

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johansson, and Kosolowsky  
**Staff:** C. Bonnick, Administrator; Mike Ryder, and B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** S. Metzger, G. O'Kada, T. Quibell, P. Markin, D. Fisher, C. Montgomery, A. Purvis, C. Johnson, C. Stacey, I. Sarauer, G. Sarauer, and B. Bach

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**D1 Steve Metzger – Global Warming (5.8.1.1)**

Mr. Metzger presented Council with information on global warming and climate change. He presented Council with copies of the following:

- CBC's "Taking the Pulse on the Planet"
- The Stern Review: The Economics of Climate Change
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report on the physical science basis
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report on climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability

He discussed some of the information that is in the documents he provided Council. He stated that environment should be the highest priority and that we need to start doing things locally to reduce global warming and climate change.

**MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – April 10, 2007**

197/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held April 10, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

**M2 Financial Plan Meeting – April 4, 2007**

198/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the minutes of the Financial Plan meeting held on April 4, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**B1 Seismic (4.3.4)**

199/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council send a letter to notify the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Oil and Gas Commission requesting that the District of Hudson's Hope be included on the referral list for notifications when any seismic activity is to be undertaken within the municipality and that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation to confirm that all roads within the municipality are identified on referral maps."

CARRIED

**B2 BC Hydro – Turn It Off Challenge (9.7.5)**

Mayor Harwood announced that she would not be able to attend the Turn It Off Challenge workshop. Council agreed that Councillor Webster's attendance would be sufficient.

**B3 Resource Development Policy (4.3.4.6)**

200/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council forward the draft of the Resource Planning Policy to Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd. and also forward to any other people who request copies of this document."

CARRIED

**B4 FCM Sustainable Communities (1.5.1.3)**

Staff advised that the communities selected to attend the FCM Sustainable Communities will be announced in June, 2007.

**B5 FSJ Air Show – Air Show sponsor (9.8.3.2)**

Councillor Johnson voiced his disappointment that the District will not sponsor the Air Show this year as this is one of the largest tourism events held in Fort St. John.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**P1 Road Closure Bylaw No. 697, 2006**

201/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council give third reading to Road Closure Bylaw No. 697, 2006."

CARRIED

**P2 Temporary Commercial Use Permit – Pearkes Centre**

202/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council approve and issue the Temporary Commercial Use Permit no. 2007-01."

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

CARRIED

**C1 PRRD – West Nile Virus Monitoring and Surveillance Program (1.5.3)**

203/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council permit the Peace River Regional District to operate a West Nile Virus Monitoring Program on the District of Hudson's Hope behalf."

CARRIED

Council requested that staff confirm whether the regional district will have a test site within the District of Hudson's Hope.

**C2 Ministry of Community Services – Building Effective Regional Districts Workshop**

**C3 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Disposition of Crown Petroleum**

**and Natural Gas Tenures (4.3.4)**

Council questioned when the "Public Involvement Guideline" process will begin. Mayor Harwood advised that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources have also extended the comment period for future notifications.

**C4 RCMP – Funding for the purchase of a snowmobile toboggan (7.2)**

204/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council donate \$1000 to the Hudson's Hope Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment to purchase the rescue toboggan."

205/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council amend resolution #204/07 to read that a grant up to a maximum of \$1000 be provided to the Hudson's Hope Royal Canadian Mounted police detachment for the balance of funding required for the rescue toboggan contingent upon the remainder of funding being in place by July 1, 2007."

CARRIED  
The first motion was then PUT and CARRIED

**C5 NCMA – Opening Ceremonies (1.5.1.2.1)**

Councillor Johnson volunteered to carry the flag in the procession at the NCMA Convention.

**C6 Ministry of Community Services – Small Community Grants (2.5.1)**

**C7 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Well Site Footprints and Drilling Mud Disposal (4.3.4)**

**C8 Northern Lights College – New Horizons for Seniors Program (6.1.2.1)**

Council requested that information be published in the Bulletin and Mayor Harwood advised that she would give this information to Silver Willows.

**C9 Hudson's Hope Historical Society – 2007 Financial Assistance (6.4.3.1)**

206/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council authorize early payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Hudson's Hope Historical Society."

CARRIED

**C10 Fort St. John Co-operative Association – 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**C11 Northern Medical Programs Trust – Annual General Meeting (6.1.2.2.1)**

Mayor Harwood requested that either Councillor Johnson or Councillor Johansson attend the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Medical Programs Trust which will be held during the NCMA Conference.

**C12 2005 Community Tourism Program (Phase 1) (2.5.1.9)**

**C13 James and Elaine Rhymer – Clearing Costs (9.7.1.6.1)**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending March 24, 2007**

207/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$27,697.04 for the two-week period ending April 7, 2007 be approved."  
CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for April 17, 2007**

208/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the amended accounts payable reports for April 17, 2007 in the amount of \$17,868.61 be approved."  
CARRIED

**SR3-1 Cache Creek Bridge Update (9.6.5)**

Council requested that staff send a thank you letter to the Ministry of Transportation.

**SR3-2 Animal Bylaw Amendment – Feeding of Wildlife (7.4)**

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- chronic wasting disease (CWD) has not be found in British Columbia thus far;
- people hunting out of province and bringing infected meat back to BC may cause CWD to be found in BC;
- a freezer will be set up at the District Shop for hunters to put samples of animals; these samples will be tested for CWD.

209/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council give three readings to Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw No. 724, 2007."  
CARRIED  
with Councillor Johansson OPPOSED

**SR3-3 Contract for the Provision of Firewood (6.6.1.14)**

210/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council authorize the Administration to enter into a contract with Don Vanderploeg for the provision of firewood to municipal campgrounds for the 2007 season."  
CARRIED

**SR3-4 Request to Rescind Motion**

211/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council rescind motion #014/07."  
CARRIED

**SR3-5 Proposed 2007 Tax Rate (2.4)**

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- concerns of increasing the total collected by 20% over 3 years;
- can utilities be increased to off set the taxes;
- Hudson's Hope taxes are one of the lowest in the province and senior levels of government may stop giving funds until we increase our taxes;
- there has been a large increase in the assessments which will increase the taxes;

212/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council endorse the proposed tax rate (4%) for preparation of the Tax Rate Bylaw, in

principal.”

CARRIED

with Councillor Webster OPPOSED

**SR3-6 Proposed 2007 Financial Plan and Five Year Capital Plan (2.4)**

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- funds have been added to purchase insurance for the Municipal Emergency Coordinator and Special Events Coordinator;
- a screen and projector will be purchased for the new Council Chambers;
- it was requested that next year all the salary costs be grouped together for quick reference;
- policing tax costs are to be received around May 10, 2007;
- tax rates for other communities were reviewed;
- Council requested that money be set aside for bicycle trails in the five year plan;
- a new computer will be purchased for the arena so that they do not have to share with the Visitor Centre;
- a donation request has still not been submitted for the new x-ray machine;
- a paving crew should be in Hudson's Hope this year; however, last year they didn't have the proper equipment to do driveways and sidewalks.

**SR3-7 Proposed Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 726, 2007 and 2007 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 727, 2007 (2.4)**

213/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
“That Council give first reading to the Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 726, 2007.”

CARRIED

214/07

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
“That Council give first reading to the 2007 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 727, 2007.”

CARRIED

**SR4 Council Remuneration & Reimbursement of Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 721, 2007**

215/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
“That Council adopt the Council Remuneration and Reimbursement of Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 721, 2007.”

CARRIED

**SR5 Municipal Ticket Information System Amendment Bylaw No. 728, 2007 (1.3.2.1.1)**

216/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Council rescind the first second and third readings of the Municipal Ticket Information System Amendment Bylaw No. 647, 2003.”

CARRIED

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- \$50 may not be enough for idling vehicles;
- there should be a time limit for idling vehicles;
- a suggestion was \$50 for first offence and \$100 for second offence;
- bylaw enforcement is not done by the RCMP;
- idling should be defined from a certain distance from a residence, because some industrial vehicles may need to run continuously;
- the yelling/shouting be taken out as this would be defined under noise which disturbs.

217/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;

"That Council refer the Municipal Ticket Information System Amendment Bylaw No. 728, 2007 back to staff."

CARRIED

**SR6 Entrance Signage (2.5.1.9)**

A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- tourism funding has been approved to be used for the signage;
- freight costs seem very high;
- the Director of Works advised that their crew is a maintenance crew not a construction crew and is concerned about them preparing the concrete pads;
- the Director of Works advised that he thought the company should take care of freighting the signs because if they were broken during the trip the company may not warranty those damages.

218/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That Council proceed with the signs including delivery and installation, from Canadian Rocks Signs in the amount of \$60,330.00 and forward them the deposit."

CARRIED

**SR7 Volunteer Appreciation**

219/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council select Betty Nilson as the Hudson's Hope Volunteer of the Year for 2007."

CARRIED

Council requested that staff invite Betty Nilson to the May 14, 2007 Council meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CM1 Spirit of BC Community Committees Regional Roundtable (1.7.8.8)**

Mayor Harwood advised of the celebrations for BC's 2008 Sesquicentennial Anniversary. She also advised that the 2010 Olympics will be beginning to look for volunteers.

220/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council authorize Mayor Harwood or Dawn Mengerling to attend the Spirit of BC Summit on May 11 and 12, 2007 in Vancouver."

CARRIED

**CM2 Branding the Peace (4.1.1.9)**

Councillor Anderson commented that the Branding of the Peace is doing an great job in promoting peace projects nationally and internationally. They are currently looking for new members to join.

**CM3 Gething Coal Environmental Assessment (4.3.5.1)**

Councillor Kosolowsky advised of his attendance at the Gething Coal Environmental Assessment. At the assessment they discussed the projects impacts and the methods to be used. He also advised that all the information is in a binder in the Council chambers for review.

**CM4 COFI (4.3.2.3)**

Mayor Harwood advised that she attended the COFI conference, and that she will have the notes from the conference soon.

**CM5 Historical Society (6.4.3.1)**

Councillor Johansson advised of the Historical Society's intent to do renovations and/or additions to the museum.

**CM6 Fundraising Workshop**

Councillor Webster advised that she had attended the fundraising workshop. She suggested the need for a coordinator to help with fundraising projects and look at all funding options.

**CM7 Global Warming and Climate Change (5.8.1.1)**

Councillor Stacey commented on the presentation given by Mr. Metzger. He advised that the citizens need to make personal commitments to help make a change. His suggestions were replacing furnaces, increasing fuel economy with vehicle chips and changing air and fuel filters. Council also discussed the "Turn It Off Challenge" and water conservation.

**CM8 Resource Development Planning Policy (4.3.4.6)**

Councillor Johansson distributed draft number five of the resource development planning policy, which has incorporated all previous comments. Council reviewed the document together and recommended additional changes that Councillor Johansson will make. The revised draft will be brought back to Council at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Day of Mourning**

Mayor Harwood reminded Council that the Annual Day of Mourning ceremony will be held on April 27, 2007 at the District Office.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

**PE1 Pearkes Centre (004775.000)**

Pat Markin told Council of the changes at the Pearkes Centre. She advised that she has had commercial businesses open at the Pearkes Centre and has more people interested in opening their businesses there. She was not aware of the zoning requirements and therefore is now applying to have the property rezoned. She went through all the events held there as well as the different businesses looking for rental space. The Administrator advised she would speak to the lawyer about issuing a non-compliant business licence.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays May 14 Council Meeting May 28 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>Unightly 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>	

**SPECIAL IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

221/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;

"To recess this regular meeting and, pursuant to Part 4, Division 3 and Part 5, Division 2 of the *Community Charter*, convene a special meeting that will be closed to the public to discuss matters pertaining to legal issues. (8:46 p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 9:22 p.m.]

**ADJOURNMENT**

222/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:22 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor