

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, January 24, 2011 AT 7:00 p.m.

Present: Council: Councillor; Gwen Johansson (Chair)

Councillor; Darryl Johnson
Councillor; Clayton Stacey
Councillor; Doug Summer

Staff: Corporate Administrative Officer; Charles Nash
Director of Public Works; Mike Carter
Manager of Protective & Inspection Services; Alan Stebbing
Deputy Clerk/Minute Taker; Tracey Rutherford

Other: 2 members in gallery

Regrets: Mayor; Karen Anderson
Councillor; Travous Quibell
Councillor; Terry Webster

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Councillor Johansson presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Councillors Stacey/ Johnson

019/11

"The agenda for the Council meeting of January 24, 2011 be adopted."

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Johnson declared conflict of interest regarding items C3, C4 and C5.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1

Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday, January 10, 2011

(0550-01)

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

020/11

"The minutes of the Council meeting held Monday, January 10, 2011 be adopted, as amended."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

BR1

NB1 Highway Maintenance

(0400-20)

Staff to complete and issue letter of thanks for outstanding highway maintenance between Hudson's Hope and Fort St. John.

BR2 C5 – Ministry of Environment, Policy Proposal on BC's New Water Sustainability Act (0400-20)

Councillor Johansson was completing a report with comments and concerns regarding the government's proposed policy for Council's consideration.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Alan Stebbing – Rezoning Amendment, Arsen Hocha (3660-01)

M/S Councillors Summer/Stacey

THAT:

021/11 "Council give 1st and 2nd reading to Zoning Bylaw No. 793, to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 750."

CARRIED

AND THAT:

022/11 "Council authorize staff to schedule a public hearing for the proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 793, to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 750."

CARRIED

Concerns raised:

- Adequate lot space?
- Gas line and road requirements?
- Parkland?
- Serviceable vs Septic tanks?

Under the District's Planning Policies the proposed development is consistent with the overall pattern of the land use designated in the Official Community Plan, residential-anticipated. Staff to proceed following procedures regarding rezoning amendments.

Staff to investigate land value, bylaws and report to Council as well as ensure all bylaw requirements are met.

SR2 Alan Stebbing – Meeting with BC Ambulance (7100-01)

Action already taken:

- Bulletin insert
- BC Ambulance applications available at District Office

FOR INFORMATION

SR3 Greta Goddard, Special Events Coordinator – November, December 2010 Report (8100-01)

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

THAT:

023/11 "Council approve work on Heritage Days for the 2011 summer season."

CARRIED

Special Events Coordinator's request fell within designated work parameters.

AND THAT:

024/11 "Council approve acquiring a Highway use permit for the 2011 Christmas Parade."

CARRIED

~~Staff to follow protocol and acquire Highway use permit~~

AND FURTHER THAT:

025/11 "Staff note in the bulletin and issue thank you letters to those who donate over \$100, "in kind" or volunteer hours."

CARRIED

Council recognizes the significance of community support and felt it important to distinguish individuals and businesses that demonstrate generosity.

~~Staff to issue a letter of appreciation to Freddy's Deli and others on an as required basis~~

SR4 Charles Nash – Purchase from surplus funds for computer BES program (1075)

Concerns raised:

- Value of purchase.
- Necessity.

Administrator's response:

- Resolve many of staff's computer problems.
- Increase staff's efficiency.

M/S Councillors Johnson/ Summer

THAT:

026/11 "This recommendation be tabled to the next Regular Council meeting"

CARRIED

Council required more information and requested input from Councillor Quibell.

SR5 Charles Nash – Secure, Fire Resistant Document Storage (1810-20)

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

THAT:

027/11 "Council authorize staff to request proposals to convert the storage downstairs to fire resistant long term file storage not to exceed \$15,000."

DEFEATED

Discussion:

Councillors Stacey and Summer in FAVOUR

- Urgency.
- Cost.
 - Fire resistance time.

Administrator's response:

- Files currently not fire protected, ASAP.
 - Quote for most cost effective/efficient.
 - Upgrade will protect for at least ¾ hour.

THAT:

028/11

"Council refer this item to 2011 budget item discussions"

CARRIED

Council determined it would be more appropriate to deliberate the upgrade at the 2011 budget meeting in a few months.

SR6 Rhonda Eastman, Deputy Treasurer – 2010 Office Renovation, Office Furniture & Computer Costs (1700-01)

FOR INFORMATION

Noted project was complete and under budget.

SR7 Charles Nash – Draft Purchasing Policy (0340-50)

THAT:

029/11

"This item be tabled for the next Regular Council meeting."

CARRIED

Council wished to have more Council members present to discuss.

SR8 Charles Nash – Meeting Reports, January 18, 2011 Re: BC Hydro and Dehua (0400-30)

FOR INFORMATION

SR9 Charles Nash – Meeting with Minister of Natural Resources, Steve Thomson (0400-20)

FOR INFORMATION

Administrator to amend statement regarding Talisman's water license; remove "has" and replace with "applied".

SR10 Charles Nash – Meeting with MLA Pat Pimm, January 28/11 Re: OGC (0400-20)

M/S Councillors Stacey/Summer

THAT:

030/11

"Council authorize the attendance and expenses for Councillors Johansson and Johnson to attend the meeting with Pat Pimm in Fort St John on January 28, 2011 regarding OGC."

CARRIED

The District has concerns regarding the Oil and Gas Commissions proposed Engineering staff move, from the Fort St. John office to Kelowna.

R11 Tracey Rutherford – Community to Community Forum (1855-03)

Council chose a suitable date to host the forum.

Staff to press for March 7th meeting date and contact Mr. Plenert

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 Northern Development Initiative Trust – Letter Re; 2010 Grant Writer Funding (1855-01)
FOR INFORMATION

C2 Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - Letter Re; UBCM & Senior Affordable Housing (0400-20)
FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Johnson excused himself for Conflict of interest at 7:50 pm.

C3 Friends of Hudson's Hope Society – Letter Re: Snow Removal (5400-11)
FOR INFORMATION
Staff to assess large snow piles on property, make safe and report outcome back to Council.

C4 Gething House – Letter Re: Snow Removal (5400-11)
FOR INFORMATION
Staff to determine snow blowing issue and report results back to Council.

C5 Town Centre Tailer Court – Letter Re: Snow Removal (5400-11)
FOR INFORMATION
Staff to consider effects of snow sidewalk and highway deposits on property and report back to Council.

Councillor Johnson returned to Chambers at 7:55 p.m. and resumed his seat on Council.

C6 Barbara Adler – Email Re: Website Information (0400-01)
FOR INFORMATION

C7 Parliamentary Office – Invitation to Roundtable Discussion, Jan 26/11 in Prince George (0400-20)
FOR INFORMATION

Due to the late receipt of the invitation Council was unable to attend roundtable discussions.

Staff to send regrets.

C8 Northern Health – Meeting proposed for Feb 3/11 (0400-80)
FOR INFORMATION

Council was receptive of the proposed meeting to discuss options for sustainable primary medical care services in Hudson's Hope.

Staff to coordinate and inform Council of arrangements.

C9 City of Fort St. John – Letter Re: Oil & Gas Commission – Engineering Div Office (0400-01)

FOR INFORMATION

C10 North Peace Savings & Credit Union – Letter Re: Invitation to AGM, Feb 8/11 in FSJ (0360-01)

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

THAT:

031/11

“Council authorize the attendance and expenses for Mayor Anderson or a designate to attend NPS&CU AGM in Fort St. John on February 8, 2011.”

CARRIED

Council agreed the District should be represented at the NPS&CU AGM.

Staff to RSVP Mayor's/designator's attendance

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 Councillor Johansson – BC Hydro Letter of response Re: BCH Employment Concerns (0400-30)

FOR INFORMATION

Mayor Anderson and the Administrator previously met with BC Hydro representatives to discuss a proactive approach to BC Hydro employee community retention within Hudson's Hope.

Mayor and staff are developing a welcome package with information promoting our community.

CR2 Councillor Summer – Growing the North, 2011 Conference (0390-01)

Regretfully unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Councillor Johnson – Alaska Highway Communities Initiative (0400-30)

M/S Councillors Stacey/Summer

THAT:

032/11

“Council authorize the attendance and expenses for Councillor Johnson to attend the Alaska Highway Communities Initiative meeting in Fort St. John on February 3, 2011.”

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson has been an active member of this initiative for years.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

None

| | DIARY | Diarized | Last Review/Action |
|------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| | <i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i> | | |
| DY1 | February 8 NPS&CU AGM/Dinner | | |
| DY2 | February 14 Council Meeting | | |
| DY3 | February 16 – 18 LGLA Leadership Forum | | |
| DY4 | February 28 Council Meeting | | |
| DY5 | March 7 Community to Community Forum | | |
| DY6 | April 19 – 21 2011 Rural Tourism Conference | | |
| DY7 | District Highway Signs Committee | | Spring 2011 |
| DY8 | UMBC Motion Submission | | Spring 2011 |
| DY9 | HH Historical Society – Identify Community Heritage Sites | | Feb 2011 |
| DY10 | Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02) | Nov 2004 | Jan 2011 |
| DY11 | Seniors Housing | Feb 2007 | |
| DY12 | Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions | Feb 2007 | |
| DY13 | Peace River Regional District System (0400-05) | Feb 2007 | |
| DY14 | Community Futures- REDI-BC Funding | June 2009 | |
| DY15 | Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity | July 2009 | |
| DY16 | Electoral Process | Feb 2010 | |

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Councillors Summer/Stacey

THAT:

033/11

"This Regular Meeting of the Council be recessed to an In Camera meeting; Pursuant to the Community Charter section 90: 1 (d) and (e)." (8:07p.m.)

CARRIED

The Regular council meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m. with Councillor Johansson presiding.

Moved by Councillor Summer

036/11

"This Regular Council meeting be adjourned." (8:40 pm)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:



CAO



Chair

Authentication of Preparation:



Minute Taker