

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Monday, March 28, 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:** Director of Public Works; Mike Carter  
Manager of Protective & Inspection Services; Alan Stebbing  
Deputy Clerk/Minute Taker; Tracey Rutherford

**Other:** 4 members in gallery

**Regrets:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

M/S Councillors Stacey/Webster

130/11 "The agenda for the Council meeting of March 28, 2011 be adopted, to include late agenda items: M3, SR5, C11, C12 and C13."

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**M1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday, February 14, 2011 (0550-01)**

M/S Councillors Webster/Johnson

131/11 "The minutes of the Council meeting held Monday, March 14, 2011 be adopted as amended."

**CARRIED**

**M2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2011 (0550-01)**

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

132/11 "The minutes of the Special Council meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2011 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**M3 Minutes of the Council Meeting held Friday, February 25, 2011 (0550-01)**

M/S Councillors Quibell/Johansson

133/11 "The minutes of the Council meeting held Friday, March 25, 2011 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**BR1 D1 – Hudson’s Hope Library, Budget Review (0230-20)**

Council enquired if staff had drafted a lease agreement between the District of Hudson’s Hope and the Hudson’s Hope library.

Staff informed Council a lease agreement had not yet been started but would be soon.

**BR2 SR2 Greta Goddard – January 2011 Report (8100-01)**

Council settled on dealing with the Special Events Coordinator’s request through the upcoming 2011 budget.

**BR3 March 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes - Diary (0550-01)**

Council requested staff update diarized items.

**BR4 DY10 Road Allowance for Oil & Gas Activity (5400-01)**

Council asked Councillor Johansson to develop 1 - 2 proposals for the next Council meeting.

**DELEGATION**

**D1 Ted Nunn, Vice President-Technical Services – Centerpoint Resources Inc. (6660-01)**

Mr. Nunn provided information about Centerpoint Resources and activity it proposes:

- Is a privately owned Chinese company
- Owner currently lives in Canada and is attempting to acquire citizenship
- Cinnibar Peak Coal deposit is the best in terms of quality and quantity, in the area
- High quality coal; majority of it will not require processing therefore have no concern regarding sulphur or ash issues
- Project is 326 square kilometres
- Municipality would receive large sums of tax money from this project as it is within its boundaries
- Propose an underground mine using shearing mining method, can go down 1,500 meters. Some areas will run below property owner’s house
- Estimate 510 million tonnes of coal, worth \$420/tonne
- Phase 1
  - Drill 109 holes
  - Determine a detailed location of the seams
  - Feasibility study of the first 5 mines, of which each would have a 10 year life span
  - Submission to the government for a mining lease

Mr. Nunn’s replies to questions:

- Plan to hire locally, do not think it is workable to hire people from China to work here
- May hire someone from China to train workers with the possibility of training in China
- Require approximately 350 people per project

- Chinese Government is buying out mines in China and shutting them down
- It is estimated China will be out of coking coal in 10 years
- Propose to export 80% of coal to China, Canada would only require 8% for steel

M/S Councillors Johansson/Johnson

THAT:

134/11

"Council authorizes a time extension to Mr. Nunn for his presentation."

CARRIED

Mr. Nunn's replies to questions:

- Plan to export out of Prince Rupert's port
- Mines demand is approximately 5 megawatts
- Propose coal transport to railhead via truck
- Have not consulted with First Nation Communities yet, waiting, as we are still in the application process
- Plan to consult with First Nations when we applying for drilling permits
- We will capture the underground gas and use it for heat, some gas companies have pulled out while others want to sell their coal bed methane to us
- Timeline is unknown , currently the province has 1 person working on permit applications
- There is communication between Dehua and Centerpoint about the projects

#### STAFF REPORTS

- SR1 Tracey Rutherford – LGMA Elections Workshop (2810-01)**  
Council received the report. FOR INFORMATION
- SR2 Tracey Rutherford – Administrative Workshop (2810-01)**  
Council received the report. FOR INFORMATION
- SR3 Tracey Rutherford – Annual Volunteer Appreciation (0290-01)**

Discussion:

- Staff advertise the last 5 volunteer's of the year
- Award be presented at a well attended community celebration
- Volunteer should receive a thank you gift

M/S Councillors Webster/Johansson

THAT:

135/11

"Council authorize the presentation of the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award at the District's Canada Celebrations."

AND THAT:

136/11

"The recipient of the 2011 Volunteer of the Year award be issued a gift certificate, dinner for two, value not to exceed \$100."

CARRIED

Staff to make necessary arrangements.

- SR4 Alan Stebbing – Proposed Duty Officer Policy (0340-50)**

Mr. Stebbing presented a proposed duty officer policy to Council

Discussion:

- Would cost the District approximately \$7,000/year, this amount was discussed at 2011 budget discussions in February 2011
- Currently no duty officer expenditure
- Compensation is for response to emergency incidents and non-emergency incidents outside of normal office hours, weekend and holiday coverage
- Being available 24/7 is currently not part of the Manager of Protective & Inspection Services job description
- Compensation for officers covering for Mr. Stebbing while he is away have been raised by the members themselves, they are willing and able to fulfill the duty officer's role
- During times of coverage the command truck is to be used by the assigned duty officer during call outs only
  - What are legalities if they do not adhere to this?

Council advised staff they require time to investigate

**SR5 Tracey Rutherford – 2010 Age-friendly Community Project & Planning Grant (1855-03)**

Discussion:

- Planning grant designated for communities to perform needs assessment
- Council had previously completed assessment
- Do not require another assessment

M/S Councillor Webster/Johansson

THAT:

137/11 "Council authorizes staff to return funds received from the Union of BC Municipalities, in the amount of \$14,000, awarded for the 2010 Age-friendly Community Projects & Planning Grant."

CARRIED

Staff to submit letter and cheque to UBCM.

**BYLAWS**

**B1 Alan Stebbing – Rezoning Bylaw No. 793, Hocha (3900-02)**

Discussion:

- Under the district's Planning Policies the proposed development is consistent with the overall pattern of the land use designated in the Official Community Plan, residential-anticipated.

M/S Councillors Johnson/Summer

THAT:

138/11 "Council adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 793, 2011."

CARRIED

Staff to ensure all bylaw requirements are met.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1 Human Resource & Skills Development Canada – Letter of Response Re: Small Projects Enabling Accessibility Fund 2010 Call for Proposals (1855-04)**

Council received the letter.

FOR INFORMATION

- C2 Peace River Regional District – Union of BC Municipalities Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds Rates (1855-03)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C3 Peace River Regional District - Letter Re: Airport Rural Water Rates (0400-50)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C4 Ministry of Energy \_ Letter of Response Re: BC Hydro GIL, OGC issuing permits, Talisman/Canbriam Water License Application (0400-20)**  
Council received the letter FOR INFORMATION
- C5 Northern Health - Letter Re: Dori Shankel, MSPT Lease Agreement (0400-80)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION  
Staff to submit thank you letter to Northern Health.
- C6 City of Fort St. John – Invitation: Municipal Government Day, May 25, 2011 (0400-20)**  
Council received the invitation. FOR INFORMATION  
Council to advise staff if attending.
- C7 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Letter of Response Re: Public Washrooms at the Halfway Hill Rest Area (0400-20)**  
Council received the letter. FOR INFORMATION
- C8 Jeanne Clelland – Letter Re: Heritage Manor I (0220-01)**  
Discussion:  
  - Misinformation in letter
  - A letter from the BC Housing Authority addressing Ms. Clelland's queries was shared at a Peace River Regional District meeting:
    - Only 2 people who are not from the area reside in house
    - These 2 people lived in area previously, returned and were placed on a waiting list
    - Will respond to Jeanne Clelland's letter
- C9 Pouce Coupe – Invitation Re: Peace River Local Government Association Meeting (0400-50)**  
Council received the invitation and asked staff to advise Pouce Coupe of Council's attendance.
- C10 North Central Local Government Association – March 2011 Newsletter (0400-01)**  
Council received the newsletter. FOR INFORMATION
- C11 Energetic Services Inc. – Email Seeking Endorsement Re: New Tractor-Trailer Configuration (0220-01)**  
Council received the email and require more information before they can provide an informed response.

**C12 North Peace Economic Development Commission – Montney/Horn River Infrastructure Finance and Development Summit (0220-01)**

Council received the information. FOR INFORMATION

**C13 BC Hydro – Site C Information Session, Monday, April 5, 2011 (0400-30)**

Council received the email.

Staff to advertise in local bulletin.

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**CR1 Councillor Webster – Town Hall meeting in Fort St. John, March 22, 2011 (040020)**

Councillor Webster suggested Council issue 4 letters of support to Ministries;

- Resurrection of Northeast Energy and Mines Advisory Committee
- Need for baseline studies for soil, water and air, including cumulative impacts
- Creation of a drought assistance program for BC Grain Producers
- BC Utilities Commission review Site C project

Discussion;

- NEEMAC provided valuable clarification and definition on issues, is a lengthy process
- Geoscience BC is doing a study of groundwater, report should be ready June, 2011
- Agriculture sector experiencing hardship due to drought and low prices for past few years, they are important to the local economy
- Concern regarding fresh water usage for shale gas industry

M/S Councillors Webster/Quibell

THAT:

139/11

“Council issue a letter to the government regarding the concern of fresh water usage for shale gas industry, Council recognizes the governments understanding of this important issue.”

**CARRIED**

Staff to remit letters to respective sectors of government and contact Geoscience BC.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 Councillor Quibell – BC Hydro Stakeholders meeting in Fort St John March 24, 2011 (0400-30)**

Councillor Quibell informed Council he would provide a report on the BC Hydro stakeholders meeting he attended in Fort St John on March 24 at the next Council meeting.

**NB2 Councillor Johansson – Drought Management Workshop in Fort St John March 23, 2011 (5280-14)**

Councillor Johansson informed Council of an interesting statement made at the meeting; municipalities were to have a drought management plan by 2003.

Staff to search for District's drought management plan.

**NB3 Councillor Terry Webster – BC Hydro, Grant in Lieu (0400-30)**

Councillor Webster revisited the issue of BC Hydro's Grant in Lieu policy; pulling figures out of the air rather than using a system based on facts. She suggested Council contact Mr. Read and request his services to pursue the matter further.

Councillor Johansson offered to share an email from Mr. Read, which contained information about the GIL, at the next Council meeting for discussion.

**NB4 Councillor Terry Webster – Local Government Awareness Week (8100-01)**

Councillor Webster proposed events for local government awareness week be organized. She offered to come up with suggestions to present at the next Council meeting.

**NB5 Councillor Terry Webster – Northern Light's College (0400-70)**

Councillor Webster proposed Council meet with the president of the Northern Lights College and local companies to discuss courses and re-establishing a college in Hudson's Hope.

Discussion:

- Mayor Anderson has spoken with NLC who plan to work with industry and provide courses that fit their needs
- The facility in Hudson's Hope may not be able to accommodate special requirements for some courses

**NB6 Councillor Terry Webster – Letter to Ministry of Transportation Re: Beryl Prairie Road Conditions (0400-20)**

Councillor Webster proposed a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation regarding the conditions of the Beryl Prairie road and enquire how road bonding worked.

Staff to write a letter to the Ministry.

**NB7 Councillor Darryl Johnson – Public Service Announcement (1475-01)**

Councillor Johnson suggested that in order to broaden the District's exposure when using PSA's more community members should be added to the list.

Councillor Quibell informed Council those who wished to be added to Pris' PSA mailing list had to simply contact Pris and request their email address be added to the list.

Staff to post information in upcoming bulletin.

**NB8 Councillor Darryl Johnson – Public Washrooms (0220-01)**

Councillor Johnson informed everyone that in his travels he noticed some communities had set up a trailer with bathrooms on a major street. He suggested something like this be set up and if the facility was strategically placed, by the museum or visitor centre, more people might stop and visit our community.

**NB9 Councillor Darryl Johnson – School Speed Zone (0400-20)**

Councillor Johnson asked if staff had enquired about the necessity of having the school speed zone set at 30 kilometres/hour.

Staff informed Council they had not done so but will do so before the next Council meeting.

**NB10 Mayor Karen Anderson – Official Community Plan (6480-01)**

Mayor Anderson asked Council for feedback concerning the revision the District's Official Community Plan;

- Previously council updated it with assistance of 2 -3 community members
- Wait and give this job to the new CAO, will not have one for a few months

- Hire an outside group
- Sustainability funding may be available

Council to review OCP, forward suggestions to staff who will then provide recommendations to Council based on suggestions provided.

Staff informed Council they would be meeting with Fort St John's city planner later in the week.

**NB11 Councillor Webster – 2011 Community Tourism Opportunity Funding (1855-01)**

Councillor Webster informed Council there may be an opportunity available for District highway signs, committee will be meeting on Friday to discuss options.

**PUBLIC ENQUIRIES**

NONE

**DIARY**

*Diarized*

*Last  
Review/Action*

*Conventions/Conferences/Holidays*

<b>DY1</b>	<i>April 12 – Peace River Municipal Association</i>		
<b>DY2</b>	<i>April 14 - PRRD</i>		
<b>DY3</b>	<i>April 19 – 21 Rural Tourism Conference</i>		
<b>DY4</b>	<i>April 26 – Council Meeting</i>		
<b>DY5</b>	<i>May 11 – 13 North Central Local Government Association</i>		
<b>DY6</b>	<i>October 2011– Huntercoal Mining Corporation</i>		
<b>DY7</b>	<i>Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>	<i>Feb 2007</i>	
<b>DY8</b>	<i>Road Allowance for Oil &amp; Gas Activity</i>	<i>July 2009</i>	<i>To review April 2011</i>
<b>DY9</b>	<i>Identify Community Heritage Sites</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>To review April 2011</i>
<b>DY10</b>	<i>District Highway Signs Committee</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>March 31,2011- Submit request for CTO funding</i>
<b>DY11</b>	<i>Drought Management Plan</i>	<i>March 2011</i>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

M/S Councillors Johnson/Stacey

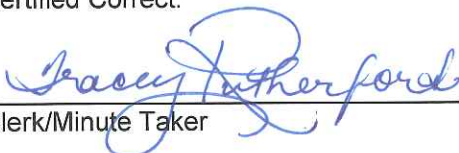
THAT:


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"This Regular Meeting of the Council be adjourned." (9:24.m.)

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

  
Clerk/Minute Taker

  
Chair