the MEP coordinator did not submit the budget, therefore, it was decreased as she did not use the estimated budget from last year;
- workshop time cards should be updated to allow employees to complete them more accurately;
- expenses for the sweeper will be for parts and new sweeper brooms;
- some of the street lights in Beryl Prairie can be removed as there are no children at those houses anymore waiting for the school bus;
- a quote for airport surfacing was approximately 3 million dollars, the Director of Works and Protective Services advised that there may be grants available to help with this project;
- the quote from Pembina is required for the Energy Plans and Projects account;
- it was requested that a separate account be made for the Pine Beetle and Wildfire Plan with an amount of \$50,000.00;
- the Community Development Project account was decreased to \$10,000.00;
- it was discussed whether the Hudson's Hope sign on Highway 97 should be removed, Council requested that staff consult with Moberly Lake residents who also advertise on this sign and who contributed to the initial cost;
- this sign on Highway 97 could be placed in a different spot and it was suggested that the sign in Chetwynd be kept at the current location;
- discussed the flower beds and lighting around the new entrance signs be added as

- a capital project;
- the groundskeeper expenses will include trees and flowers to be purchased by the Groundskeeper directly;
- the Administrator advised that a computer for the Visitor Centre may be looked at next year as she is currently looking at replacing all the computers in the office;
- Councillor Webster discussed purchasing a video clip on Hudson's Hope for tourism promotion;
- the Director of Works and Protective Services recommended developing an incentive program for the pool employees to help with the costs of reserting their courses each year;
- it was suggested that the office renovation project and the recycle oil shed be contracted out;
- quotes for the two new pick-ups are coming from Toyota and Chevrolet; however, the Toyota vehicle has better mileage;
- the pressure washer will have a seven year warranty;
- the new edger at the Arena will be battery operated;
- the float amount was decided at \$10,000.00, however, more discussion will need to be done to come up with a concept for the float;
- the vacuum at the pool is needing to be replaced;
- it was decided that the chain link fence at King Gething be taken down;
- it was suggested that staff sandblast the paint off the rocks at the Alwin Holland Park, and to check with the Ministry of Environment prior to this project to confirm that that this will be allowed to be done so close to the water;
- it was suggested that staff look at using pine wood or broken telephone poles from BC Hydro to build the picnic table tops;
- the sidewalk from Ross Street to Ardill Avenue should be completed this year and the Director of Works and Protective Services has been speaking with the landowner between these two streets to see if the sidewalk can be placed on that land;
- it was also suggested that staff speak with BC Hydro about removing the support wire from the telephone pole at the corner of Ross Street and Highway 29 in order to construct the trail between Ross Street and Ardill Avenue;
- the amount to open the arena early would be approximately \$10,000.00 depending on when the proposed opening date; and
- a grant has been applied for to help with the costs of new lagoon aerators.

ADJOURNMENT

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor