

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson, Stacey, Johansson, and Kosolowsky
Staff: Mike Ryder, and B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk
Other: TJ Schur, Aeolis Wind; Colleen Brown, Aeolis Wind; P. Markin, M. Brereton, B. Nilson, J. Kinahan, B. Bach, G. McTaggart

CALL TO ORDER

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

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

D1 Volunteer of the Year

Mayor Harwood presented the award of Volunteer of the Year to Betty Nilson with a cheque in the amount of \$1000 for the Friends of Hudson's Hope.

D2 Aeolis Wind Power Corporation

TJ Schur and Colleen Brown from Aeolis Wind Power Corporation gave a presentation on wind energy and the test site at Hackney Ridge. Mrs. Schur advised that they are currently looking at doing an environmental assessment and are having consultations with local communities and First Nations regarding the Hackney Ridge Site. They have been researching there for nine months with three tower testers. If the project does proceed it may not be running until 2011 depending on how long project development and construction take. She advised that Aeolis has over 100,000 ha of land for investigative purposes including Hackney Ridge. She described how wind energy works and the advantages to using wind energy as it is a green, free and inexhaustible source. She discussed the Bear Mountain project, including the footprint size, number of turbines, and the amount of energy produced. Mrs. Schur advised that of some of the issues people have with wind turbines are bird deaths, noise, and impacts on wildlife. On the contrary she commented that wind energy can work well in conjunction with recreation, oil and gas, forestry, guiding and many other activities.

MINUTES

M1 Public Hearing – April 23, 2007

226/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the minutes of the public hearing held on April 23, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – April 23, 2007

227/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the minutes of the council meeting held on April 23, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M3 Public Budget Meeting – April 30, 2007

228/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the public budget meeting held on April 30, 2007 be adopted."
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Building Inspector

Councillor Kosolowsky questioned why there were insurance issues for hiring someone as the building inspector when the District purchases insurance for the Municipal Emergency Coordinator and the Special Events Coordinator. Council requested that a report on this issue be prepared by staff.

B2 X-Ray Machine Donation Request

Mayor Harwood advised that a letter requesting a donation for the x-ray machine should be on the next agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C11 be received."
CARRIED

C1 Village of Pouce Coupe – July 1st Parade

Mayor Harwood advised that she would speak with Kasper Michel regarding using his float to take to the Village of Pouce Coupe Parade. Mayor Harwood and Councillor Johnson both indicated that they were interesting in attending the parade. Council also discussed purchasing a gift for the 75th Anniversary of the Village of Pouce Coupe.

C2 Hudson's Hope Public Library – Annual Strawberry Festival

229/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council donate a pool pass for the Annual Strawberry Festival hosted by the Hudson's Hope Public Library."
CARRIED

C3 Discover Energy – Oil & Gas Educational Fair

Mayor Harwood volunteered to attend the Discover Energy open house and oil and gas education fair in Dawson Creek on Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

C4 UBCM – Opportunities for Local Government & Public Participation in Provincial Regulatory Processes for Independent Power Producers' Projects

C5 Statistics Canada – Census 2006

Council decided not to proceed with a formal review of Census 2006 population figures released for the District of Hudson's Hope.

C6 BC Hydro – Turn It Off Challenge

C7 City of Ottawa – National Tree Planting Challenge

C8 Pitch-In British Columbia – Available Programs

Council requested that a letter be sent to the Hudson's Hope School to recognize their participation in the Earth Day Clean-Up. Council decided that June 10, 2007 would be set for a Community Day Clean-Up. Council requested that this be referred to the Special Events Coordinator. Council asked that staff check the costs for materials for the Pitch-In Municipal Conference.

C9 Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement

Council asked that staff diarize this issue for further discussion by Council.

C10 UBCM – Community to Community Forum

Council requested staff to send letters to the First Nations advising them that funding is now available for Community to Community Forums and that the District would be willing to assist them if they undertook to host a forum.

C11 Ministry of Environment – Lynx Creek Boat Launch

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending April 21 and May 5, 2007

230/07

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$57,583.64 for the four-week period ending May 5, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for April 25 and May 5, 2007

231/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That the accounts payable reports for April 25, 2007 in the amount of \$78,364.21 and for May 5, 2007 in the amount of \$62,307.17 for a total of \$140,671.38 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

232/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That the revenue and expense report April be received."

CARRIED

Councillor Kosolowsky requested a meeting with the Director of Works and Protective Services for May 17, 2007 regarding survey and mapping costs.

SR4 Administrator's Report

1 Special Events Coordinator – Contract Renewal

233/07

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council authorize the Administration to negotiate a contract with Dawn Mengerling for the purpose of providing services as the Special Events Coordinator for the District of Hudson's Hope for a two year term."

CARRIED

234/07

Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council authorize the District of Hudson's Hope to become a member of the Northern British Columbia Recreation Association and have Dawn Mengerling be the representative."

CARRIED

2 *Renaming of Henry Stege Park*

Council was advised that the Henry Stege Park was donated by Henry Stege and it is therefore not recommended that the park be renamed.

3 *Rezoning Application – Patricia Markin – Parkes Centre*

235/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That a Public Hearing be held on June 11, 2007 regarding the amendment to the zoning on the property described as Lot 1, Section 13, Township 81, Range 26, W6M, Peace River District, Plan 9918.”

CARRIED

236/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council give first reading to the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 729, 2007.”

CARRIED

237/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council give first reading to the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 730, 2007.”

CARRIED

4 *Security Issuing Resolution – Twelve Mile Road (9.7.1.6.1)*

238/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council approve borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia as part of their 2007 fall issue, \$35,341.35 as authorized through Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 711 (a bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of constructing an electrical extension to parcels on Twelve Mile Road) and that the Peace River Regional District be requested to consent to our borrowing over a 15 year term and include the borrowing in their security issuing bylaw.”

CARRIED

Councillor Johansson requested the amounts for construction per property.

5 *Rezoning Application – School District No. 60 (1601.000 & 1605.000)*

239/07

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That a Public Hearing be held on June 11, 2007 regarding the amendment to the zoning on the property described as Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 4, Section 18, Township 81, Range 25, West of the 6th Meridian, Peace River District, Plan 10701.”

CARRIED

240/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council give first reading to the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 731, 2007.”

CARRIED

6 *Tax Roll Review Panel Appointments*

241/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council appoint Mayor Harwood and Councillors Kosolowsky, Johansson and Webster to the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel.”

CARRIED

SR5 Water Samples

Water samples were reviewed by Council.

SR6 Road Access Off Barkley

Council reviewed an Application for Permission to Construct Works within Highway Right-of-Way for the Purpose of Constructing a Wellsite from Hudson's Hope Gas, Ltd., which was submitted after the access off of Barkley Street was completed. Council requested that a "Application for Permission to Construct Works within Highway Right-of-Way" form be made for the District of Hudson's Hope.

SR7 Animal Control & Licensing Amendment Bylaw

242/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council adopt the Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw No. 724, 2007."
CARRIED
with Councillor Johansson OPPOSING

SR8 Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 726, 2007

243/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council give second reading as amended to the Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 726, 2007."
CARRIED

244/07 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give third reading and adopt the Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 726, 2007."
CARRIED

SR9 2007 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 727, 2007

245/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council give second reading to the 2007 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 727, 2007."
CARRIED
with Councillor Webster OPPOSING

246/07 Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council give third reading and adopt the 2007 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 727, 2007."
CARRIED
with Councillor Webster OPPOSING

SR10 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 722, 2007 & Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 723, 2007

247/07 Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council adopt the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 722, 2007."
CARRIED

248/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;
"That Council adopt the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 723, 2007."
CARRIED

SR11 Peace Water Use Plan & Operating Order

249/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
"That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Environment requesting that the District of Hudson's Hope be given the opportunity to review the new licence once it is rewritten with all comments

taken into consideration prior to it being accepted and the operating order issued and that the letter confirm the minimum amount of water to be released from the Peace Canyon facility is 10,000 cubic feet per second.”

CARRIED

SR12 Lagoon Aeration System

The Director of Works and Protective Services reviewed three types of aerators with Council. Council discussed the different options and the pros and cons of each. Council referred this issue back to staff to get more information on the wind driven pond mills and see if they could find another community who uses them who would comment on their success or failure with them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Resource Planning Policy

Councillor Johansson distributed draft number six of the resource development planning policy. Council reviewed the document together and made recommendations for further changes. Council also discussed some of the implementation issues.

250/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council adopt the Resource Planning Policy as a draft and as amended.”

CARRIED

Council discussed that a meeting should be held to hear from the industries and the public with regards to the draft policy.

CM2 North Central Municipal Association

Councillor Johansson submitted a report on her attendance at the North Central Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting. Councillor Johansson reported on the following issues:

- new training programs for physiotherapists, occupational therapists and possibly pharmacists;
- new northern sports facility;
- Northern Medical Program Trust's funding for medical students;
- pre-tenure notification resolution endorsement;
- patio heater resolution failure; and
- pine beetle research.

Councillor Johnson also attended the NCMA's AGM and reported on the following issues:

- clean energy initiatives;
- BC single business licences;
- Spectra Energy grant projects;
- new more efficient furnace options; and
- new technologies from Altraenergy, with testing sites near McBride.

CM3 Conversation on Health

Mayor Harwood attended the Conversation on Health. She advised that the information from the Fort St. John Conversation on Health will be posted on their website in the near future for everyone to view.

CM4 Spirit of BC Chair Summit

Mayor Harwood advised of your attendance at the Spirit of BC Chair Summit in Vancouver. She advised that funding is going to be available for activities which help celebrate British Columbia's 150th Anniversary. There will be a regional planning meeting on June 18, 2007 to discuss the different ideas communities have for the celebrations. She also advised of some of the other activities already scheduled for next year's celebrations. Council requested that staff follow-up on whether the steam train will still be coming to the Peace River region. The WAC Bennett Dam will have it's 40th Anniversary in 2008 and that could be the District's event to help celebrate.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Terasen Gas

Councillor Anderson questioned whether the District had been contacted by any companies to supply the commodity portion of the natural gas with the new Customer Choice Program from Terasen Gas. Staff advised that they were not aware of any companies contacting the District yet.

NB2 NEEMAC

Mayor Harwood advised that she had attended the NEEMAC meeting. She advised that one of the main issues was that more information from representatives on NEEMAC should be brought back to Council.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays May 28 Council Meeting June 7 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel (Adams Street) June 8 Meeting w/ Atkinson Developer June 11 Public Hearing / Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Grant Easement and notify property owners of requirements</i>	Oct 2004	Sept 2005
DY3	<i>Building Amendment Bylaw</i>	Oct 2004	Apr 2006
DY4	<i>Ticketing Bylaw</i>	Oct 2004	
DY5	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw</i>	Nov 2004	June 2006
DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	Apr 2005	Dec 2005
DY7	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	Apr 2005	
DY8	<i>Extension of Electrical Service – Twelve Mile Road</i>	Oct 2005	Jan 2006
DY9	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	June 2006	
DY10	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	Sept 2005	
DY11	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	February 2007	
DY12	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	February 2007	

