

**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011 AT 10:00 P.M.**

Present

Council: Mayor; Karen Anderson (Chair)
Councillor Gwen Johansson
Councillor; Darryl Johnson
Councillor; Travous Quibell

Councillor; Doug Summer
Councillor; Terry Webster

Staff: Director of Public Works; Mike Carter
Manager of Protective and Inspection Services; Alan Stebbing
Deputy Clerk/Minute Taker; Tracey Rutherford

Other: 9

Regrets: Councillor; Clayton Stacey
Councillor Terry Webster

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with at 10:04 a.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

AGENDA

M/S Councillors Johansson/Johnson

THAT:

186/11

"The agenda for the Special Council meeting of May 5, 2011 be adopted."

CARRIED

DLEGATION

D1

Canadian Kailuan Dehua Co., Ltd

(6660-01)

Mr. Nie, Senior Engineer and Judy Matlock, answered Council's and community member's queries about the proposed Gething Bulk Sample Project and proposed Gething Coal Mining Project.

Discussion:

- 3 Investors in Canadian Kailuan Dehua Co., Ltd.
 - Shogang Group
 - 5th largest steel producing company in the world
 - Kailuan Group
 - Oldest and largest coalmining group in Beijing
 - Excellent safety record

- Canadian Dehua International Mines Group Inc.
 - Engaged in coal development and investment
 - Maintains long-term cooperation with many Chinese corporations

Gething Coal Mine Project

- Stantec is doing environmental assessment based on the baseline studies conducted by Rescan Environmental Services
- American Norwest Company's engineer worked on designs for bulk sample test mining
- Have consulted with First Nations
 - Close to cultural camp
- Transportation options
 - Barge on Williston
 - Road, probably won't be allowed over damn, to Chetwynd
 - Rail, from Chetwynd to Prince Rupert
- Bulk sample permit sent to Ministry of Energy & Mines, March 5, 2011
 - Estimate reply to be received by May 27, 2011
 - Permit allows removal of 100,000 tonnes
- Commencing open house and community discussions
 - Open house bookings for the community hall made at District office
 - Evening meetings are better
 - Advertise; bulleting, public service announcement and posters
 - Special invitations to groups, businesses and associations effected
 - School, career days
- Request letter of support from Council
 - Council to discuss at next Regular Council meeting
- Require assistance with housing availability
 - Council and staff to meet with CKD
 - Final stages for the purchase of Atkinson property
 - Local realtor, Bob Bach agreed to assist
 - Will initially require 90 units
 - May require up to 400 over next 10 years
- Bulk Sample Project
 - 21 months
 - Council would prefer there wasn't a workers camp
 - CKD stressing to contractors they stay in town
 - Balanced management technologies; dust proof before transporting
 - Coals plant wash has not been determined, if allowed environmental regulations will be followed
 - Application indicates coal will be washed and tested on site
 - Pre-visibility study, samples tests may indicate factors that could require changes
 - May not wash coal here, would pile then ship out
 - What about coordinating transportation with other companies?
 - Talk to CoalHunter

M/S Councillors Johansson/Johnson

THAT:

187/11

"Council motion to accept questions from the gallery."

CARRIED

Discussion:

- Will consult with local communities for their preferred hauling days & times
- Could ship bulk sample out all at once using 40 trucks
- Ministry of Transportation requires a traffic survey of Highway 29 from CKD
- 2011 proposed activity will involve coal extraction and washing
- Summer 2012 will transport coal
- Doing research on how to handle discharge water properly, several ways have been found, doing more research
- Mapped Williston lake, winter barging?
- Concerns have been raised about road usage barging could be an alternative
- Hire companies to do transportation studies; cost efficient & environmentally friendly
- The 3 mining companies should try to use the same transportation route
- In application CKD listed:
 - Hudson's Hope clinic as a hospital, need to change
 - Ambulance handover site needs reviewing
- The District requests letter of support for better medical services from CKD
- Have advertised CKD employment positions
 - Will start interviews at the end of May, beginning of June
- Employment
 - Attempting to hire locally, BC and Canada
 - Submitted a survey about the hiring situation to Service Canada
 - Underground mine requires highly skilled employees
 - May have to hire a portion of skilled workers from overseas
 - CKD has a high safety standard
- Applied for short term water permit under section 8, may be approved next week
- Need to monitor water discharge and usage rates
- Have not advertised for hauling services
- CKD working with various groups regarding underground mining training
- Data and previous experience says there is high quality coking coal, baseline studies will reveal
- Getting Coal is the low sink
 - Disadvantage for company
 - Advantage for environment
- Power requirements
 - Doing a study of project's impact to provincial grid
 - May use diesel engine temporarily for 1 – 2 years
- Good telecommunications are essential at project site
 - CKD willing to share with local community
 - Councillor Quibell requested meeting with CKD to discuss potential project
 - To speak with Helene Weightman; First Nation & Community Consultation Manager

Staff to include request for letter of support for CKD's proposed project on the next Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Anderson announced a short recess at 11:35 a.m.

The Special Council meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

BYLAWS

B1 Bylaw 795, 2011 Financial Plan (3900-02)

Council received the proposed bylaw.

M/S Councillors Summer/Quibell

THAT:

188/11 "Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading to Bylaw 795, 2011 Financial Plan."

CARRIED

The bylaw presented to Council reflected any and all changes made at the last 2011 budget meeting last week.

B2 Bylaw 796, Tax Rates (3900-02)

Council received the proposed bylaw.

Deputy Treasurer, Rhonda Eastman informed Council there were some changes minor from last year and that she had received the revised roll.

M/S Councillors Summer/Quibell

THAT:

189/11 "Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading to Bylaw 796, Tax Rates."

CARRIED

Staff to include both bylaws on next Council meeting agenda for possible adoption.

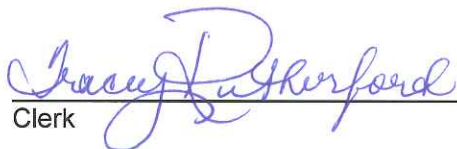
ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Johansson

190/11 "This special meeting of the Council be adjourned." (12:03 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified Correct:


Clerk


Mayor