

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2008 AT 8:30 A.M.**

Present    **Council:** Councillors Webster, Anderson, Kosolowsky, Johnson and Johansson  
              **Staff:**    M. Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services; and B. Mercereau,  
                                Deputy Clerk  
              **Others:**  C. Lewis, R. Jackson, L. Summer, R. Karst, K. Lund, P. Gunderson, R.  
                                Tremblay and B. Webster

**CALL TO ORDER**

**NB1        Annual Report**

Council reviewed the Annual Report and discussed the following items:

- the wording in the Message from the Mayor with regards to the proposed Site C project and the possibility of underground coal mines was discussed and it was agreed that it should be left the same;
- as changes are still being made to the Resource Development document, concerns were raised that it was not officially completed; however, Council agreed that it is a living document that is complete but that can be changed;
- it was requested that staff research whether the new Lynx Creek Boat Launch is the responsibility for the District to maintain as this was not Council's intent; and
- questions regarding the tax exemptions for the Rod and Gun Club and the Ski Club were raised and deferred to the next Council meeting.

226/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council adopt the Annual Report for 2008."

CARRIED

227/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council adopt the Financial Statements for 2008."

CARRIED

**NB2        Proposed Oil and Gas Dispositions for July, 2008**

Council advised that they wanted to add caveats to the proposed disposition scheduled for July 16, 2008 on the parcels located on the Northern boundary of the District. A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- the rights being sold to these parcels are not for all of the zones;
- the Hudson's Hope Gas already owns tenure at the confluences of Brenot and Lynx Creeks;
- the policy stated by the Minister with regards to spacing of the coalbed methane wells should be reiterated;
- should ask that companies coordinate with each other to reduce the impacts on land and that water disposal wells be shared when possible;
- the current Hudson's Hope Resource Policy states the concerns Council has, although the main concerns should be put into the form of caveats;
- protection of surface and groundwater is a major concern;
- discussed the cattle and wildlife affects on the water;
- the surface land within these parcels should be used primarily for agriculture use as

- it is in the Agricultural Land Reserve;
- if more than seven hectares of the total use of land is being used by industry it must be referred to the Agricultural Land Commission;
  - as there are many wetlands within these areas they should be preserved, as well as animal habitat and visual impacts; and
  - the old growth forests that were discussed at the last meeting are within these parcels and should be preserved.

Ms. Lewis of Hudson's Hope Gas and Mr. Karst of Canadian Spirit both answered the questions as to whether it is feasible to have one well per quarter section by advising that testing will need to be done and that they are still in their exploration stages.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That this special meeting of Council be adjourned." (9:40 am)

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor