

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
MINUTES OF THE REGUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, December 12, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Council:** Mayor; Karen Anderson (Chair)

Councillor; Gwen Johansson
Councillor; Darryl Johnson
Councillor; Nicole Gilliss
Councillor; Dave Heiberg
Councillor; Kelly Miller
Councillor; Travous Quibell

Staff: Director of Public Works; Mike Carter
Minute Taker; Becky Mercereau

Other: 5 in gallery

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

412/11 M/S Councillors Johnson/Quibell
THAT:

"The agenda for the Council meeting of December 12, 2011, be adopted."

CARRIED

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Councillor Johansson requested the letter from Fortis BC regarding their application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission be added under New Business.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, November 7, 2011 (0550-01)

414/11 M/S Councillors Johansson/Heiberg
THAT:

"The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Monday, November 7, 2011 be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

M2 Minutes of the Inaugural Council Meeting held Monday, December 5, 2011 (0550-01)

415/11 M/S Councillors Quibell/Miller
THAT:

"The minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting held Monday, December 5, 2011 be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B1 Tembec Cut Blocks on Twelve Mile Road (6660-20)

416/11 M/S Councillors Johnson/Quibell
THAT:

"A letter be sent to Tembec thanking them for implementing the mitigation measures applied at Dunlevy logged blocks, and realising that there was a breakdown of communication between the company and the residents, that we ask that the remaining block be left until such time as the logged block reach the regeneration height common to "leave strips" in the forest industry."

DEFEATED

With Councillor Johnson and Quibell in favor.

417/11 M/S Councillors Heiberg/Quibell
THAT:

"Tembec be invited to speak to Council regarding their plans for the coming years."

CARRIED

B2 Mrs. Gallant's Letter (6130-04)

Mayor Anderson advised that a follow up letter has been sent to Mrs. Gallant.

B3 Culvert Clean Out in Beryl Prairie (5225-01)

Staff informed Council that work was unable to be completed prior to the frost, due to BC One Call not responding in time.

B4 Community Recreation Program (7710-01 xref. 1855-01)

It was requested that a trail from Thompson Subdivision to the down town core be added as one of the discussion options.

B5 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 804, 2011 (3900-02)

Councillor Johansson suggested Council host an information session in Beryl Prairie prior to the Public Hearing. It was also discussed if a session should be hosted in the down town core, or if the Public Hearing would be sufficient. Staff will contact the CAO to get clarification on the process.

DELEGATIONS AND PEITIONS

D1 Talisman Energy – Proposed 2012 Farrell Creek Montney Shale Development Update (6660-20)

Paul Perkins and Jennifer Findlay from Talisman Energy attended Council to share the following information:

- Corporately refocusing more of their capital towards the liquid rich plays
- Still evaluating the shale rock formations in the area, but are expecting to reduce the rig count to between 4-6 rigs for 2012
- Planning for 31 to 43 horizontal wells this year off existing pads
- Access to the area is still via the Farrell Creek Road
- Planned expansion of b-88-I Farrell Facility to accommodate new wells being completed
- Both camps accommodate approximately 700 workers
- Water pipeline is completed and they are now in the testing phase
- The Lynx Creek load out site is being restored as per license of occupation permit issued by BC Hydro

- Speed limits and other traffic violations are enforced and monitored on the core road by Talisman Energy
- Have worked with the Ministry of Transportation to widen the bottom of the Farrell Creek Road and provide pullouts
- Provided Ministry of Transportation with maintenance on the Farrell Creek Hill
- Have installed speed radar signs at km 3 and km 11.5 on Farrell Creek Road and on the Beryl Prairie Road on both sides of the community
- Installed school bus signs and "Restrict Jake Brake Use" signs
- Advised of all community investment being made in Hudson's Hope.

Mr. Perkins also spoke of the 16:9 media coverage and how incomplete information was given. They advised that consultations for the water pipeline were done over the prior year and alternate routes were looked at.

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant (1855-03)

413/11

M/S Councillors Johnson/Johansson
THAT

"District Council authorizes staff to submit an application to the 2012 Age-friendly Community Planning and Project Grant to undertake the development of a new Official Community Plan that includes age-friendly priorities, policies and actions."

CARRIED

SR2 Report of Election Results (4200-01-04)

418/11

M/S Councillors Miller/Gilliss
THAT

"Council adopt the report for the 2011 General Election."

CARRIED

SR3 Canadian Kalluan Dehua Notice of Work Application (6660-20)

419/11

M/S Councillors Quibell/Johnson
THAT

"The Ministry of Energy and Mines be advised that the District of Hudson's Hope does not have any objections to the geotechnical investigation proposed by Canadian Kalluan Dehua for the Gething Creek Coal Property Mine Number 1640554-201103."

CARRIED

SR4 Surplus Equipment Disposal (1090-01)

Council received the report for information.

SR5 Socio-Economic Site Visit (0400-30)

The Director of Public Works requested that any suggestions from Council be forwarded to him on the socio-economic implications that the Site C project may have on Hudson's Hope.

SR6 Closing the Office – Christmas/New Years

420/11

M/S Councillors Johansson/Heiberg
THAT

"Council authorize the municipal operations to close at noon hour on December 23 and December 30, 2011."

CARRIED

SR7 Fit for Life Report 2011

Council received the Fit for Life Report for information.

SR8 Special Events Requests – January to March (8100-01)

421/11 M/S Councillors Johansson/Johnson
THAT

"Council authorize the Special Events Coordinator to speak to her report."

CARRIED

The Special Events Coordinator advised that many of the events, including the Extreme Sledding and Ski Day and the Curling Workshop will be in partnership with the clubs and she will do most of the organizing.

Council requested the report be forwarded to the CAO for approval.

BYLAWS

B1 Bylaw No. 805 – Amended Annual Financial Plan 2011-2015 (3900-02)

422/11 M/S Councillor Johnson/Johansson
THAT:

"Council give first, second and third readings to the 2011 Annual Financial Plan Amended Bylaw No. 805, 2011."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 LGLA – Elected Official Seminars (0400-01)

423/11 M/S Councillor Quibell/Johnson
THAT:

"Council authorize Mayor and Councillors to attend the Elected Official Seminar, preferably in Prince George, or alternately to another location if not available to go to Prince George."

CARRIED

C2 Spectra Energy – Notifications (6660-20)

Received for information.

C3 City of Fort St. John – George Cuff Workshop (0400-50)

Mayor Anderson requested staff contact Fort St. John, as she thought this workshop had been cancelled.

C4 UBCM – Group Insurance for Elected Officials (0400-01)

Received for information.

C5 Minister Rich Coleman – Water Supply and Treatment Infrastructure Financing Options (0400-20)

424/11

M/S Councillor Johansson/Heiberg

THAT:

"Council send a letter to the Minister of Finance, advising of Minister Coleman's commitment to bring up the issue of the revenue generated from BC Hydro's grants-in-lieu with him."

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS

CR1 NPEDC Meeting (0360-01)

Council diarized the issue of the NPEDC website until the Strategic Planning session scheduled for February 2012.

Councillor Johnson discussed the website issues and requested that the information that the Intern had prepared be forwarded to Sandra Lemmon. He also advised that the amount of grants applied for versus the amount that were actually approved were much lower.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Changes to the BC Hydro Wildlife Compensation Fund (0400-30)

Councillor Johansson advised of her concern with the cuts to the BC Hydro Wildlife Compensation Fund, which may include the fish program at the school. Council requested staff contact Bob Gammer of BC Hydro to determine what specific changes will be seen in our community.

NB2 Fortis BC – Amalgamation of Natural Gas Utilities (6660-20)

425/11

M/S Councillor Johansson/Johnson
THAT:

"Council request that the Peace River Regional District intervene in the British Columbia Utilities Commission hearing regarding the proposed amalgamation of the Fortis BC natural gas utilities into one legal entity, with common rates and services across the province."

CARRIED

NB3 Gravel and Coal Study (0360-01)

Councillor Johnson questioned whether anyone knew about a partnership with the EDC on a gravel and coal study in the amount of \$30,000. As no one knew of this item, it was suggested that Terry Webster be contacted.

NB4 Natural Gas for Power Production (6660-20)

Council described their positions on the burning of natural gas for power production, with the majority in disagreement with this type of power production as a large scale development.

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES

NONE

DIARY

	<i>Diarized</i>	<i>Last Review/Action</i>
DY1	<i>Conventions/Conferences/Holidays</i>	
DY2	<i>December 25 – Christmas</i>	
DY3	<i>December 26 – Boxing Day</i>	
DY3	<i>January 19 – Elected Officials Workshop in FSJ</i>	
DY4	<i>July/August – District Office Open House</i>	

- DY5** *October 2011– Coalhunter Mining Corporation*
- DY6** *Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions* *Feb 2007*
- DY7** *Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity* *July 2009* *To review April 2011*
- DY8** *Identify Community Heritage Sites* *2010* *To review April 2011*
- DY9** *District Highway Signs Committee* *2010* *March 31,2011- Submit*

ADJOURNMENT

426/11

Motion to adjourn, Councillor Quibell

THAT:

"This Regular Meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:16 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Minute Taker

Chair

