



- requirement under the regulations of the Groundwater Protection Plan;
- Council has concerns of how the new oil and gas development will affect the water sources;
- it should be determined that the deep aquifer injections done by coalbed methane projects are not injecting into one of the Hudson's Hope aquifers used by the town;
- additional information on disposal wells should be discussed with the Oil and Gas Commission;
- Council wants to determine another water source in the case the springs were to become contaminated;
- revisions to the Groundwater Protection Regulation may require people to send in their well records in the future;
- there is a limit of 75 litres per second of water that can be taken from an aquifer, and if a company is found to be over this limit an assessment will be conducted;
- not all coalbed methane projects require an environmental assessment;
- any new water wells require an ID number to be put on the well;
- Council needs to decide what exactly they want to protect, whether it be the quantity, quality or the different sources of water;
- after Council has decided what exactly they want to protect they can begin the planning process and the appropriate testing and/or studies;
- the Ministry of Environment is available to give technical support rather than direct funding;
- Council could also look for a partnership with the Oil and Gas Commission, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, or maybe one of the companies doing work in the area, to help with protecting the water sources in Hudson's Hope;
- should look at all the possible hazards that could affect the water and determine how realistic it is that those hazards would become reality; and
- a draft study on the tributaries into the Peace River was started by the Ministry of Environment and Council would like to see this study completed and the results forwarded.

The current practice the District has of completing water quality analysis should be continued and it would be good to begin monitoring the spring flow and water quality. These results could be used in the future to develop an Aquifer Management Plan or an Environmental Management Plan.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Councillor Quibell and Seconded by Councillor Johnson;  
"That this Special meeting be adjourned." 8:13 pm.

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Clerk

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Mayor