

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Monday, June 27, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Councillor; Gwen Johansson  
Councillor; Darryl Johnson  
Councillor; Travous Quibell  
Councillor; Clayton Stacey  
Councillor; Doug Summer  
Councillor; Terry Webster

**Staff:** Office Staff Support; John Locher, Ethix Consulting Inc.  
Manager of Protective & Inspection Service; Alan Stebbing  
Deputy Clerk/Minute Taker; Tracey Rutherford

**Other:** 3

**Regrets:** 0

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S Councillors Stacey/Johnson

THAT:

248/11 "The agenda for the Council meeting of June 27, 2011 be adopted to include late agenda items SR3, SR4 and SR5."

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 (0550-01)**

M/S Councillors Stacey/Quibell

THAT:

249/11 "The minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**BR1 C3 Peace River Regional District - Letter Re: Railway Crossing Maintenance (0400-01)**

Staff informed Council the letter regarding railway crossing maintenance would be issued shortly.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1 Greta Goddard, Special Events Coordinator – June 2011 Report (0400-01)**

Council received the report.

FOR INFORMATION

**SR2 Tracey Rutherford – Chief Election Officer (CEO) (2240-01)**

Discussion:

- Mr. Lindsay will rely heavily on staff so as not to incur a large expense to the District for his services
- Mr. Lindsay is willing to step aside if a Chief Administrative Officer is hired by the District and they wish to take over as CEO
- Unsure of number of hours CEO position will require

M/S Councillor Johansson/Johnson

THAT:

250/11 "Council appoint William Lindsay as Chief Election Officer for the 2011 municipal election, pursuant to section 41 (1) of the *Local Government Act*."

AND THAT:

251/11 "The appointed declaration of Charles Nash as Chief Election Officer set out in resolution #087/11 is rescinded."

**CARRIED**

Council agreed that based on Mr. Lindsay's experience and the conditions set out in the proposal he submitted this was a favourable arrangement for the District.

**SR3 Mike Carter - District of Hudson's Hope 2011 Annual Report (0640-01)**

Council received the report which appeared in order.

FOR INFORMATION

M/S Councillor Johnson/Quibell

THAT:

252/11 "Council adopt the 2011 Annual Report as presented."

**CARRIED**

Staff to post annual report on website and submit as per reporting requirements.

**SR4 John Locher – Union of BC Municipalities Resolution (0400-01)**

Discussion:

- Treaty Land Entitlement and Urban Reserves are new issues
- Municipalities currently do not have the expertise or funding to adequately deal with these issues
- Resolution submission to include backgrounder

M/S Councillor Johnson/Quibell

THAT:

253/11 "Council authorize staff to submit the drafted resolution regarding First Nation Urban Reserves to the Union of BC Municipalities as presented."

**CARRIED**

Staff to forward resolution to UBCM for consideration and explain this had not been submitted at the North Central Local Government Association annual meeting in May because it was not an issue at that time.

**SR5 Rhonda Eastman, Deputy Treasurer – Property Tax Penalty Date (1970-01)**

Discussion:

- Due to the postal strike some tax payments were held up in the postal system
- Should accept payments received by mail up to July 11 without penalty

Council concurred with the Deputy Treasurer, that an extension for the receipt of tax payment was justifiable.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- C1 Mr. Wally Harwood – Letter Re: Bronze Plaque to Commemorate Justice and Freedom (0220-01)**

Council received the letter.

FOR INFORMATION

**COUNCIL REPORT**

- CR1 Councillor Webster – North Peace Economic Development Commission (NPEDC) & Intern Ms. Isher Lehal (0360-01)**

Councillor Webster provided a verbal report to Council:

- District received grant from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) and hired Ms. Isher Lehal to provide marketing and tourism expertise
- Ms. Lehal has been researching Social Media and improvements for the District's website
- NPEDC received funding from NDIT and hired intern Ms. Ross who is working on business retention and expansion
- District can acquire Ms. Ross's assistance with issues regarding Oil & Gas service companies not located in Hudson's Hope but are working in the area
- Community First Agreement, will need to stay on top of

Councillor Webster will forward draft investment readiness profile to Council for review.

Staff will continue to work in accordance to Community First Agreement.

- CR2 Councillor Johansson – BC Hydro Local Government Liaison Meeting, June 22, 2011 (0400-30)**

Councillor Johansson provided a verbal report to Council:

- Provincial environmental assessment process is general
- Federal environmental assessment process has 3 levels
- Suggest Council request a full panel review be completed in order to fully understand all possible effects of Site "C"
- Hudson's Hope will be impacted by Site "C" in many various ways
- Peace River Regional District submitted a letter requesting a full panel review
- Environmental assessment act available online

M/S Councillors Summer/Webster

THAT:

254/11

"Council send a letter to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency requesting a full panel review of Site "C"'s environmental assessment process."

**CARRIED**

OPPOSED Councillors; Johnson, Quibell and Stacey

- CR3 Councillor Johansson – Tembec (6660-20)**

Councillor Johansson advised Council that Tembec was active in the area and Tembec representative Doug Braywood would be meeting with Dunlevy residents on Dunlevy Road at 4:45 pm on June 28 to discuss harvest plans. Anyone from Council is welcome to attend.

- CR4 Councillor Johansson – Peace Region Internet Society (PRIS) Fibre Optics (0230-01)**

Discussion:

- Status of Fibre Optics project?
- Project currently starting in a limited fashion
- All customers may be online within the next couple of weeks

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Councillor Webster – Beryl Prairie Road (0400-20)**

Councillor Webster provided a verbal report to Council:

- Beryl Prairie Road at Brenot Creek is at risk due to recent heavy rainfall
- Ministry plans to address resurfacing problem areas in July/August 2011
- Is BROCOR out of business?
- Invite the Ministry of Transportation to a Council meeting to speak to this issue

**Staff to extend an invitation.**

**NB2 Councillor Webster – BC Hydro Line Crew Relocated out of the Area (0400-30)**

Discussion:

- BC Hydro (BCH) relocated line crews to Prince George
- Recent heavy rainfall caused power failures in the area and direct routes roads were washed out
- Issue a letter to BCH requesting they restate their reasons for relocating line crews and ask them if they would reconsider

**Staff to issue a letter to BCH.**

**NB3 Mayor Anderson – Public Service Announcements via Peace Region Internet Society (0230-01)**

Discussion:

- Public service announcements are not sent out by PRIS on weekends
- Need to be able to notify and update the community during times of emergency
- Request District be added to emergency PSA list

**Staff to contact PRIS.**

**NB4 Mayor Anderson – Restrooms at Halfway Hill Rest Area (0400-20)**

Discussion:

- Still no restrooms located at Halfway Hill rest area
- Send letter to Ministry of Transportation (MOT) reminding them of their commitment to have restrooms constructed

**Staff to send letter to MOT.**

**NB5 Alan Stebbing – Heavy Rainfall Event (7130-01)**

Discussion:

- Participated in conference calls regarding conditions due to heavy rainfall over the weekend
- Monitored situation all weekend with site visits and coordination
- Current estimates from Ministry of Transportation
  - Highway 29 will reopen in 1 week
  - Highway 97 between Chetwynd and MacKenzie will reopen in 2 weeks
- Provincial Emergency Plan (PEP)
  - Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre active
  - Currently no financial disaster assistance available
  - Staff will send out a PSA, take names and contact information of those who have had property damage and will ask that they take photos of damage
- Ongoing dialogue between all emergency services
- Where does the Mayor fit it in?
- What does the policy state?
- Emergency Operations Centre is at the staff level

**Staff to review policy and report findings to Council**

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

None

**DIARY**

**Diarized**

**Last Review/Action**

*Conventions/Conferences/Holidays*

**DY1** *July 11 – PRRD*

**DY2** *July 18 – Meeting with West Moberly First Nation*

**DY3** *July 25 – Council Meeting*

**DY4** *July/August – District Office Open House*

**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**

M/S Councillors Summer/Stacey

THAT:

255/11

"This Regular Meeting of the Council recess to an In Camera meeting pursuant to the Community Charter Section 90 1 (a) and (b) and (i)." (7:54 p.m.)

**CARRIED**

The Regular Meeting reconvened with Mayor Anderson presiding. (9:55 p.m.)

Motion by Councillor Quibell

THAT:

264/11

"This Regular Meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:08 p.m.)

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Clerk/Minute Taker

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Chair