

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Webster, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson  
**Staff:** C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk  
**Other:** C. Montgomery, D. Fisher, S. Metzger, B. Bach, C. Lewis, B. Misewich, C. Stacey, A. McWilliams, D. Heiberg, D. Joslin, John Vandenberg, R. Karst, J. Vandenberg, K. Burseth, A. Skorskey, L. Rhymer, B. Wilson, L. Rhymer

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**DELEGATION**

**D1 John Vandenberg – Cameron Lake Campground (6130-20)**

John Vandenberg spoke to Council with regards to their decision to close the Cameron Lake Campground and revert it back to Crown land. The following issues were raised as to why the District should reconsider their decision:

- Cameron Lake had the highest income among the District campgrounds;
- the RCMP are in negotiations to extend their jurisdiction to include Cameron Lake;
- if the campground is reverted to Crown land it will cause an environmental disaster, as there will be no one to clean or monitor the campers who will most likely still be using the site;
- a petition was submitted to Council with 209 people who had signed in support of keeping Cameron Lake as a municipal facility;
- firewood provided should be charged for, site fees should be increased and the season extended as there are still many people camping for free after the September Long Weekend; and
- as the District also looks after the boat launch across the WAC Bennett dam, which is also a long distance to drive, it should be also considered as a site that could be given back to the Crown or BC Hydro.

The Administrator advised Council of the costs associated with managing the campground which exceeded the amount of income.

The following information was discussed by Council:

- Mayor Harwood advised that Corporal Dean did speak with her about extending the boundaries and they are in the process of having this done;
- the money that would be saved from closing Cameron could be used to upgrade the other existing campgrounds;
- Cameron Lake has always been an issue because of the distance and finding an attendant to look after it; and
- the new campground employees worked out well this season.

Waive Normal Procedure

296/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council waive normal procedure and allow members of the public to speak to the issue at this time."

CARRIED

Members of the public made the following comments:

- Cameron Lake is the only campground that has warm water to swim in and also gives privacy to campers;
- concerns about the mess that will be left if no one is looking after the site;
- the revenue made at Cameron Lake shows that this is a popular camping spot;
- the distance should not be an issue as people in this area have to travel long distances for most services;
- suggested that the Dinosaur Reservoir campground be given back to BC Hydro, which would save money; and
- this site gives a place for families and youth to go and enjoy the lake and camping.

297/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council postpone the issue until the October 15, 2008 meeting, pending a staff report."  
CARRIED

## MINUTES

### **M1 Council Meeting – September 8, 2008 (0550-01)**

298/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held September 8, 2008 be adopted, as amended."  
CARRIED

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### **B1 Maurice Creek Road Access (5400-01)**

The Administrator advised that the solicitors are still researching the issue of road access to Maurice Creek.

### **B2 City of Fort St. John – 2008 BC Oil and Gas Conference (0390-01)**

Councillor Webster advised that she was interested in attending the Oil and Gas Conference in Fort St. John.

### **B3 Noise Concerns with Beryl Prairie Wells (6660-20)**

Councillor Webster advised that Mr. Beavers from Hudson's Hope Gas had advised her at the time that the noise would be stopping as the project was being completed for the year. She wanted a letter sent to find out their plans for the coming year, as to how they were planning on dealing with noise concerns. Councillor Johansson commented that these issues need to be dealt with, with all the companies not just Hudson's Hope Gas. Issues with residents who are making a lot of noise should also be addressed. There is a noise bylaw currently in place which addresses the issues of noise within the community. Mrs. Lewis advised that she had never heard that companies were exempt from these municipal noise bylaws.

## CORRESPONDENCE

299/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C12 be received."  
CARRIED

### **C1 Northern Lights College – Budget (0400-70)**

300/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council send a letter to Northern Lights College requesting a meeting and forward the information to Minister Murray Coell and to Minister Blair Lekstrom regarding the Northern Lights College's response with regards to providing their budget."  
CARRIED

**C2 Community Futures – Small Business Week (0630-01)**

301/08

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
“That Mayor Harwood proclaim the following:

WHEREAS, In conjunction with national Small Business Week, October 19-25, 2008 Community Futures Peace Liard throughout the province will be celebrating local small business and entrepreneurship development in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Week is an opportunity to pay tribute to the entrepreneurs who drive the Canadian economy and use their energy to expand Canada’s business sector. It is also an opportunity for Community Futures Peace Liard to celebrate their accomplishments and raise their profile; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Week serves as an opportunity to inform the public on how Community Futures Peace Liard, with support from Western Economic Diversification Canada, are playing a key role in developing small business throughout British Columbia.

THEREFORE, I, Lenore Harwood, Mayor of District of Hudson’s Hope recognize and proclaim the week October 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as “Small Business Week.”

CARRIED

**C3 Ministry of Children and Family Development – Foster Family Month (0630-01)**

302/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
“That Mayor Harwood proclaim October, 2008 as Foster Family Month.”

CARRIED

**C4 Northern Health – Physiotherapy Services (0400-80)**

The main issue with physiotherapy services in Hudson’s Hope is the costs of travel. Mayor Harwood will look into the exact costs of having this service and report back to Council.

**C5 West of the Sixth Meridian – Notifications (6660-20)**

**C6 Hudson’s Hope Gas – Notice of Temporary Flaring (6660-20)**

**C7 West of the Sixth Meridian – Notifications (6660-20)**

Cindy Lewis advised that the radio tower being installed will only be used by Hudson’s Hope Gas.

**C8 Correctional Service Canada – Restorative Justice Week 2008 (0630-01)**

303/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
“That Mayor Harwood proclaim the following:

WHEREAS, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme for Restorative Justice Week is “Fostering a Restorative Worldview”, it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities

across the country about restorative justice during the week.

THEREFORE, I Lenore Harwood, Mayor of District of Hudson's Hope, do hereby proclaim November 16 – November 23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week in Hudson's Hope."

CARRIED

**C9 Crew Energy Inc. – Notifications (6660-20)**

**C10 BC Hydro – Site C Round 2 Consultation (0400-30)**

**C11 PRRD – Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (0400-50)**

**C12 Volunteer Firefighters – Request for Donation (1770-01)**

304/08

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;  
"That Council donate \$500.00 to the Beryl Prairie and Hudson's Hope Volunteer Fire Departments for the annual Halloween Fireworks."

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Payroll Summary Ending September 20, 2008 (1920-01)**

305/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That the municipal payroll totalling \$75,231.27 for the four-week period ending September 20, 2008 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR2 Accounts Payable Summary (1630-01)**

306/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That the accounts payable report for September 11, 2008 in the amount of \$31,016.08 and for September 24, 2008 in the amount of \$206,884.37 for a total of \$237,900.45 be approved."

CARRIED

**SR3 Hudson's Hope Health Centre Proposal (0400-80)**

307/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;  
"That Council provide a letter of support for the proposal provided by Dr. Wright of the North Peace Medical Clinic."

CARRIED

Councillor Johansson requested written confirmation that the billing number for the clinic will not be lost if a Fort St. John clinic provides the service.

**SR4 2008 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw (3900-02)**

308/08

Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That Council give second reading to the Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 754, 2008."

CARRIED

**SR5 Surplus Property (1090-01)**

309/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;  
"That Council authorize the District to sell the surplus items by a public bid."

CARRIED

**SR6 October 14, 2008 Council Meeting (0550-01)**

310/08

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
 "That Council reschedule the October 14, 2008 Council meeting to October 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm."

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****CM1 BC Hydro Reception (0400-30)**

Councillor Johansson advised that she attended the BC Hydro Community Reception in Fort St. John and that it was a social event.

**CM2 UBCM Convention (0400-01)**

Mayor Harwood advised of the following UBCM Convention highlights:

- announcements were made that there will be funds available for broadband and cell service;
- grant applications will have reduced wait periods and less paperwork involved in the application process;
- the Ministry of Transportation suggested a letter be followed up with RTAC about the Beryl Prairie road conditions; and
- Council needs to decide whether they will be involved in the Climate Charter.

A full report will be provided on the convention. Council requested staff get more information on costs for the Climate Charter and provide a report to Council.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES****PE1 BC Hydro (0400-30)**

Bruce Misewich advised Council that they have had success filling some of the vacant positions in Hudson's Hope and that there will be a family moving to Hudson's Hope who have young children.

**DIARY****Diarized****Last  
Review/Action**

DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays</i>		
	<i>October 1 Meeting with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</i>		
	<i>October 7 Meeting with BC Hydro regarding proposed Site C project</i>		
	<i>October 7-9 Oil and Gas Conference</i>		
	<i>October 9-10 Northeast BC Community Coal Forum</i>		
	<i>October 14 Federal Election</i>		
	<i>October 15 Council Meeting</i>		
DY2	<i>Ticketing Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Oct 2004</i>	<i>June 2007</i>
DY3	<i>Unightly Premises Bylaw (3900-02)</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
DY4	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>July 2007</i>
DY5	<i>Waste Reduction Assessment</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	
DY6	<i>Blanket rezoning of commercial properties along Beattie Drive</i>	<i>June 2006</i>	
DY7	<i>Portage Road Closure</i>	<i>Sept 2005</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
DY8	<i>Seniors Housing</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

311/08 Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;  
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:00 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Clerk

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Mayor