

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, July 28, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Johnson and Johansson  
**Staff:** C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk; Vikki Bochon, Office Assistant  
**Other:** G. Pringle, C. Lewis, C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, T. Howard, R. Karst and B. Bach

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

**M1 Council Meeting – July 14, 2008**

251/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held July 14, 2008 be adopted, as amended."

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C5 be received."

CARRIED

**C1 UBCM-Small Talk Forum 2008**

Council requested the following topics be sent to UBCM for the small talk forum:

- is the provincial government anticipating a project that will look at streamlining provincial and municipal legislation/regulations that will allow them to work more harmoniously together, as this would also help companies operating within municipal boundaries so that they are not faced with conflicting regulations and/or desired operating standards of different governing bodies; and
- the grants being received from the Provincial Government are requiring a bronze plated plaque which costs approximately \$2000.00 each, which seems unreasonable when grant amounts in some cases are less than \$5000.00.

**C2 Office of the Premier – Meeting Requests 2008**

Council requested meetings be booked with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss the Beryl Prairie road and a meeting with the Ministry of Community Development to discuss the plaques that are required to be purchased when a grant is received from the Provincial Government.

**C3 NENAS – Donation Request**

253/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council approve a donation for the North East Native Advancing Society Golf Tournament for a gift not to exceed a total cost of \$200.00."

CARRIED

**C4 Heather Umpherville – Camping**

Council requested a letter be sent to Heather Umpherville explaining why a seven day

maximum stay is in effect and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**C5 Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC**

Councillor Webster and Councillor Anderson agreed to identify initiatives for the Expressions of Interest Process for the Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC. All members of Council are encouraged to provide input as soon as possible.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending July 12, 2008**

254/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$46,940.15 for the two-week period ending July 12, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary**

255/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That the accounts payable report for July 23, 2008 in the amount of \$80,596.04 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 UBCM – Administrator Attendance**

256/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council approve conference fees and travel expenses for the District Administrator to attend the UBCM Conference in Penticton from September 22 to September 26, 2008."

CARRIED

**SR4 Municipal Rights-of-Way**

Council received the draft Highway Construction and Use Agreement. A roundtable discussion ensued with members noting the following:

- to use a Right-of-Way within the municipality a person would need to ask permission from the District Council and a resolution would need to be passed, for each application and for each amendment, not a bylaw;
- Councillor Johansson spoke with other Municipalities in Alberta regarding Right-of-Way use for oil and gas infrastructure – Grande Prairie requires pipelines to be set back a minimum of 30 meters from the Right-of-Way and Red Deer also has the same regulations with a minimum of 20 to 30 meter away from the Right-of-Ways;
- any person who wanted to construct a road on a Right-of-Way should need to enter into a ROW agreement;
- the placement of the Right-of-Ways was first made by the Land Titles and usually run every mile in a north south direction and every two miles in an east west direction;
- the District is still waiting for confirmation from the lawyer as to which areas are actually designated as Right-of-Ways; within the area created by the Land Title Act west of the 122 degree latitude line.
- this agreement should be put on hold until Council and staff are able to attain more information about pipeline infrastructure within Municipal Right-of-Ways
- Provincial Right-of-Ways do not allow pipeline infrastructure within them, unless it is specifically to deliver gas to a customer
- once a Municipal road is constructed, access can not be restricted unless the road is closed by bylaw.

257/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"The staff located and arranged for a planner who has knowledge on these specific issues to come to Hudson's Hope to provide further background to the District of Hudson's Hope Council."

Waive Normal Procedure

258/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council waive normal procedure to allow Mr Pringle an opportunity to address Council on Municipal Right-of-Ways."

CARRIED

Mr. Pringle advised Council that notification to the public if a ROW is going to be used is very important as these people may have concerns that they would like to bring up, including environmental issues. He also advised that the notification process would be done best if published in the Bulletin.

**SR5 BC Hydro Turn It Off Challenge – Winner's Circle**

259/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"That Council support Option 2, being the Kilowatt Meter Lending Program, and direct staff to proceed with the project once funding is received."

CARRIED

**SR6 Maps Showing Resource Layers**

260/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council authorize staff to purchase a municipal map with mylar overlays showing resource tenures from McElhanney Geographics."

CARRIED

**SR7 Presentation from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources**

261/08

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That Council request staff to set up a meeting with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources preferably on September 18, 2008."

CARRIED

**SR8 Beryl Prairie Crown Grant**

Council received information on the Beryl Prairie Crown Grant and requested it to be put into the Bulletin.

**SR9 Arena Concession Tender**

262/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
"The Council authorize staff to enter into a one year contract with Ms. Harris to operate the arena Concession without the requirement to pay rent or commission to the District."

CARRIED

**SR10 Paving Report**

263/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council enter into an agreement with DGS to complete the 2008 and 2009 paving this year with a \$125,000 payment in 2008 and the remaining amount in 2009 up to a maximum of \$160,000 and that Council consider this a regular practice during the 2009 Budget discussions."

CARRIED

**SR11 Old Growth Forests**

The Deputy Clerk advised that Mr. Backmeyer of the Integrated Land Management Bureau spoke with LP and Tembec to change the tenure area to exclude the old growth forest near Lynx Creek. The formal application has not yet been submitted and still requires approval from the Ministry of Forests. Mr. Backmeyer will keep the council updated on this matter.

**SR12 Public Work Report**

Council was advised of the summer projects that have been completed by the public works department. Compliments were given to the efficiency of the work and how clean and well groomed everything is. Council requested a letter of appreciation be sent out to Lannie Rhymer and Kathy Burseth, for the article published in the Visitors Centre Network Newsletter.

**SR13 Lynx Creek Boat Launch**

Council was advised that in the Lynx Creek boat launch agreement it states that the District is responsible to keep the premises clean, and do any maintenance and repair at our own cost. BC Hydro has however advised that there are potential funds of \$15,000.00 per year available through the Water Use Plan which they are currently working towards.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CM1 Northern Health**

Councillor Anderson reported on Shaping Our Future meeting with Northern Health that was held on July 24, 2008. She advised that a lot of negative issues were brought up to Northern Health and all communities were given a chance to speak about the needs of their own community. The next meeting is scheduled in September in Dawson Creek.

**CM2 Aeolis Wind Project**

Councillor Johansson reported on a meeting and tour of the Hackney Hills and the Aeolis Wind. Council was advised that the project remains in pre-application stage and the company anticipates applying for approvals by early 2009. They anticipate installing 30-35 turbines each year, starting in 2010.

**CM3**

**Beryl Prairie Oil and Gas Projects**

Councillor Johnson provided information on a tour he took of oil and gas activity around the area. It is anticipated that there maybe as many as seven different companies working in the area in the near future.

**CM4 Pacific Northwest Economic Region Annual Summit**

Mayor Harwood commented on a recent conference that she attended about the Pacific Northwest Region. Some of the topics discussed were streamlining industries in the Northwest, climate change and the energy sector. Mayor Harwood will prepare a report to be presented next Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 King Gething Sani Dumping Station**

Councillor Anderson requested to Council to have the dumping station at King Gething park left open longer than September long weekend. Many of the public utilize the station into September and would appreciate accessing it while camping in our area. This matter will be forwarded to the Director of Works and Protective Services.

**NB2 Advertising Our Community In Other Communities**

Councillor Anderson advised that while traveling north, out of Prince George she noticed large, colourful billboard signs, advertizing other communities. (eg. Mackenzie and Tumbler Ridge). She suggested that council look into having this kind of advertizing done for our community. Council referred this issue to the 2009 Budget discussions.

**NB3 Ditch Mowing**

Councillor Johnson asked if the ditches in the subdivisions were getting mowed. The Administrator explained that they have been mowed in Lynx Creek due to the visual obstruction. This has not been done in Jamison as it is not an issue at this point.

**NB4 Pine Beatle Wood**

Councillor Johnson advised that the prescription from TDB is now completed and a quote is forthcoming to have their company complete all the required cutting of the pine beetle, especially on the hillside near the Pioneer Cemetery. Once the quote is received it will be brought back to Council. He also advised that TDB will be looking at hiring local people to help complete the project.

**NB5 Municipal Trails**

Councillor Johnson requested to Council to have a maintenance schedule setup for the Municipal trails. Some of the trails are very overgrown which may cause safety issues. Trees need to be cut back and trails need to be better packed. He suggested that if we are going to build them we need to maintain them. This issue was referred to the Director of Works and Protective Service.

In response to a question about referring hikers to trails, the Administrator advised that staff do not currently direct anyone to a trail that is not Municipally owned or designated provincially as there is a potential for liability if someone is hurt using the trail. Staff are working with staff from the Ministry of Tourism to designate the Steam Vent trails in the future.

**NB6 Local Motion Grant**

Mayor Harwood advised that a grant of approximately \$4000.00 was approved for the Library wheelchair access trail.

	<b>DIARY</b>	<b>Diarized</b>	<b>Last Review/Action</b>
<b>DY1</b>	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays August 11 Council Meeting August 25 Council Meeting</i>		
<b>DY2</b>	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>June 2007</i>
<b>DY3</b>	<i>Unightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
<b>DY4</b>	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>July 2007</i>
<b>DY5</b>	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
<b>DY6</b>	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
<b>DY7</b>	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>

<b>DY8</b>	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
<b>DY9</b>	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
<b>DY10</b>	<i>BC's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
<b>DY11</b>	<i>Trade, Investment &amp; Labour Mobility Agreement</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	
<b>DY12</b>	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue – Single Business Licences (0400-20)</i>	<i>Aug 2007</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
<b>DY13</b>	<i>Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
<b>DY14</b>	<i>Regional Community Foundation (0400-01)</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
<b>DY15</b>	<i>Peace River Regional District System (0400-50)</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>	
<b>DY16</b>	<i>Site Inspections with Tembec (6660-01)</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>	
<b>DY17</b>	<i>Registration for the Northeast BC Community Coal Forum</i>	<i>May 2008</i>	

264/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;

“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. (7:07p.m.)

CARRIED

[This regular meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.]

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

265/08

Moved by Councillor Johnson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;  
“That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned.” (7:24 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor