

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Webster, Quibell, Kosolowsky and Johansson
Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Other: Doug Braybrook, Tembec; N. Quibell, E. Quibell, A. Quibell, L. Quibell, I. Sarauer, G. Sarauer, and B. Bach

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with Mayor Harwood presiding.

Travous Quibell was sworn in as Councillor.

DELEGATION

D1 Tembec Chetwynd Pulp Mill – Forest Stewardship Council Certification (4.3.2.5)

Doug Braybrook from Tembec-Chetwynd Pulp Mill spoke to Council about their work in trying to achieve Forest Stewardship Council Certification. This certification will allow their customers to know that the products they are purchasing are not taken from places where there are endangered species or forests and is not disturbing community needs. As part of the certification they need to do a High Conservation Value Forest Assessment. The area that will be included will be all the timber supply areas including private land. Mr. Braybrook advised that he will send a more detailed map for Council to review. This assessment will identify forest areas that have one or more of the following:

- provide basic needs to the community;
- have traditional, economic or religious significance;
- where there are rare or endangered species or eco-systems; and
- where there are watersheds that may be affected.

Council advised of their disappointment with previous logging that was done in the municipality where Council had voiced their concerns but were ignored. Mr. Braybrook asked if Council would like to comment on any areas that have value and they would be considered. The map and information will be brought back to Council during the December 10, 2007 meeting for comments.

MINUTES

M1 Special Meeting – November 9, 2007

449/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the special meeting held November 9, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

M2 Council Meeting – November 13, 2007

450/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 13, 2007 be adopted."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B1 BC Hydro Meeting Minutes (9.7.1)

Council requested a more detailed set of minutes be provided at the next meeting.

451/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That Council rescind motion number 449/07."

CARRIED

B2 Power Outage (9.7.1)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised of a power outage that occurred on Sunday, November 25, 2007 near Dawson Creek. The power was out for 12 hours and caused the highway to be shut down. The transmission line crews were unable to attend and the work had to be done by a contractor. Councillor Webster requested staff find the job posting for the transmission line crewmen to see if was for a temporary or permanent position and whether it was posted for Hudson's Hope.

B3 Kemano Plant

Mayor Harwood advised that the Kemano plant does not plan to upgrade the facility to be used for power sales.

B4 Turn It Off Challenge (9.7.1.10)

Councillor Webster advised that she was looking into what kind of funding we will be receiving and what projects we will be allowed to use the money on. She also advised that Councillor Johansson has been doing research on what types of tree species can be planted to count as carbon credits.

B5 Peace River Regional District Representation (1.5.3)

It was advised that Mayor Harwood and Councillor Kosolowsky accepted their appointments to the Peace River Regional District Board.

B6 Meeting with representatives from BC Hydro (9.7.1)

Councillor Anderson reiterated that Council members should be included in meetings where issues affecting the community are being discussed. Mayor Harwood and the Administrator both advised that it is normal practice for mayors to meet with community and company representatives without Council being present. It was also mentioned that BC Hydro had specifically asked to meet with the Mayor and the Administrator. Mayor Harwood advised that if an important issue is discussed she would report back to Council.

B7 Road Conditions (9.6.3.1)

Councillor Kosolowsky advised that he had also had to use four-wheel drive while driving from Hudson's Hope to Chetwynd because of the bad road conditions. Council requested that a letter be sent to Cariboo Road Services and Yellow Head Road and Bridge with regards to the current road conditions.

B8 Diary Items

The Administrator went through the diary and advised Council of the progress of each item.

Waive Normal Procedure

452/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council waive normal procedure and discuss Agenda Item SR6 at this time."

CARRIED

Application for Development Variance Permit (1.3.3.7 xref. 041098.100)

It was advised that the road access would be off Bodeker Street.

453/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
"That Council issue Development Variance Permit No. 2007-03 to Gerald and Ida Sarauer."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

454/07

Moved by Councillor Webster and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That the items of correspondence numbered C1 to C14 be received."

CARRIED

C1 Ministry of Finance – Grants in Lieu of Taxes (2.5.1.4)

C2 Ministry of Forests & Range and Minister Responsible for Housing – BC Building Code (8.3.1)

The Administrator advised that she and the engineer would look at the proposed updates to the BC Building Code and keep in mind the special needs and concerns for rural communities.

C3 BC Hydro – Recruitment of BC Hydro staff in Hudson's Hope (9.7.1)

Council requested that a letter of response be sent to Bob Elton, President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Hydro, with the following comments:

- that his letter says that the transmission line crew is presently under review, however Council believes that the decision had already been made when the letter was sent;
- are the 15 new positions being filled by employees who do not live in Hudson's Hope;
- remind BC Hydro that they have a responsibility to our community to make it a viable community;
- we are willing to help sell the community to potential workers; and
- remind workers that Hudson's Hope is affordable and makes a good start for young people.

C4

Jay Hill, MP – The Building Canada Plan

The Administrator advised that this funding will be kept in mind for future projects.

C5 Northern Health – Physiotherapist (6.2.1.3)

Council questioned what the fee for service basis would be. Council requested that staff find out from the clinic how many people they thought would use the service if it was done twice a week. Many of the people who require physiotherapy are driving to Fort St. John for this service because there is no commitment in Hudson's Hope and they require it more than once a month.

C6 Urban Systems – Open House Invitation (9.1.3.3)

C7 Peace River Regional District – Mountain Pine Beetle funding (4.3.2.9)

Council requested that staff get more information about this funding. Councillor Kosolowsky advised that he would like to start the committee for the Wildland Fire Protection. This committee could decide on the next steps for dealing with the infected wood and put out a tender for the tree removal. Councillors Kosolowsky and Johnson will meet with the Administrator to discuss the formation of this committee.

C8 Hudson's Hope Minor Hockey Association – Donation Request (6.5.2.3)

The Administrator advised that they already receive a reduced rate for their ice time and that we have not donated to minor hockey teams before.

C9 Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment (2.5.2.4)

C10 Pitch-In Week 2008 (6.4.5.8)

Council requested that staff apply for the Pitch-In Week 2008.

C11 Stars & Peace Country Health – Invitation (6.2.1)

C12 Jim Skorupski Racing – Drag Racing Information (6.4.5)

Councillor Kosolowsky will contact Jim Skorupski with information.

C13 City of Vancouver – Municipal Fiscal Imbalance (1.5.2)

C14 Ministry of Community Services – PRRD Voting Strength Changes (1.5.3)

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Payroll Summary Ending November 17, 2007

455/07

Moved by Councillor Johansson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That the municipal payroll totalling \$23,233.64 for the two-week period ending November 17, 2007 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR2 Accounts Payable Summary

456/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Quibell;
“That the accounts payable report for November 19, 2007 in the amount of \$178,100.69 be approved.”

CARRIED

SR3 Tangible Capital Assets – Training (2.8.4)

457/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
“That Council approve workshop fees, travel and accommodation expenses for Carolyn Bonnick and Rhonda Reschke to attend the Tangible Capital Assets workshop in Victoria on January 17 and 18, 2008.”

CARRIED

SR4 Council Meeting Schedule (1.2.3)

458/07

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Kosolowsky;
“That Council adopt the meeting schedule for 2008.”

CARRIED

SR5 Meeting with Dr. Gilles Wendling (9.2.4)

459/07

Moved by Councillor Kosolowsky and Seconded by Councillor Anderson;
“That Dr. Gilles Wendling be booked to give a presentation on groundwater, aquifers and watersheds to Council and the residents.”

CARRIED

Council requested that staff send information to surrounding communities to see if they would

also like to have him come and do his presentation in their communities while he is in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Energy Audits (1.7.21)

The Administrator advised that a meeting on the energy audits will be on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 2:00 pm.

NB2 Agricultural Land Commission (5.6)

Councillor Kosolowsky gave some information to staff on working with the Agricultural Land Commission.

NB3 UNBC Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting (6.1.2.2)

Councillor Webster advised of her attendance at the UNBC Northern Regional Advisory Council meeting. She advised that they are currently the top research university for a rural school. They advised that they want to bring in more environmental programs, rig training for oil and gas occupations and a Bachelor of Education. Video conferences for classes will not be possible in Hudson's Hope with current technology.

NB4 Dawson Creek LRMP (5.2.2.1)

Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Johansson;
"That Council authorize Councillor Kosolowsky to attend the LRMP meeting."

CARRIED

NB5 Acting Mayor (1.2)

Councillor Quibell was appointed Acting Mayor for December.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

PE1 Meetings with BC Hydro (9.7.1)

Bob Bach suggested that the Hudson's Hope Council should meet with BC Hydro representatives at least twice a year as the company greatly impacts the community.

DIARY

		Diarized	Last Review/Action
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences Holidays November 27 Zoning Bylaw Open House November 28 Meeting with Urban Systems December 10 Council Meeting December 13 Pre-Consultation for Site C</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>	<i>June 2007</i>
DY5	<i>Unsightly Premises Bylaw</i>	<i>Nov 2004</i>	<i>June 2006</i>
DY6	<i>Development of Atkinson Subdivision</i>	<i>Apr 2005</i>	<i>July 2007</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>
DY14	<i>Minister of Small Business and Revenue</i>	<i>August 2007</i>
DY15	<i>Smart Growth BC – "A Legal Review of the Question of "Community Need"</i>	<i>August 2007</i>

ADJOURNMENT

^{460/07} Moved by Councillor Anderson and Seconded by Councillor Webster;
"That this regular meeting of the Council be adjourned." (7:16 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor