

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Present **Council:** Councillors Kosolowsky, Quibell, Webster, Johnson, and Anderson
Staff: M. Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services; and B. Mercereau,
Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Yellowhead Road and Bridge Winter Stakeholders Meeting

The following information was provided by the Yellowhead Road and Bridge representatives:

- showed the geographic area they service which includes 3,473 kilometres of roads;
- the roads are divided into a number of different road classifications, which are determined by the volume of drivers on the road;
- the response times for removing snow after a storm are also defined differently for each road class;
- winter sand and salt specifications were defined and the amounts that were used over the past years were shown;
- new winter shifts in Hudson's Hope include a new position that will remove snow on Highway 29 from Hudson's Hope to Fort St. John;
- YRB is responsible for providing initial traffic control during an emergency until other authorities are on scene;
- traffic control contractors are sometimes used when staff are needed for snow removal or other work;
- in year five of a ten year contract with the Ministry of Transportation;
- the Drive BC website is used to do reporting on road conditions at least three times a day;
- the Ministry of Transportation would decide when to close a road during an accident;
- during an accident a road needs to be closed for analysts to investigate the scene; however, they are trying to ensure that the closures last no longer than eight hours;
- the Ministry of Transportation decides on the detour route that will be used during the accident and they must ensure that all vehicles can use the detour which means bridge limits and dangerous goods routes must be considered;
- the cement barrier at the bottom of the Watson Hill will be installed within the next couple of weeks;
- YRB and the Fire Departments are not required to notify the media if an accident occurs; however, we can refer them to the Drive BC website which would be updated on road conditions;
- Mr. Brough will meet with Mr. Ryder to discuss trying to coordinate work to keep the Beattie Drive sidewalk clear for pedestrians during the winter;
- calcium will be spread on the Beryl Prairie road annually, but it is too late in the year to do any spot touch ups on the road;
- the paving of the Beryl Prairie road is being addressed and the Ministry of Transportation will be contact with the District; and
- YRB has been working with Weather Net to forecast the weather in Hudson's Hope

which has been 80% accurate.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of the Council adjourned. (3:55 pm)

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor