

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008 AT 3:30 P.M.

Present **Council:** Councillors Webster, Johnson, Summer, and Johansson
 Staff: C. Bonnick, Administrator; and B. Mercereau, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting with the Ministry of Transportation

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Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation met with Council to discuss issues of joint concern and give an update on various issues. The following information was provided:

- the Beryl Prairie Road has been a concern for some time and the following information was given:
 - surveyors have been collecting information on the road conditions to be able to give a proposal for a paving project;
 - the road has an 66 foot Right-of-Way, but the Ministry would probably need to do some property acquisitions if paving does occur;
 - looking at the cost sharing options that could occur with the companies using this road;
 - they requested that if Council could give them a list of companies using the road it would be helpful in trying to get financial support;
 - Minister Neufeld has given his support to have the road paved;
 - dust control worked well this year, but Council requested that they extend the dust control to include the entire school bus route;
 - an answer as to whether paving will be approved should be known in the Spring;
- discussed the Resource Road Policy and the difference between Ministry of Forest roads and the Ministry of Transportation roads;
- any unmaintained public roads usually have no residents on that road and if there are residents they must go through a process to have maintenance done of those roads;
- the Canyon Drive hill runaway lane is still being looked at, but there are some issues with utilities underground that make the process more difficult;
- will look at the safety issues of the Farrell Creek Hill in the future;
- advised that the first hill into Farrell Creek was not paved because of geotechnical issues;
- the Ministry is trying to determine a system of "one-stop shop" where you can call a centre and they would direct you to the appropriate person for the issue you are inquiring about; and
- not aware of any major cuts in the budget due to the economic situation.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of the Council was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Certified Correct:

Clerk

Mayor