

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M.**

Present **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Quibell, Johansson Kosolowsky, and Anderson
 Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
 Other: S. Fowles, S. Wogan, and B. Gammer

CALL TO ORDER

BC Hydro – Transmission Services Update

Steve Fowles, Steve Wogan, and Bob Gammer met with Council to give an update on the transmission services provided by BC Hydro and BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC). The following information was provided:

- BC Hydro provides the outage response and maintenance to the transmission lines through a service level agreement with BCTC;
- the commitment is to have a crew mobilized within one hour to respond to an outage;
- the relocation of the transmission crew from Hudson's Hope to Prince George has now been in place for one year;
- the main reason the transmission service crew was relocated to Prince George was because vacancies in the Hudson's Hope crew could not be filled;
- during the past year BC Hydro distribution crews and construction crews have assisted with emergency response within the area;
- have standing contracts with 8 service providers for work within the Peace region, with two of these contractors having been able to provide emergency response and other maintenance and inspections over the past year;
- there were a total of 42 forced outages, with two significant outages that caused a forced customer outage, both of which were caused by vandals;
- there were two forced outages that had no customer impact, 38 transient outages, two planned outages impacting customers, and numerous other planned outages that did not affect customers;
- they have committed to meet maintenance and emergency response in the region with BC Hydro Transmission, Distribution, and Construction Service crews, as well as with assistance from contractors;
- they are not considering moving the crew back to Hudson's Hope, but in the future things may be reconsidered if major changes occur;
- there are projects such as the Aeolis Wind Project and other projects that may require new transmission lines and BCTC will need to determine what crews will be needed for maintenance and emergency response if the projects proceed; and
- Council voiced their concerns with the distribution being the first emergency response because they are based out of Dawson Creek which takes one to two hours to travel to Hudson's Hope depending where they are.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That this special meeting of the Council be adjourned." (2:24 pm)

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor