DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007 AT 3:00 pm

Present **Council:** Mayor Harwood; Councillors Anderson, Kosolowsky, and Johnson
Staff: Becky Mercereau, Deputy Clerk
Others: B. Lindsay; Representatives from Kailuan Clean Coal and Canadian Dehua, which included, Larry Li, Yuzhong Cao, Hua Pei, and Naishun Liu

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Proposed Gething Coal Mine

Representatives from Canadian Dehua and Kailuan Clean Coal met with Council to discuss establishing a relationship, discuss any issues and report on the progress of the project.

They advised that they are visiting the proposed mine site and had taken samples to the coal laboratory for tests. Council advised the companies that they would like to be kept up to date with the progress of the project. The following issues were discussed:

- there will be approximately 400 workers;
- the first attempt for hiring would be local, then regional, provincial, national and finally international;
- workers will be encouraged to live and integrate in to the surrounding communities, they will not be living at the mine site;
- Council asked for advance notice, especially for housing and infrastructure needs;
- Chinese workers may be interested in using the college to learn English, and they also suggested that the Chinese language could be taught in the college for people in the community wanting to learn a new language;
- training may be done at the site for underground mining; and
- there will be approximately 300 underground workers.

Representatives from Dehua advised that they are still doing the environmental assessment and that it is going well. They have met with West Moberly, Saulteau and Halfway River First Nations. They still are doing studies on which access they will use. They estimate the environmental study to be finished in 2008 and the exploration stage to follow.

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Clerk Mayor