

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
FINANCIAL PLAN MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Ms. Reschke and Mr. Ryder reviewed with Council the 2007 Proposed Budget. Council reviewed the proposed budget and questions from Council were answered as follows:

- Reservoir grant from BC Hydro has been increased this year;
- prior year surplus is \$96,454.00
- the proceeds from borrowing from the Twelve Mile Road may decrease once all calculations are complete; all residents will pay for the clearing payments, either by a lump sum or on their taxes;
- numbers for School and Police taxes have still not been received;
- the "bolded" accounts are new accounts that were added;
- the Survey/Mapping/GIS/Portage Rd survey costs are to resolve the closure of Portage road, surveying the road used to access the Herbison property and for payment of mapping services from the Peace River Regional District;
- a new zoning bylaw will be completed this year;
- Visitor Centre hours have just been received from the Supervisor and have not been reflected in the numbers;
- the Curling Club Grant in Aid is the amount the District will contribute to the construction;
- the office renovations will give more privacy to ICBC customer purchasing insurance;
- Council requested that staff get prices for a screen, projector, bulletin board, microphones and overlay mapping for the Council relocation project;
- the suggested areas for paving are Matt Boe Avenue, Ferguson Street or Carter Street;
- road repair in the Beryl Prairie Subdivision is expected within the next couple of years;
- Council suggested that if paving companies are in Hudson's Hope, that we try and pave more, as it would reduce costs;
- a grant application has been made for the wheelchair access at the library;
- the sidewalk money is to pay the second instalment for the sidewalk on Beattie Drive;
- the paving of the Ross Street sidewalk will be completed;
- the plow truck has been leased for \$40,000.00 per year, but is only budgeted for \$20,000.00 because the truck will not arrive until the summer;
- the snow blower attachment will help with the sidewalks in the winter;
- the Prius hybrid car will be used by Council and staff when out of town travel is required;
- the arena lighting upgrade will be completed with half as many white lights;
- rental of a floor scrubber is only available from Prince George or Grande Prairie;
- Council suggested that staff ask BC Hydro whether they would be willing to rent their scrubber to the arena twice a year;

- a PA system and microphone at the score box are suggested to be installed;
- the Beattie Irrigation installation has been decreased because staff were able to find another company from Calgary to install for much less;
- the main entrance sign budget was increased in case Council decides to purchase the rock signs;
- bear proof garbage cans will be placed at the cemetery and the parks;
- it was suggested by the Director of Works and Protective Services that a couple of picnic tables made of recycled plastic be purchased prior to replacing all tables to see how well they hold up;
- the lagoon aerators should resolve odour problems;
- it was suggested that staff look at different types of aerators to purchase;
- the tourism coordinator job will be approximately two days a month, however they will only count as four extra days for this year, Council can look at this issue next year;
- the Clarke Avenue sewer study will be completed and then a local improvement petition will need to pass prior to construction;
- staff may bring some items to Council for pre-approval;
- an application will be made for a community wildfire protection program which will identify pine beetle infested areas and make recommendations on how to address them from a wildfire perspective;
- money for a donation for the x-ray machine can be taken from the Misc. Grants account;
- a donation for Abbeyfield Houses was brought up, but Council decided that funding for senior housing projects should be for local projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor