

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor Anderson, Councillors Johansson, Webster and Stacey
Staff: Charles Nash; Administrator; Christine Harwood, Office Assistant; and Alan Stebbing, Manager of Protective & Inspection Services
Other: There were eighteen (18) members of the public in the gallery

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

039/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Johansson
"The agenda for the Special Meeting of Tuesday, March 2, 2010 be adopted."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

D1 Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society – Dave Heiberg

Mr. Heiberg presented information regarding the Hudson's Hope Community Hall Society's application for funding in the amount of \$3000.00. He stated that the Community Hall has had many recent upgrades and therefore requires very few repairs this year. The funds requested would be used to replace the bar fridge and purchase a chest freezer for the kitchen, as well as stripping and waxing the floor and ongoing operation costs.

D2 Hudson's Hope Public Library – Kim McTaggart, Bud Ferguson

Mayor Anderson disclosed a conflict of interest due to her employment with the Hudson's Hope Public Library and left the Council Chambers at 7:05 pm. Councillor Stacey assumed the Chair as Deputy Mayor during this presentation.

Mrs. McTaggart presented information regarding the Hudson's Hope Public Library's application for funding in the amount of \$9646.00. She stated that while the Library did have surplus funds in 2009 due to some additional funding, a reduction in wages and a delay in some projects which previously had funds allocated for them, the Library hopes to keep those funds reserved for building upgrades. The funds requested for 2010 would be used for operational costs including staff wages.

Councillor Johansson asked why the funds raised by the Strawberry Festival were not included in the Operating account. Mr. Ferguson explained that the Strawberry Festival funds were raised for specific projects such as new computers and as such were kept in separate accounts.

Due to the size and nature of this funding request, Council asked for this item to be referred to Budget meetings.

The Mayor was asked to rejoin the meeting and assumed the Chair at 7:14 pm.

D3 Hudson's Hope School Cruisin' Days – Derrek Beam

Mr. Beam provided information to Council regarding the funding application for \$2000.00. He explained the Cruisin' Days program has been operating for approximately 7 years and provides opportunities for the youth of Hudson's Hope to participate in special activities at little or no cost during the winter months when there is little to do in town. There are approximately 7 trips per year, usually 4 trips to Powder King for skiing and 3 other trips which have included paint balling and swimming/movies. Mr. Beam estimates that over the time that the program has been operating, approximately 50% of high school students in Hudson's Hope have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate. During 2009 there was some additional funding for the program provided by the Hudson's Hope Ski Hill Association, which has allowed for extra trips to be made involving families as well as students.

D4 TACSOTE – Bill Lindsay, Patricia Markin

Mr. Lindsay presented information regarding the application for funding in the amount of \$1500.00. He explained that there are currently 5 members of TACSOTE and their goal is to bring culture, performance, and the arts "closer to home" for the residents of Hudson's Hope so those who would not or cannot travel to participate in these events will be able to. The funds requested would be used towards upgrading the sound system for stage performances.

D5 Hudson's Hope Music Festival – Patricia Markin, Pam Adams

Mrs. Markin provided information regarding the plans for the upcoming 2010 Jam at the Dam Music Festival including some of the acts that are booked for the event and activities that are in the planning stages. The Hudson's Hope Music Festival Association has requested funding in the amount of \$6000.00, which Mrs. Markin explained would be used to "sponsor" the costs of some of the major acts, as well as requesting a donation in kind of the District tent, tables and chairs.

Council asked Mrs. Markin to submit a separate letter requesting the donation of the tent, tables and chairs including the details of the dates they will require these items.

D6 Reviving the Spirit – Steve Metzger

Mr. Metzger presented information regarding the application for funding for Reviving the Spirit theatre group in the amount of \$1400.00. These funds are requested to cover the cost of renting storage space for the group's equipment (\$900) as well as \$500 for upgrading the sound system for stage performances, which will be shared with TACSOTE.

D7 Hudson's Hope Fall Fair Society – Pam Gunderson

Mrs. Gunderson explained that due to the great success of last year's Fall Fair, there was no request for funding for the 2010 Fall Fair. The Fall Fair Society is only asking for the District to donate the use of the arena, arena kitchen and tent. Council noted the dates the arena and tent will be required is the weekend of August 21, 2010 and asked staff to reserve same for the Fall Fair event.

D8 Hudson's Hope Playschool – Karen Kehl, Toby Cocks

Mrs. Kehl provided information regarding the Hudson's Hope Playschool's application for funding in the amount of \$600.00. The playschool currently has enrolment to capacity, with some children on a waiting list. Currently ½ of the Playschools revenue comes from fundraising activities. The funds requested from the District would be used to purchase indoor/outdoor play equipment to expand the physical fitness program.

Ms. Cocks is the current Playschool Instructor. She provided information regarding the specific equipment the group wishes to purchase and the value of this equipment in the Playschool program.

D9 Hudson's Hope Badminton Club – Kelly Newsholme

Ms. Newsholme presented information regarding the application for funding the Badminton Club in the amount of \$200.00. Drop in Badminton is held in the school gym on Wednesday evenings. There are currently approximately 15 participants each week, including many youth. The equipment that is available is of poor quality and should be replaced. The school does not provide equipment.

D10 Northern BC High School Rodeo Association – Robin Milliken

Mrs. Milliken provided information regarding the application for funding in the amount of \$2500.00. There are currently 4 students from Hudson's Hope participating in High School Rodeo. The funds requested would be used to make a financial contribution towards the Provincial Finals which will be held in Kamloops and Quesnel. Mrs. Milliken explained the Association would be pleased with a donation from the District in the range of \$1000 to \$2500.

D11 Hudson's Hope Historical Society – Ross Peck, Faye Lavallee

Mr. Peck presented information regarding the Historical Society's application for funding in the amount of \$55,000 towards operational funding and salaries. He explained that one of the reasons there was an increase in the amount of the funding request this year was due to decreased funding from Gaming Grants. There was also an additional amount requested which would be used as contingency for the grant applications which are in progress. The Historical Society would be willing to refund the District for this portion of the funding if the grant applications are successful. This funding would be used to hire summer staff.

LATE ADDITIONS TO DELEGATIONS

D12 HH/BP Volunteer Fire Department – Allan Graham, Dennis Shepherd

Mr. Graham presented a request for funding for the Fire Department in the amount of \$1000, to be used to purchase fireworks for the annual Halloween fireworks display. The proceeds from donations on the evening of the fireworks display are donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Council asked staff to refer this item to the Fire Department's budget for annual consideration as this is considered operational.

D13 Hudson's Hope Amateur Radio Society – Don Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson attended the meeting to represent the Amateur Radio Society in requesting funding from the District. Mr Ferguson did not provide a written application for funding, and no application was received by Council prior to the deadline of February 19, 2010.

MOTIONS ARISING

- 040/10 M/S Councillors Johansson & Webster
"to commit \$3000.00 to the 2010 budget for the Community Hall Society"
CARRIED
- 041/10 M/S Councillors Stacey & Webster
"to refer the application for funding from the Hudson's Hope Public Library to the 2010 budget meetings"
CARRIED
- 042/10 M/S Councillors Stacey & Webster
"that staff request an itemized budget including a breakdown of personnel costs from the Hudson's Hope Historical Society Treasurer and refer receipt of same to budget discussions."
CARRIED
- 043/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Stacey
"to commit \$1500 to the 2010 budget for TACSOTE"
CARRIED
- 044/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Johansson
" to commit \$6000 to the 2010 budget for the Hudson's Hope Music Festival Association"
CARRIED
WITH MAYOR ANDERSON OPPOSED
- 045/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Johansson
"to commit \$1400 to the 2010 budget for Reviving the Spirit"
CARRIED
- 046/10 M/S Councillors Stacey & Johansson
"to approve the In Kind donation of the Arena, kitchen and tent to the Fall Fair Society for the 2010 Fall Fair"
CARRIED

047/10 M/S Councillors Stacey & Webster
“to commit \$600 to the 2010 budget for the Hudson’s Hope Playschool”
CARRIED

048/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Stacey
“to commit \$2000 to the 2010 budget for the Hudson’s Hope School Cruisin’ Days”
CARRIED

049/10 M/S Councillors Johansson & Webster
“to commit \$400 to the 2010 budget for Northern BC High School Rodeo Association”
DEFEATED

050/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Johansson
“that staff send a letter to Robin Milliken requesting the Southern BC High School Rodeo Association apply for funding directly”
CARRIED

051/10 M/S Councillors Stacey & Webster
“to commit \$200 to the 2010 budget for the Hudson’s Hope Badminton Club”
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Adoption of the Economic Development Strategic Plan

052/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Stacey
“to adopt the Economic Development Strategic Plan prepared by Community Futures Peace Liard dated February 17, 2010.”
CARRIED

NB2 Resolution to NCLGA regarding the Mapping of British Columbia’s Aquifers

The 3rd Whereas was amend to change the word “including” to “especially”.

053/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Johansson
“to adopt the resolution regarding the Mapping of British Columbia’s Aquifers as amended.”
CARRIED

NB3 Resolution to NCLGA regarding the Expansion of Cellular Coverage Across British Columbia

054/10 M/S Councillors Webster & Johansson

“to adopt the resolution regarding the Expansion of Cellular Coverage Across British Columbia”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

055/10 M/S Councillors Stacey & Webster

“That this special meeting of the Council be adjourned.” (9:15 pm)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor