

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Monday, May 9, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor; Karen Anderson (Chair)  
  
Councillor; Gwen Johansson  
Councillor; Darryl Johnson  
Councillor; Clayton Stacey  
Councillor; Doug Summer  
Councillor; Terry Webster

**Staff:** Director of Public Works; Mike Carter  
Manager of Protective & Inspection Services; Alan Stebbing  
Deputy Treasurer; Rhonda Eastman  
Deputy Clerk/Minute Taker; Tracey Rutherford

**Other:** 5

**Regrets:** Councillor; Travous Quibell (joined at 7:30)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S Councillors Johnson/Webster  
THAT:

191/11 "The agenda for the Council meeting of May 9, 2011 be adopted."

CARRIED

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 (0550-01)**

M/S Councillors Johansson/Stacey

192/11 "The minutes of the Financial Statement Council meeting held Monday, April 26, 2011 be adopted."

CARRIED

**M2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 (0550-01)**

M/S Councillors Summer/Johansson

193/11 "The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- BR1 C10 HERO'S Mess Dinner Invitation (0230-01)**  
Council unable to attend, Alan Stabbing volunteered to attend the HERO's Dinner on Council's behalf.

Mayor Anderson confirmed a representative may attend on behalf of Council.

M/S Councillors Johnson/Johansson

THAT:

- 194/11 "Council authorize Alan Stebbing attendance and tariff expenses for two to attend the HERO'S Mess Dinner in Fort St John on May, 28, 2011."

**CARRIED**

Council acknowledged District representation at this dinner, which recognizes people who make a difference in Canada, as important.

- BR2 BR3 – New Water Treatment System (5280-14)**

Mike Carter advised Council he will speak to Mr. Locher about assisting the District with investigation into the referendum and counter petition processes.

- BR3 C9 – Family Friendly Initiative (0230-01)**

Staff informed Council the letter of endorsement which Council authorized at April 26<sup>th</sup>s Regular Council meeting, for the Friendly Family Initiative, would be mailed to North Peace Community Resources Society once the mailing address is received.

Staff to mail endorsement letter.

- BR4 BR1 – Drought Management Plan (0400-50)**

Mayor Anderson informed Council she spoke with Fred Banham, CAO for the Peace Region Regional District about the Drought Management Plan. Mr. Banham informed her that he was not aware of any Drought Management Plan requirements and that he would look into it and provide a response to Council.

**DELEGATION**

- D1 Fred Banham; CAO, Peace River Regional District – Fair Share Grant Program (0400-50)**

Mr. Banham provided Council with a handout, which contained information regarding the Fair Share grant program and BC Hydro Property Taxation, and a synopsis.

- Fair Share Agreement
  - Re-addressed issues with the new ministry
  - Received thank you letters from Premier Christy Clark and Minister Ida Chung
  - Will be meeting with ministry this week to discuss
  - Looking to have the agreement legislated giving it permanency
  - Permanency would allow local government to count on monies
  - Are currently at the whim of government every year
  - At inception there was no set rules for spending
    - Would be wise to put into Capital
  - Requisite for legislation is that it would be put into an Act
  - Formula is similar to the first formula created in 1994
  - Formula is flexible to change with the times and is calculated on previous years assessment
    - Activity in surrounding area is impacting community
    - Uses BC Assessment classifications for buildings, foundations etc
    - 8 local governments set formula that is approved by government

- Municipal government can re address with the government every 5 years
  - Adjusted twice since 1994
  - Industry's camps and their impact on communities are not calculated into the formula
- BC Hydro Grants in Lieu
    - Issued letter to Minister Steve Thomson, has not responded to date
    - Local governments affected are contemplating requests to government for a review of this issue
  - Drought Management Plan
    - Will enquire at meeting with ministry staff this week
    - Will report findings to Council

#### STAFF REPORTS

- SR1 Tracey Rutherford – Talisman Meeting with Council, April 27, 2011 (0600-20)**  
Council received the report. FOR INFORMATION  
Councillor Webster informed Council she had spoken with Talisman who generously agreed to fund the barbeque for the Environmental Extravaganza.  
**Councillor Quibell joined the meeting.**
- SR2 Alan Stebbing – Atkinson Property Development Update (3220-20)**  
Two drafted contracts were presented to Council for review. Dehua commented on contracts and staff will follow up with council after final drafts are prepared.
- SR3 Tracey Rutherford – Local Government Awareness Week, May 15 – 21 (1470-01)**  
Council received the report. FOR INFORMATION  
Councillor Webster added that Council could set up a table with information on voting, those interested in running for Council, the new water treatment system and the District's budget.  
Mayor Anderson and Councillor Webster to volunteered to set up and work at the District's information table at the Environmental Extravaganza on May 15.  
**Staff to provide information to Council for their information table.**
- SR4 Tracey Rutherford – Canadian Kailuan Dehua Mines Co Ltd. (6660-01)**  
Staff reminded Council they were to discuss Canadian Kailuan Mines' request for a letter of support for their proposed Gething Bulk Sample Project.  
Discussion:
  - CKD addressed Council's questions regarding the project's process, open house information sessions, employment and housing at a meeting on May 5, 2011
  - Some of the information provided at the May 5 meeting by CKD representatives:
    - Labour force, looking to employ locally, then regionally, then provincially and so on
    - May have to bring in skilled migrant workers if none are found in Canada
    - Looking at employing 90 – 120 to start followed by a smooth transition
    - In proposed bulk sample notice of work Councillor Johansson noted and informed CKD; they incorrectly listed the Hudson's Hope clinic as a hospital and that if their ambulance service were to have a designated handover place, they should be aware that Hudson's Hope is not always able to dispatch their ambulance
    - Bulk sample will be 100,000 tonnes
    - The District has until May 27 or 28, 2011 to respond to the notice of work
  - CKD met with Mayor Anderson and Alan Stebbing on April 26 and informed them some approvals to use highway 29 to Chetwynd during permit stage had been received

- M/S Councillor Johnson/Quibell  
THAT:
- 195/11 "Council authorize a letter of support for the Canadian Kailuan Mines Co. Ltd proposed Gething Bulk Sample project be issued to respective ministries." **CARRIED**
- Staff to issue approved letters to Ministries.**
- SR5 Tracey Rutherford – MATI Foundations Program (2810-01)**  
Council received the report.  
Discussion:  
  - Course is relevant to the Deputy Clerk's position
  - Will provide a good foundation for current Deputy ClerkM/S Councillors Johansson/Stacey  
THAT:
- 196/11 "Council authorize the attendance and expenses for Tracey Rutherford, Deputy Clerk, to attend the MATI foundations course in Victoria from August 7 – 12, 2011." **CARRIED**
- Staff to make arrangements for office coverage, course registration and travel arrangements as well as enquire about course credits toward CAO certificate.**
- BYLAWS**
- B1 Rhonda Eastman – Bylaw No. 795, Financial Plan (3900-20)**  
Council received and review Bylaw No. 795.  
Discussion:  
  - 5 year financial plan, 2011 – 2015
  - General reserves \$1,601,449
  - Reserve Funds \$350,000
  - Nothing more coming out of general reserves at this pointM/S Councillors Johnson/Johansson  
THAT:
- 197/11 "Council adopts Bylaw No. 795, Financial Plan as presented." **CARRIED**
- B2 Rhonda Eastman – Bylaw No. 796, 2011 Tax Rates (3900-20)**  
Council received and review Bylaw No. 796.  
M/S Councillors Johansson/Stacey  
THAT:
- 198/11 "Council adopts Bylaw No. 796, 2011 Tax Rates as presented." **CARRIED**
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- C1 Prime Minister's Office – Letter of Response Re: Pacific Halibut Allocation (0400-20)**  
Council received the letter. **FOR INFORMATION**
- C2 Union of BC Municipalities – Letter Re: Prov Response to 2010 Resolutions (0400-01)**  
**Councillor Johansson to write a letter of support for BC Utilities Commission's reinstatement, of oversight over all utilities projects as it is in the best interest of taxpayers for a transparent scrutiny of the utility sector.**

- C3 Spectra Energy – Letter Re: Notice of Completed Construction of Bisette Pipeline (6660-20)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C4 Village of Granisle – Letter Re: Northern Health Services (0400-50)**  
Council received the letter and outdated agreement. FOR INFORMATION
- C5 BC Oil & Gas Commission – Letter Re: Elimination of Fees (0400-20)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C6 Union of BC Municipalities – Letter Re: Federal Party Survey (0400-01)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C7 West Moberly First Nations – Animal Control Contract (0400-60)**  
Council received the letter.  
Discussion:
  - Staff spoke with District Animal Control Officer about working for WMFN
    - Mr. Mason stated he does not desire to expand his work parameters
  - Alan Stebbing met with Robert Hill, Health Manager for West Moberly First Nations, who is new to the position
    - Will assist Mr. Hill in developing their own animal control program by sharing the District's policies and procedures and possibly set up a mentoring program to assist him
- C8 City of Fort St. John – Letter Re: 2011 Earth Hour Results (0400-50)**  
Council received the letter . FOR INFORMATION
- C9 Union of BC Municipalities – Letter Re: Completion of 2010/11 Community to Community Forum (0400-01)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C10 North Central Local Government Association - Memo Re: Notice of Motion (0400-01)**  
Council received the memo . FOR INFORMATION
- C11 North Central Local Government Association - Newsletter, May 2011 (0400-01)**  
Council received the newsletter. FOR INFORMATION
- COUNCIL REPORT**
- CR1 Councillor Darryl Johnson – Rural Tourism Conference (0400-30)**  
Councillor Johnson highlighted the collaboration examples given at the Rural Tourism conference, he further added it was rewarding, received new ideas and overall was a great experience.
- NEW BUSINESS**
- NB1 Mayor Anderson – District Hiring Tourism Position (2510-01)**  
Mayor Anderson informed Council that the funding the District had applied for to assist with the hiring of temporary tourism personnel was nearing completion with assistance of North Peace Regional Economic Development Commission. She informed Council she would get more details to share.

**NB2 Mayor Anderson – May 9, 2011, Meeting with Canadian Kailuan Dehua Mines Co. Ltd (6660-01)**

Mayor Anderson informed Council she and Alan Stebbing met with Mr. Nie, Judy Matklok and Vincent Yang of Canadian Kailuan Dehua this morning. And that discussions included the housing situation in Hudson's Hope, their employment plans and assistance with an underground training project for the area. CKD requested the District's assistance with the arranging of a meeting for them with Minister Lekstrom and MLA, Pat Pimm on May 25. Attending the meeting with CKD would be the Chair of the Kailuan Group and the Deputy Governor of Hebei province. Council was invited as well. Topics of discussion for the proposed meeting would include CKD's project and the benefits to our community.

Staff to make the necessary arrangements and to keep Council apprised.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

**PE1 Mr. Randy Karst – Oil & Gas Commission Conference (0400-01)**

GeoScience BC is working with the 7 big shale gas players on the Montney Water Project. The study area includes Hudson's Hope. Would probably be open to providing a presentation in Hudson's Hope.

The Deputy Clerk informed Council she had sent an email GeoScience BC and was waiting for a response and once received she would forward information to Council.

**DIARY**

*Diarized Last Review/Action*

*Conventions/Conferences/Holidays*

- DY1** *June 13 – Council Meeting*
- DY2** *June 27 – Council Meeting*
- DY3** *October 2011– Coalhunter Mining Corporation*

**DY4** *Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Feb 2007*

**DY5** *Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity July 2009 To review April 2011*

**DY6** *Identify Community Heritage Sites 2010 To review April 2011*  
**DY7** *District Highway Signs Committee 2010 March 31, 2011- Submit*

**ADJOURNMENT**

M/S Councillors Webster/Stacey

THAT:

199/11 "This Regular Meeting of the Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to the Community Charter Section 90 2 (b)." (8:13 p.m.) **CARRIED**

The Regular Meeting reconvened with Mayor Anderson presiding. (8:48 p.m.)


Motion by Councillor Quibell

THAT:

204/11 "This Regular Meeting of the Council be adjourned." (8:49 p.m.) **CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

  
Clerk/Minute Taker

  
Chair