

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Present **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Johansson, Summer and Quibell  
**Staff:** C. Nash, Administrator; A. Stebbing, Manager of Protective and Inspection Services; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** K. Drummond, D. Drummond, C. Charbonneau, B. McKay, N. McNee and D. Woroshelo

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Yellowhead Road and Bridge Winter Preparation Meeting**

Bruce McKay from Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB) gave the following information on their winter preparation for 2009:

- 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 highway from Hudson's Hope to Fort St. John would need a drastic increase in volume to change the road classification to an "A";
- the Beryl Prairie Road is a class "C" because it has a school bus route;
- 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;
- sand is crushed to 12.5 mm and screened twice;
- the salt is used for de-icing when temperatures are -6 degrees celsius or above;
- the sand is mixed with 4 percent salt to stop the sand from freezing together;
- winter shifts in Hudson's Hope include a position that removes snow on Highway 29 from Hudson's Hope directly to Fort St. John and back, therefore removing the "line" at the halfway point;
- in the process of updating the YRB fleet, with a new truck for Hudson's Hope in 2010;
- Hudson's Hope fleet has vehicles that are in good shape;
- YRB is responsible for providing initial traffic control during an emergency until other authorities are on scene;
- the recovery contractor is responsible for traffic control during recovery operations;
- the traffic control personnel must be traffic control certified and conform to the traffic control manual;
- the Drive BC website is used to report on road conditions at least three times a day and has web cameras in some areas that are updated at least every 15 minutes;
- there is no web camera on Highway 29 due to the lack of cell service, but the Ministry is trying different options to get more cameras in the Peace region;
- if there are road advisories they will be posted on Drive BC and the RCMP will be notified;
- YRB staff in Hudson's Hope may phone such companies as BC Hydro if Canyon Drive has dangerous road conditions;

- the paving of the Beryl Prairie road is to be completed in 2010;
- the increase of industrial traffic has worsened the base and driving conditions of the Beryl Prairie Road;
- a frequently asked questions form has been distributed to the community with regards to the construction on the Beryl Prairie Road which should answer many of the residents questions;
- YRB has been working with Weather Net to forecast the weather in Hudson's Hope which has been very accurate; and
- the Ministry of Transportation will be working with Olympic representatives to prepare for the torch relay and ensure road conditions will allow them to travel between the communities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Summer;  
"The special meeting of the Council be adjourned." (3:54 pm)

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Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor