

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Present    **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Stacey, Johnson and Quibell  
              **Staff:**    C. Bonnicks, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
              **Others:**    Sue Kenney, Community Futures Peace Liard

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Anderson called the special meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Sue Kenney from Community Futures Peace Liard gave a presentation to Council on an Economic Development Strategy for Hudson's Hope. The following information was provided:

- she discussed the strategy that was completed for Pouce Coupe and the great success and projects that have been completed since the strategy was developed;
- discussed the funding from NDI Trust in the amount of \$30,000.00 which can be applied for without a project outline and then after completion the District would have to report back on what they have done;
- Community Futures has offered to contribute \$22,500.00 in the form of in kind contributions and cash contributions to develop the plan;
- a remaining \$5,000.00 would need to be provided by Hudson's Hope;
- a team of consultants would come to Hudson's Hope and first talk with Mayor and Council about their vision, the lay of the land, the economy and much more;
- the consultants would also have meetings with the community, which they would coordinate, to find out their visions and issues;
- they will work to get everyone involved and interested in the project;
- one on one interviews with specific community members will also be conducted;
- once the plan is in place they can help with marketing packages for Hudson's Hope;
- the information that comes out of the plan will be recommendations that can actually be used in Hudson's Hope and have some smaller projects that can be completed immediately to ensure that the community sees progress;
- the consultants will need information from Hudson's Hope prior to the meetings, which can include old studies, visions, the OCP, and anything else that could provide them with information;
- the entire project will likely take six months to complete; and
- if Council would like to proceed with this project they will need to have a resolution to authorize proceeding with the project and budget \$5,000.00.

Council members made the following comments:

- to get an additional \$5,000.00 grant from NDI Trust, Hudson's Hope needs to team up with another community, this could be done in conjunction with the broadband extension project that can be part of the economic development strategy;
- some problems in Hudson's Hope are along the main highway with older run down houses, the trailer court and cleaning up the ditches, all of which can be put into the plan; and
- discussed incentive programs to get businesses or home owners to revitalize their

properties.

Mayor Anderson advised that they will decide whether to proceed with the project during the next regular meeting on April 14, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor