

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson; Councillors Webster, Stacey, Quibell and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: C. Lewis, R. Karst, B. Bach, D. Bouillion and Nick Crisp, Ministry of Energy,
Mines and Petroleum Resources

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anderson presiding.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – May 11, 2009 (0550-01)

173/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held May 11, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

M2 Special Meeting – May 13, 2009 (0550-01)

174/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held May 13, 2009 be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Build Canada Fund (1855-04)

Councillor Quibell was advised that the funding from the Build Canada Fund would be used for the Heat Recovery project if received.

B2 Zoning Bylaw (3900-02)

The Administrator advised that the public hearing for the Zoning Bylaw will be scheduled for the first meeting in July.

B3 Beryl Prairie Road (5400-01)

It was advised that the Resource Policy has been forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation. Councillor Quibell was advised that the material to be used on the Beryl Prairie Road will be a cold mixture seal coat.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 New Homes for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- the land beside the Health Centre has been discussed in the past for use for seniors housing;
- once the land is transferred, Council may not have any control or input on the project;
- questioned how much land would be required for the project; and
- need to find out if the land would default back to the District if the project does not proceed after the transfer.

175/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council send a proposal to the Director of Regional Development with BC Housing to proceed with the Seniors' Rental Housing initiative upon receiving further information about the project."

CARRIED

SR2 Annual Report 2009 (0640-01)

Council reviewed the Annual Report for 2009 and it will be brought back for adoption after the financial statements have been presented to Council by the auditors on June 1, 2009.

BYLAWS

BY1 Officer Bylaw (3900-02)

176/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council give first, second and third reading to the Officer Bylaw No. 771, 2009."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

177/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C4 be received."

CARRIED

C1 UBCM – 2009 UBCM Convention Tuesday Forums (0400-01)

Council determined the following topic areas to be forwarded to UBCM for the Tuesday Forums:

- Affordable Housing – As our community has a resource based industry, we have many workers who come to Hudson's Hope without their families and the companies pay the rent to live here. This has caused most rental units to either be already occupied or too expensive for low income families.
- Volunteerism – We have a small volunteer base of people and because of this they become burnt out quickly. We need to find ways to get more people to volunteer to take the pressure off the current volunteers.
- Youth Engagement – How to get youth engaged in community planning and activities.
- Other – What is the best way to engage the community when the municipality solicits for community input.

C2 Tembec and Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. – Annual Operating Plans (6660-20)

Councillor Stacey advised that he had attended this open house but had nothing significant to report back on. Councillor Johansson advised that the Land Resource Advisory Committee would like to request all the companies holding forestry tenure within the municipality present their five year plan to them.

C3 Ronald McDonald House Golf Tournament – Donation Request (1770-01)

178/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council donate an Auction Item for the Ronald McDonald House Golf Tournament with the amount not to exceed \$100.00."

CARRIED

C4 Ministry of Forests and Range – Wildfire Regulation Act (0400-20)

Council requested this information be published in the Bulletin.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 Spruce It Up Day (0540-20)

Councillor Webster advised Council of the activities that occurred on the Spruce It Up Day. The event was very successful.

CR2 NPEDC Meeting (0360-01)

Councillor Webster advised of the following information received from the NPEDC meeting:

- a new person will be hired to as an economic development officer and will be asked to come to Hudson's Hope one day a week;
- all funding was approved for the completion of the Economic Development Report with Community Futures;
- advised of the grain elevator that is planned to be demolished in Fort St. John;
- the Peace River Regional District is aware of the grain elevator issues and has sent letters to Cargill and the Ministry requesting meetings be held to look at an alternative to the demolition.

179/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council send a letter to Cargill Canada and the Ministry of Agriculture and copied to the Peace River Regional District, asking that the demolition of the grain elevator in Fort St. John be delayed so that they may look at alternative ways to allow it to stay at the current location."

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Broadband Project (1855-03)

Councillor Quibell questioned whether a meeting should be held to update Council on the broadband project; however, the Administrator would like to wait for more information from Telus and Westcan Tel prior to presenting the information.

NB2 Signage Bylaw (3900-02)

Councillor Webster questioned whether a signage bylaw could be drafted to prevent or regulate service signs being put up along the roads within the municipality. The Administrator advised that the bylaw could not be enforced on the highways or right-of-ways, where the problems would mostly be occurring. The Administrator will find out what regulations the Ministry of Transportation have for that type of signage. Councillor Johansson also suggested that the Citizens' Committee work on this issue.

NB3 The Bedaux Expedition (0230-01)

Mayor Anderson advised of the successful opening event at the museum for the Bedaux Expedition.

NB4 Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC (1855-01)

Staff will resubmit the application for this project from last year.

NB5 Meeting Dates (0550-01)

The June 22, 2009 will be cancelled unless otherwise required. The July 13, 2009 Council meeting will be moved to July 6, 2009 and will also include the Public Hearing for the Zoning Bylaw.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

D1 BC Hydro Update (0400-30)

Dan Boullion with BC Hydro gave the following information:

- approximately half of the units are currently not online;
- they are trying to fill the Williston Lake reservoir and therefore using other dams in the province for the power required;
- this time of year is when BC Hydro imports power because it is less expensive;
- new security measures will begin on June 1 for a six month trial that will include an office on the highway that will require all traffic to check in;
- the new security will not cause any access restrictions for boaters or tourists; and
- the security office will be manned 24 hours a day seven days a week.

ADJOURNMENT

180/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:09 p.m.)

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER

181/09

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That the regular meeting of Council be reconvened." (7:16 p.m.)

CARRIED

D2 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Oil and Gas Activities Act (0400-20)

Nick Crisp from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources presented Council with information on the proposed *Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA)*. The following were the highlights from the presentation:

- the new *OGAA* will be presented to cabinet in the Fall of 2009 for adoption;
- the basic structure of the *OGAA* will include permits, compliance and enforcement, regulations and auditing;
- the permits will be able to cover multiple approvals such as geophysical, wells, pipelines and other related approvals;
- significant new fines and risk of imprisonment will be enforced for offences;
- new administrative penalty regulations will also come into affect;
- the new environmental regulation will improve linkage to government-wide environmental objectives;
- remediation orders will be made when a company is non-complaint or when there is a risk to the environment, safety or resource conservation;
- a new review and appeal process has also be added for industry and landowners;
- the regulatory provisions of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* will be replaced by the *OGAA*;
- the *Pipeline Act* and the *Oil and Gas Commission Act* will be repealed in full and replaced by the *OGAA*;
- increases to the levy amounts for the Orphan Fund Tax Regulation will be made;
- the regulations will require industry to notify and consult with landowners and municipalities;
- discussed notification requirements at an earlier stage than currently in place;
- the Ministers of Environment, Forest and Range, and Agriculture and Lands will have additional powers to establish measures in relation to defined issues;
- the Ministry of Agricultural and Lands would make the determination on issues such as areas with old growth forests;
- the OGC will be responsible for implementing the new act and they would need to be questioned on how they will transition to the new act;

- the OGC believes the industry is for the most part compliant and therefore there should not be any major issues when the new act comes into force;
- direction from the government needs to be given to allow the Ministries to look at the cumulative impacts of all industries, this specific act will only deal with oil and gas activities;
- they will try to minimize surface impacts by requesting that companies share roads, pipelines, etc.; and
- self-policing will still be completed.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> <i>June 1 Meeting with KPMG (Financial Statements)</i> <i>June 8 Council Meeting</i> <i>June 9 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting</i> <i>June 17 Community Services & Development Advisory Committee Meeting</i> <i>June 24 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY3	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>Nov 2008</i>
DY4	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY5	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY6	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY7	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences (0400-20)</i>	<i>Aug 2007</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY8	<i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
DY9	<i>Regional Community Foundation (0400-01)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
DY10	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY11	<i>Schedule meeting to discuss waste management</i>	<i>August 2008</i>	
DY12	<i>UBCM – 2009 Resolutions (Due June 30, 2009)</i>	<i>March 2009</i>	
DY13	<i>UBCM Resolution – Surface Land Owner Notification</i>	<i>May 2009</i>	

ADJOURNMENT

182/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:32 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor