

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Councillors Kosolowsky, Anderson, Webster and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Pringle, Deputy Clerk; and H. Greig, Office Assistant
Other: P. Markin, J. Kinahan, B. Bach, A. Purvis and C. Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm with Councillor Kosolowsky presiding.

MINUTES

M1 Council Meeting – May 28, 2007

268/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the minutes of the council meeting held on May 28, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Bedding Plants (6.6.1.11.1)

The Administrator advised that the purchase of bedding plants can be done as an operating cost rather than putting it out to tender.

B2 Resource Policy (4.3.4.6)

The Administrator advised that the draft Resource Planning Policy has been sent to the lawyer for review and should be completed within the next two weeks. She advised that the lawyer's opinion is necessary as it is going to be given to the public for their input.

B3 Lagoon Aeration System (9.3.4)

The Administrator advised that the Director of Works and Protective Services was still researching information on solar energy for the aeration system.

B4 Peace Water Use Plan & Operating Order (9.7.1.7)

Staff advised that no information has been received from the Ministry of Environment on the Peace River Use and Operating Order.

CORRESPONDENCE

269/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C17 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Notice of Public Tender (4.3.4)

It was advised that parcels 0708077 and 0708078 have been withdrawn. Council discussed the possibility of meeting with residents to listen to their comments and areas of concerns.

Councillor Webster volunteered to organize the informal meeting and host it at her residence on June 14, 2007 at 7:00pm. Comments will be brought forward at the June 25, 2007 Council meeting.

C2 District of Tumbler Ridge – Grizfest Music Festival (1.5.2.4)

Council requested that Mayer Harwood and Councillor Johnson be asked if they would like to attend. If no one is willing to attend, a letter of regret should be sent to the District of Tumbler Ridge.

C3 Keepers of the Water II – Keeping the Peace – A Watershed Gathering (9.2.3)

Council discussed that the keepers of the Water II is being held at the same time as the UBCM Conference. Council requested that staff diarize this item as someone may be able to attend if they do not attend the conference. Council also requested that a copy of the Resource Planning Policy be sent to the organizers once completed.

C4 UBCM – Call for Nomination for UBCM Executive (1.5.1.1)

C5 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Crown Disposition of Oil & Gas Rights (4.3.4)

C6 Robert Pringle – Potential Disposition of Oil & Gas (4.3.4)

Councillor Webster advised that she would invite Robert Pringle to the informal meeting on June 14, 2007

C7 James & Elaine Rhymer – Clearing Costs, Twelve Mile Road Electrical Extension (9.7.1.6.1)

The Administrator advised that Minister Richard Neufeld is preparing a letter to be sent to James and Elaine Rhymer.

C8 Ministry of Forests & Range – Tree Farm Licence (4.3.2.8)

Council requested that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Forests and Range to clarify whether the increase to harvest levels is for beetle damaged trees only or if it will affect all valuable timber. They also requested that Councillor Stacey be asked about the equipment he had suggested be used on the beetle damaged trees near the Pioneer Cemetery.

C9 The IRM Partnership – Focus Group Meeting on Upper Peace Pilot Project on Integrated Landscape Mgt.

Councillor Johansson, Councillor Kosolowsky and Councillor Anderson advised that they were interested in attending the Focus Group Meeting on Upper Peace Pilot Project Integrated Landscape Mgt. Council suggested sending the information on the Resource Planning Policy once it has been adopted.

C10 Taylor Gold Panning Committee – Gold Panning Championships (1.5.2.5)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised that he may be interested in attending. Mayer Harwood will be asked to attend.

C11 Canadian Rural Partnership / Services Canada – Funding for BC 2008 Celebrations

Councillor Webster advised that is Council wanted to receive information on these types of grants she would forward them an email so they could receive them on a regular basis. Councillor Anderson advised that she was attending a meeting for the BC 2008 celebrations and that she would advise them of this funding.

C12 Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation – Invitation to the Opening of the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery (1.5.2.4)

C13 UBCM – 2007 Resolution Deadline (1.5.1.1)

Councillor Johansson will rewrite the patio heater resolution to be submitted to UBCM. Council also discussed writing a resolution for a requirement of seatbelts on school buses.

C14 Tumbler Ridge & Chetwynd – 3rd Annual Community Coal (4.3.5)

Council request that staff diarize the 2007 Northeast British Columbia Community Coal Forum on October 10 and 11, 2007

C15 Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources – Withdraw Parcels from Disposition (4.3.4)

C16 RCMP Hudson's Hope Detachment – Funding for Purchase of Snowmobile Toboggan (7.2)

C17 BC Health Coalition – BC Seniors Week (4.1.2.3)

270/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council write a letter to the Province of British Columbia supporting home support for BC Seniors and that they adopt the following resolution:

Whereas home support is a vital part of our health care system that allows a seniors, people with disability or people with chronic health conditions to live independently and with dignity; and

Whereas home support has shown to be the most cost effective program by treating health problems in the home before they develop into chronic health crises requiring hospitalization; and

Whereas home support promotes healthy living by addressing nutrition and meal preparation, hygiene, grooming, and socialization; and

Whereas access to home support has decreased dramatically in the last few years and more generally since 1994, despite an aging population in BC; and

Whereas we are concerned that the significant cuts to hospital and residential care beds, combined with reduced access to home support, have resulted in a larger burden for home support to address acute needs for fewer patients; and

Whereas reduced access to and quality of home support adversely affect the most economically and physically vulnerable populations – namely seniors, particularly women, living alone and low-income;

Be it resolved that the District of Hudson's Hope recognizes and affirms:

- That home support is essential to an efficient and sustainable health care system,
- That home support is fitting with our municipality's image of promoting healthy lifestyles and holistic health,

- That home support is effective solution to health issues related to our municipality and province's growing senior population,
- That access to home support is equivalent to the right of all individuals to live independently and with dignity; and

Be it further resolved that the District of Hudson's Hope call upon the Province of British Columbia:

- To halt further cutbacks and restore home support to 1994 service levels,
- To ensure that home support is a universal program by eliminating user fees and stemming privatization,
- To overcome staff shortages by improving and standardizing training, implementing competitive wage scales for workers, and developing an active recruitment program for home support workers, including new workers from aboriginal and ethno cultural communities; and
- To create an appeal board for people to dispute their home support assessment that is both impartial and representative of seniors and people with disabilities."

CARRIED

C18 Northern Health – NCMA Meeting (6.2.1.3)

Council requested that a letter be sent to Northern Health advising that having a physiotherapist only come once a month will cause the amount of referrals to decrease because the majority of the people who utilize this service need it more than what is being offered. The letter should also discuss the issue of the physiotherapist not being paid mileage to drive to Hudson's Hope.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending June 2, 2007

271/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$38,651.00 for the two week period ending June 2, 2007 be approved."

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary for May 29 and June 5, 2007

272/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the accounts payable reports for May 29, 2007 in the amount of \$36,912.54 and for June 5, 2007 in the amount of \$44,634.55 for a total of \$81,547.09 be approved."

CARRIED

SR3 Revenue and Expense Report

273/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That the revenue and expense report for May be received"

CARRIED

SR4 Administrator's Report

1 Building Inspector Insurance (8.2)

The Administrator advised that the insurance for a building inspector is much higher as they are at risk for claims versus other contractors whose insurances is paid for by the municipality. The Administrator also advised that three applicants within the current staff have applied for the building inspector position.

2 *Twelve Mile Road Electrical Extension (9.7.1.6.1)*

A detailed report of the costs to property owners for the Twelve Mile Road Electrical Extension project was presented to Council.

3 *Twelve Mile Road Electrical Extension – Amendment to Local Area Service Bylaw (9.7.1.6.1)*

274/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council read a first, second and third time the Twelve Mile Road Local Area Service Establishment and Parcel Tax Roll Amendment Bylaw No. 734, 2007”

CARRIED

4 *Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue (1.2.3)*

275/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council read for the first time the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 735, 2007”

CARRIED

276/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council read for the second time as amended the Revenue Anticipating Borrowing Bylaw No 735, 2007.”

CARRIED

278/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council read for the third time the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 735, 2007”

CARRIED

5 *Utility Bill Payments – Accounts Payable Procedure (1.2.2)*

278/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council adopt the Accounts Payable Procedure”

CARRIED

with Councillor Johansson OPPOSED

6 *Property / Tax Proposal – 10709 Learmonth Street (01606.000)*

279/07 Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Council authorize the Administrator to direct the municipal solicitor to prepare the necessary documents to take ownership of Lot 13, Block 4, Section 19, Plan 1679 in exchange for settlement of tax debt.”

CARRIED

7 *Zoning Bylaw Review (5.3.1)*

Council discussed using other engineering firms to do the Zoning Bylaw review. The Administrator advised that she had contacted several other engineering firms in the area and has either been advised that they do not perform this type of work or they have not answered her inquiries.

280/07 Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council authorize the Administration to contract with Urban Systems to conduct the review of the Zoning Bylaw.”

CARRIED

- 8 *Referral from the Integrated Land Management Bureau – Cary and Rebecca Brough (02705.00)*

281/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council endorse the application in principle.”

CARRIED

- 9 *“Develop With Care” Guidelines*

Council was given information on the “Develop with Care: Environmental Guidelines for Urban and Rural Land Development in BC.”

- 10 *Oil and Gas Consultation (4.3.4)*

Information was given to Council on community consultation for Oil and Gas companies. Councillor Johansson advised that no consultation is required until the tenure is purchased.

SR5 Adams Street Frontage Tax Amendment Bylaw (2.4.6.1)

282/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
“That Council read the first, second and third time the Adams Street Frontage Tax Amendment Bylaw No. 732, 2007.”

CARRIED

SR6 Entrance Signs (2.5.1.9)

Council commented on the design and asked for changes to be made to the design and then brought back to Council.

SR7 Crests

Council requested that staff inquire about the size of the crests and the price differences in size. They also requested that staff get a quote from the Hat Women in Fort St. John.

SR8 Billboard Babies (4.1.1.9)

Council requested that staff find out the price for the use of the graphics for the Peace Country Billboard Babies.

SR9 Appointment of General Trades Position (3.2)

Council was advised that the general trades position was offered to and accepted by Layton Bressers.

SR10 Solar Heating the Swimming Pool (6.6.1.3.4)

Council received information from the Director of Works and Protective Services on solar heating the swimming pool.

SR11 Application of Albert Summer to subdivide land within the Agricultural Land Reserve for the purpose of proving one additional residential lot (041091.20)

283/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council recommend the Agricultural Land Commission approve the application to subdivide a portion of Southwest ¼, District Lot 1091, except the most west 80 feet, Peace River District, for the purpose of providing one additional residential lot.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM1 Historical Society (6.4.3.1)

Councillor Johansson submitted a report on her attendance at the Historical Society Annual General Meeting on May 31, 2007. The report included the following:

- new projects planned are digitizing archival material connected with construction of the two dams and pioneer settlers and expanding the aboriginal display;
- they are in the process of developing written policies for general operations, emergency procedures, and expectations of employees;
- new filing system and accounting program is being set up;
- working on gathering and cataloguing local primary source history documents; and
- have accepted the Olive Powell collection.

CM2 Turn it Off Challenge Workshop (9.7.5)

Councillor Webster advised that she recruiting one person from each facility to be the leaders for the Turn it Off Challenge. She advised that they had a meeting and came up with great ideas. She also attended the Strawberry Festival and gave out information to residents. Councillor invited the Council to the kick-off pancake breakfast that was planned for June 12, 2007. She advised that during the breakfast she would give information to staff and volunteers about the challenge.

284/07 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council approve funds for prizes to help promote the Turn It Off Challenge in the amount of up to \$500.00."

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Dinosaur Lake Campground (6.6.1.7)

Councillor Anderson advised that campers at Dinosaur Lake are taking wood and scraps from a pile that BC Hydro has made near the campground and are using it for firewood rather than buying the wood. She also advised that this is becoming a safety issue as the wood they are burning from the pile have nails in them which are left on the ground. Council requested a letter be sent to BC Hydro asking them to clean up the pile for safety reasons.

NB2 Bob Potter's Memorial

Council asked Councillor Kosolowsky to say a few words at Bob Potter's memorial service as he had served as a council member. Council also suggested finding out where money contributions can be sent to and make a contribution.

NB3 Boating on Cameron Lake (6.6.1.8)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised Council that he had seen a boat on Cameron Lake with a motor. He asked that a new larger sign advising boaters that no motorized boats are allowed on the lake.

NB4 Garbage Pick-Up (9.5.4)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised that in Masset, the district pays people to pick up garbage in the municipality. The Administrator advised that she had been approached to have a person serve 50 hours of community service doing garbage pick up.

NB5 Scholarship (6.1.1.3)

Staff advised Council that there had been five applicants for the Leo and Ethel Rutledge Scholarship. Councillors Anderson and Johansson both volunteered to review the applicants and decide on the successful candidate to win the scholarship this year.

	DIARY	Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays June 25 Council Meeting July 9 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>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY9	<i>Portage Road Closure (9.6.1.4)</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	
DY10	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	
DY11	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>February 2007</i>	
DY12	<i>BC's 150th Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
DY13	<i>Trade, Investment & Labour Mobility Agreement</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	

ADJOURNMENT

285/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:55 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor