

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE PEARKES CENTRE**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Present    **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Kosolowsky, Webster, Johnson, Johansson and Anderson  
              **Staff:** C. Bonnicks, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
              **Others:** J. Kirk, D. Conway, A. Watson, S. Jackson, C. Butt, S. Campbell, K. Robertson, J. Weisgerber, D. Bachmeyer, K. McFertridge and R. Bach

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Proposed BC Hydro Site C Project Consultation**

The following information was provided by the BC Hydro representatives:

- the project is in stage 2 which is classified as the project definition and consultation stage;
- in the winter of 2009 a government decision will be made as to whether the project will proceed to the next phase;
- they hope to lower some of the growing energy needs through conservation and energy efficiency;
- a new program will charge customers a higher rate when they use over a certain amount of energy to encourage conservation;
- reinvesting in current Hydro assets to extend the life of these current facilities;
- the costs for the project do not include transmission line costs, as these would be done by BCTC;
- the 2008 Long-Term Acquisition Plan has been completed, which provides an updated analysis of several energy options being considered including Site C;
- discussed the positive and negative impacts of keeping the bridge access to the powerhouse a public road after construction is complete;
- different studies will need to be done to determine what affects the bridge would have on the communities;
- a road on the south bank would continue for 4 kilometres to meet up with the railway which would bring materials to the construction site;
- discussed the clearing methods that would be used for removing trees from the reservoir;
- discussed shoreline stabilization methods;
- there are different options for waste vegetation disposal that will need to be considered, but the current proposal is to burn;
- the transmission lines would be constructed on the south side of the river on Right of Ways;
- the construction materials needed would be 1/3 of what was needed for the WAC Bennett Dam, being 17,430,000 cubic meters;
- the location of where the materials will be taken from has not been determined yet and the costs could increase if the materials need to be shipped to the site;
- the material that would need to be excavated for construction would need to be relocated;
- numerous baseline environment and wildlife studies are currently being completed;
- looking at the change of land uses that will be caused and the affects to loss of the agriculture lifestyle;
- consultations with the First Nations have been ongoing throughout the process;
- some confidential agreements have already been signed with some of the First Nation groups;
- most of the inflows to Williston Lake are from precipitation and not glaciers;
- BC Hydro is working with a research group regarding climate change and the affects it will have on the inflow rates over the next 50 years; and

- updated cost estimates will be provided at the end of Stage 2.

Questions and comments from members of Council included:

- where BC Hydro is at with getting legislative changes for greener building codes that would result in less energy consumption;
- BC Hydro is not accepting all IPP power proposals because they only purchase what is needed at the time of purchase;
- with the program for charging a higher rate for customers who use more energy, this could discourage people from using clean energy equipment such as electric lawnmowers and cars;
- wording in the discussion guide should be neutral throughout;
- concerns that a new bridge would allow a new access to Fort St. John from the Jackfish Road and thus would let people bypass Hudson's Hope or Dawson Creek;
- the shoreline in Hudson's Hope needs to be protected and Council would like to see the slough lines established as there are many homes on the banks of the river;
- need to take into consideration the sewage lagoons located on the shoreline; and
- concerns that the Agriculture Land Commission will put more pressure on agriculture land in Hudson's Hope if there are large loss of this type of land because of the Site C project.

BC Hydro representatives requested that feedback forms be returned by November 30, 2008.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor