

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Acting Mayor Johnson; Councillors Stacey, Webster, Quibell, Summer
Staff: J. Locher, Acting Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: R. Peck, R. Ward, B. Bach, K. Michel, R. Karst and B. Misewich

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Acting Mayor Johnson presiding.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Public Hearing – July 6, 2009 (0550-01)

232/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
“That the minutes of the Public Hearing held July 6, 2009 be adopted, as amended.”
CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – July 6, 2009 (0550-01)

233/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That the minutes of the Council meeting held July 6, 2009 be adopted, as amended.”
CARRIED

M3 Special Meeting – July 15, 2009 (0550-01)

234/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
“That the minutes of the Special meeting held July 15, 2009 be adopted, as amended.”
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 Beryl Prairie Parkland (41202.010)

235/09 The Deputy Clerk confirmed with Council that they did not want the Recreation Advisory Committee to acquire quotes from contractors to complete the work at the Beryl Prairie parkland.

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
“That Council direct staff to advertise for interested companies or persons to submit a Request for Proposal for completing the initial landscaping work at the Beryl Prairie Park, taking into account the recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee.”
CARRIED

Councillor Stacey advised Council of the information obtained from his meeting with the Beryl Prairie Firefighters regarding their vision for the park area. This information will be taken into account when the Request for Proposals is completed.

B2 Shell Canada Ltd. – Site Tour (6660-20)

Council requested staff organize a site tour with Shell Canada Ltd. for sometime during the week of August 17, 2009.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

D1 Hudson's Hope Museum – Updates (0230-01)

Rosaleen Ward from the Hudson's Hope Museum presented Council with updates and information on the current projects as follows:

- have been working on diversifying their funding base;
- membership in the society is up by 50% this year;
- working on developing new displays for the museum;
- have new interpretive panels and kids displays on the grounds of the museum;
- the summer exhibit is focusing on the Bedaux Expedition;
- have initiated a school heritage fair program;
- the current five priority focus areas are access sustainable funding, expand museum facility, develop a marketing and promotional strategy, greater local participation in the museum and its activities, and improve collections management;
- currently have limited space for showcasing and storage of artefacts and archival collections;
- a feasibility study and business plan need to be completed as the first steps in expanding the museum;
- the feasibility study will cost approximately \$25,000.00;
- looking into the idea of charging a museum entrance fee to increase revenue;
- will be beginning a volunteer of the month recognition program and will be trying to attract more interest from the youth of the community; and
- want to ensure the "Powell Trophy Collection" is kept safe and in good condition.

Ms. Ward thanked Council for their ongoing support in the form of the annual operating grant. She also extended an invitation to Council to come to the museum to discuss museum expansion ideas and to view the new exhibits.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

RC1 Special Events Coordinator (8100-01)

236/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Stacey;
"That Council direct staff to advertise for interested persons to submit a Request for Proposal for the Special Events Coordinator contract, taking into account the recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee."

CARRIED

Council requested that the Special Events Coordinator not be required to have a Class 4 Drivers Licence to drive the Lions Van for a seniors swim day, but that they would need to plan and organize the swim day.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Road Closure Bylaw (3900-02)

237/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council adopt the Road Closure Bylaw No. 697, 2006."

CARRIED

SR2 Rezoning and Official Community Plan Amendment Application – Ironhead Enterprises (3900-02)

238/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That a Public Hearing be called for the Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 772, 2009 and the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 773, 2009."

CARRIED

239/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That first reading be given to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 772, 2009."
CARRIED

240/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That first reading be given to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 773, 2009."
CARRIED

Council requested staff prepare a report on the number of commercial properties currently zoned within the District.

CORRESPONDENCE

241/09 Moved by Councillor Stacey and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C14 be received."
CARRIED

C1 District of Tumbler Ridge – Coal Forum Update (0400-50)

No Councillors were interested in attending the 2009 Northeast Coal Forum.

C2 Premier Gordon Campbell – UBCM Convention (0400-20)

C3 Ministry of Community and Rural Development – UBCM Meetings (0400-20)

Council requested staff arrange meetings at the UBCM Convention with the Ministry of Health Services and the Ministry of Housing and Social Development. Council requested that Mayor Anderson be asked if she would like request meetings with any other Ministries.

C4 BC Recreation and Parks Association – Request for Letter of Support

Staff were requested to bring information on where the letter of support is suppose to be sent to for the August 10, 2009 meeting

C5 City of Dawson Creek – Dawson Creek Exhibition and Rodeo Parade (0400-50)

Mayor Anderson is to be asked if she would be able to attend the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Rodeo Parade on August 7, 2009.

C6 Kids Help Phone – Request for Donation (1770-01)

Council discussed the current funding opportunities for Kids Help Phone. The Council will not be donating any funds this year.

C7 Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts – Olympic Torch Relay Community Grant Program (0400-20)

242/09 Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
"That Council authorize administration to make application for an Olympic Torch Relay Community Grant for the community celebration to take place on January 31, 2010 when the Olympic torch passes through Hudson's Hope."
CARRIED

C8 Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Rural and Small Post Offices

243/09 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That this item be postponed until further information from Canada Post is available."

C9 BC Forest Professional – 2010 Forest Capital of BC

C10 Oil and Gas Commission – Temporary Water Use Permits (0400-20)

Council requested additional information on the maximum amounts allowed to be drawn on the permits issued for the Peace River and Williston Lake. This information will be distributed to Council once received.

C11 BC Hydro – Turbine Replacement Project Update (0400-30)

C12 Muscular Dystrophy Canada – Fundraising by Fire Departments (0220-01)

This information will be forwarded to the Hudson's Hope Fire Department and published in the Bulletin.

C13 Fort St. John and District Chamber of Commerce – Request for Sponsorship (0400-50)

C14 UBCM – 2009 Library Grant Freeze (0400-01)

Council requested this information be brought back to them at the August 10, 2009 meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 Oil and Gas Activities Act – Notification/Consultation Regulations and Local Government (0400-20)

Council received the information on the meeting Councillor Johansson attended with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Oil and Gas Commission and representatives of local government to discuss the notification and consultation regulations being developed to accompany the new *Oil and Gas Activities Act*. Council advised that they were pleased to see them meeting with local governments to discuss this issue.

CR2 Peace Williston Advisory Committee (0360-01)

Council received updates from Councillor Johansson on the Peace Williston Advisory Committee. Council requested staff arrange a meeting during the UBCM Convention with BC Hydro.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Lakeview Inn and Suites – Property Concerns (01705.000)

The Deputy Clerk advised that the Lakeview Inn and Suites would be proceeding with paving of the parking lot, but that there was no requirement by the District for landscaping to be completed. Council requested staff inquire about their plans for the clean-up of the debris piles on the property.

NB2 Beryl Prairie Road – Safety Concerns with Dust (5400-01)

Councillor Summer voiced his concern with dust on the Beryl Prairie Road that is causing safety issues, especially because of the increase of industrial traffic. The road has not received any calcium treatment this year which usually helps with dust control. Water trucks have been pouring water onto the road; however, with the high temperatures the water does not seem to be helping.

Council requested staff get an update on what steps are being taken to control the dust on the

Beryl Prairie Road and also find out the status of the paving project, as the road is deteriorating with the heavy traffic.

NB3 Brush Removal along Municipal Roads (5400-01)

Councillor Johnson advised that he had a quote for brush removal in the ditches along municipal roads in the rural areas of the District. He suggested Council look at an annual plan to deal with the brush, as there have been safety issues brought to his attention by residents that have reduced visibility due to overgrown ditches. They have outlined approximately 40 kilometres of roadway that could use brush removal in the ditches.

NB4 Community Visioning Workshop

Staff will confirm the date of the Community Visioning Workshop with Community Futures and forward the date and time to Council.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 BC Hydro – Updates (0400-30)

Bruce Misewich advised that there may be an event held at the Peace Canyon Dam this fall to commemorate the completion of the upgrades at the facility. Council will be receiving an invitation to this event in the coming months.

DIARY

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Last Review/Action

DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays August 3 Civic Holiday August 10 Council Meeting August 21 Community Visioning Workshop August 24 Council Meeting September 7 Labour Day September 14 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY3	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>Nov 2008</i>
DY4	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY5	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY6	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
DY7	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences (0400-20)</i>	<i>Aug 2007</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY8	<i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
DY9	<i>Regional Community Foundation (0400-01)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
DY10	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
DY11	<i>Schedule meeting to discuss waste management</i>	<i>August 2008</i>	
DY12	<i>UBCM – 2009 Resolutions (Due June 30, 2009)</i>	<i>March 2009</i>	<i>Completed</i>
DY13	<i>UBCM Resolution – Surface Land Owner Notification</i>	<i>May 2009</i>	

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| DY14 | <i>Community Futures – REDI-BC Funding</i> | <i>June 2009</i> |
| DY15 | <i>Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity</i> | <i>July 6, 2009</i> |

ADJOURNMENT

244/09

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Summer;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:26 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor