

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johansson, and Kosolowsky
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; and B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk
Other: Corporal Bob Dean, M. Brereton, A. Purvis C. Johnson and B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

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

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

D1 RCMP – Corporal Bob Dean (7.2)

Corporal Dean updated Council of the RCMP Detachment activities in Hudson's Hope. He advised that the detachment would be receiving a new boat for use on the river and a new vehicle. He advised that Chris Puls is being transferred to Dawson Creek and a officer named Tammy Howard will be replacing him. Corporal Dean discussed his budget issues with Council and advised that he will be asking BC Hydro and other businesses in town to donate funds to purchasing the rescue toboggan. He thought that the rescue toboggan would be an asset to the community when the RCMP are called out on their skidoos to help with injured people in remote areas. Corporal Dean advised that most it's recent calls have been with regards to wildlife. Mayor Harwood suggested that Council speak to the issue of the need for more wildlife officers or more funds for the RCMP who are having to deal with the problems, when they attend UBCM this year. Mayor Harwood warned that the detachment may be getting calls regarding policing taxes. Corporal Dean also spoke about increased highway patrol and their programs at the Hudson's Hope School. Council advised of problems with logging and oil trucks on the highways and also suggested getting the speed radar board to post in the school area.

Motion to Waive Normal Procedure

173/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the regular Council procedures be waived to move the correspondence from Earlene Bitterman to the beginning of the agenda."

CARRIED

C12 Earlene Bitterman – Lookout (9.6)

Corporal Dean explained that he had received a call from Earlene Bitterman on Saturday, April 7, 2007, where she explained that she had felt intimidated by all the people at the Lookout when she went to pick up her children. He attended the scene where there were approximately 50 to 60 people with a large bonfire and the majority having open liquor. He advised that he could have fined many of the people there; but just dumped all the liquor. Corporal Dean questioned whether it would be appropriate to call the Fire Department to put out party fires in public areas. Council advised that he would need to speak with the Fire Chief. Corporal Dean also advised that they are looking at giving prizes for kids who wear their helmets with the help from the Hudson's Hope School.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – March 26, 2007

174/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held March 26, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Council Committees (1.2.1)

Councillor Kosolowsky commented that at the last meeting it was decided that waste disposal and environmental issues be addressed within the Public Works Committee; however, some Councillors are not involved in that committee. Any Councillor can bring information forward with respect to waste disposal and environmental issues. Council also discussed the issues the union may have with a company no longer requiring the cardboard to be baled. Councillor Kosolowsky suggested that Council still hear from a representative of the new recycling program in Fort St. John.

B2 Fishing/Hunting Licence Vendor (2.6.1.9)

Council raised a concern that the sale of hunting/fishing licences become a regular union job. The Administrator advised that these issues shouldn't affect the union and that the contract with the province would be renewable year to year.

175/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council rescind motion 153/07."

CARRIED

176/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize staff to make application to Service BC to become a vendor for hunting and fishing licences for the Province of British Columbia, until such time as another business in Hudson's Hope becomes a vendor."

CARRIED

With Councillors Anderson and Kosolowsky voting against.

B3 Resource Development Policy (4.3.4.6)

Council questioned why Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd. had been forwarded a copy of the draft policy and provided comment. The Administrator advised that staff had not sent them the draft; however, because it was given at a public meeting they are able to view the drafts. Council determined that because no comments from the public or businesses has been sought yet, that they would be considered once the draft was considered at a future public meeting.

B4 Economic Development Meeting (4.1.1.1)

Councillor Anderson advised that the Literacy Society had not contacted her because the study they were conducting was only for the Fort St. John area and that the study was now complete.

B5 Conversation on Health (1.7.14)

Mayor Harwood advised that she has been selected to attend the Conversation on Health.

B6 FCM Sustainable Communities (1.5.1.3)

Councillor Webster requested that this issue be diarised.

CORRESPONDENCE

177/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C14 be received."

CARRIED

C1 British Columbia Transmission Corporation – 2007 BCTC Feedback Survey (9.7.6)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised that he would like to be involved in the survey.

C2 Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors – National Certification Program (8.3.1)

Council requested that a congratulations letter be sent to the Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (BC).

C3 Canadian Union of Public Employees – TILMA (1.8.11.2)

Councillor Kosolowsky voiced his concerns about the TILMA. UBCM will be looking at the issues that TILMA would present for municipalities. Council requested that we refer this information to the Business Association. Council also requested that we diarise this issue and do more research.

C4 Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. – Annual Operating Plans (4.3.2.5)

178/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council invite Louisiana-Pacific Canada to speak to Council in Hudson's Hope and that Council send Councillor Kosolowsky to the open house in Chetwynd on April 16, 2007."

CARRIED

C5 Tourism Dawson Creek – 2007 NE BC Regional Map Project (5.8.6)

179/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council participate in the 2007 NE BC Regional Map program with Tourism Dawson Creek."

CARRIED

C6 Ministry of Environment – Peace Project Water Use Plan and Operating Order (9.7.1.7)

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- Council would like clarification in Section 4 as to the following: where they will measure from, if the release will ever go below the minimum, who they will report to if it is dropped below the minimum, and the time frame they will give the community if they drop below the minimum;
- change Hudson's Hope Park to Dinosaur Lake Park;
- where the radio repeater stations will be located along the river;
- to add Hudson's Hope water supply to section 4(e) of Schedule C Peace River;
- need definition for "a daily average".

Council requested that staff diarize to have a response for the Ministry of Environment prior to May 21, 2007.

C7 Spectra Energy – 50 Year Celebration (4.3.4.3)

Mayor Harwood and Mike Ryder, Director of Works and Protective Services will attend the 50th Anniversary of Spectra Energy.

C8 BC Hydro – Turn It Off Challenge (9.7.5)

180/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council accept the Turn It Off Challenge and authorize two representatives to attend the Challenge workshop on May 24, 2007 in Vancouver.”

CARRIED

Mayor Harwood and Councillor Webster will attend the workshop. Council requested that information be put in the May Bulletin.

C9 FSJ Air Show – Air Show sponsor (9.8.3.2)

181/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council support the airshow with a silver donation of \$2,000.00.”

DEFEATED

With Councillors Anderson, Webster and Johansson voting against.

Council requested that a letter be sent advising the Air Show that the District is taking steps to help protect the environment and feel they cannot support an event that will create such large emissions.

C10 Hudson’s Hope Gas, Ltd. – Resource Policy (4.3.4.6)

182/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council accept the letter from Hudson’s Hope Gas, Ltd. and send a letter to them advising them that comments will be considered once the draft is completed.”

CARRIED

C11 Northern Health – Meeting at NCMA Convention & AGM (6.2.1.3)

Council requested that staff request a meeting with Northern Health at NCMA Convention & AGM to discuss Hudson’s Hope’s need for physiotherapist. Councillor Johansson requested staff provide her and Councillor Johnson will some background information prior to them meeting with Northern Health.

C13 Northern Health – “Let’s Talk about Addictions and Mental Health” (6.2.1.3)

183/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That Council authorize Councillor Anderson to attend the Let’s Talk about Addictions and Mental Health meeting on May 31, 2007 in Chetwynd, and that she take any caregivers who wish to attend with her.”

CARRIED

C14 Canada Post – 2007 Community Literacy Awards (9.9.2)

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending March 24, 2007

184/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$30,380.64 for the two-week period ending March 24, 2007 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for March 28 and April 4, 2007

185/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the accounts payable reports for March 28, 2007 in the amount of \$40,816.08 and for
April 4, 2007 in the amount of \$89,434.77 for a total of \$130,250.85 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

186/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the revenue and expense report for March, 2007 be received."

CARRIED

SR4-1 Municipal Lot Consolidation/Road Closure/Free Crown Grant (9.6.1.4 or 6.5.3)

187/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council give second reading to Road Closure Bylaw No. 697, 2006."

CARRIED

188/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council endorse an application for a Free Crown Grant for the Former Road currently
used as the municipal hall parking lot."

CARRIED

Council viewed the plaque to be placed in the Curling Rink to recognize the Lipp Family.
Council requested that a letter be sent to the family along with a picture of the building and the
plaque.

SR5 Entrance Signs (2.5.1.9)

189/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That Council proceed with the concrete/epoxy finish entrance signs by Canadian Rock Signs."
CARRIED

Council suggested giving the company an aerial photo of the WAC Bennett Dam and of the
spill.

SR6 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw

190/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council read for the first time the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 722,
2007."

CARRIED

SR7 Zoning Amendment Bylaw

191/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council read for the first time the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 723, 2007."

CARRIED

SR8 Council Remuneration & Reimbursement of Expenses Amendment Bylaw

192/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council read for the first, second and third time the Council Remuneration and
Reimbursement of Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 721, 2007."

CARRIED

SR9 Free Crown Grant Application – Beryl Prairie (41202.010 and 5.5.1)

193/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council advise the Integrated Land Management that it is not their intent to build on this land and ask for the application to be put on hold until the District has time to assess the current pine beetle infestation on the property.”

CARRIED

SR10 2007 Financial Plan – Pre-Approval Request (2.1.2)

194/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council pre-approve the revision of the Zoning Bylaw in the amount of \$60,000, the Clarke Avenue Sewer Study/Dudley Drive Water Study in the amount of \$11,000 and the purchase of the Toyota Prius Hybrid vehicle in the amount of \$33,200 in the 2007 Financial Plan.”

CARRIED

SR11 Wildfire Suppression Grant Application (7.1.1.1)

195/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council authorize staff to make application for a Community Wildfire Protection Program grant.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Resource Planning Policy (4.3.4.6)

Councillor Johansson asked that the draft policy be reviewed when all Council members are present. Council agreed with the recommendation; however they did review the document and asked for some changes to be made to the policy. Council also discussed road and drainage issues.

CM2 Seismic

Councillor Johansson advised that companies doing seismic work on roads are not identifiable by the Ministry and would not have to notify the District of Hudson's Hope.

CM3 Hudson's Hope Historical Society (6.4.3.1)

Councillor Johansson advised that she was unable to attend the Hudson's Hope Historical Society meeting as it coincided with the Council meeting, but she was told that work with the new administrator is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Atkinson Subdivision (5.7.7)

The Administrator advised that she has received plans for the Atkinson Subdivision and that the lawyer is currently reviewing the proposal.

NB2 Vectromatics (5.8.6)

The Administrator advised that she and the Director of Works and Protective Services had met

with representatives from Vectromatics and that they are looking at doing a pilot map project in Hudson's Hope which will be of great benefit to the District.

Clarke Avenue Sewer (9.3.2)

NB3

Mayor Harwood read a petition from the property owners on Clarke Avenue, which asked Council to expedite the sewer project on Clarke Avenue.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

Fort St. John Air Show (9.8.3.2)

PE1

Bob Bach congratulated Council for not supporting the Fort St. John Air Show, which shows Hudson's Hope is taking some steps to help with climate change and the environment.

Hudson's Hope Lookout Point (9.6)

PE2

Carol Johnson suggested the lookout point have parking below and hiking trails up to the lookout which may deter partygoers from using this area. Council discussed the safety issues of the road and the bank sloping issues, as well as who actually owns the road. They also discussed the possibilities of putting a gate at the entrance which could be closed at night by the RCMP members. Corporal Dean commented that the gate would deter kids from using this area for parties and there would be less litter and graffiti.

DIARY

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**Last
Review/Action**

DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays April 23 Council Meeting April 30 Special Council Meeting May 14 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>
DY3	<i>Building Amendment Bylaw</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>Apr 2006</i>
DY4	<i>Ticketing Bylaw</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	
DY5	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>June 2006</i>
DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>Dec 2005</i>
DY7	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
DY8	<i>Extension of Electrical Service – Twelve Mile Road</i>	<i>Oct 2005</i>	<i>Jan 2006</i>
DY9	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY10	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	
DY11	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	
DY12	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	

ADJOURNMENT

^{196/07} Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:18 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor