



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2010

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Pouce Coupe from Mayor Lyman Clark

June 1, 2010

On behalf of Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Pouce Coupe for their support and confidence as we start the second of our three year election term.

Council operates under the guidance of our MISSION STATEMENT as follows:

Council aims to develop the Village of Pouce Coupe as a friendly, safe, and affordable place to live; maintaining small town values while providing opportunities for growth. We strive to respect the needs of our citizens.

Council's goal is to put the Village in a position to benefit from this upcoming time of prosperity in the Peace River Region. We wanted to take advantage of the times by encouraging residential and commercial development in the Village. The previous Councils have done a very good job in positioning us by securing the new school, library, and community centre for the Village. They have developed industrial land and sold all the properties, and also developed the Pederson subdivision in the interest of bringing more families into the Village.

The 2010 capital budget major projects has us building a new Water reservoir, completing improvements to the sewer lagoon, purchasing a new Fire Truck, and updating the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

As reported in the annual Audit, Pouce Coupe is in a sound financial position.

The Pouce Coupe Care Home closed down in October 2009, when the new Rotary Manor opened in Dawson Creek. Council is working with the Northern Health Authority and a private investor to find a new use for the building, thereby increasing tax revenues. The Peace River Haven will be shutting its doors in 2012/13, whenever the new facility is opened in Ft St John. Council will be working with the Northern Health Authority to ensure that the decommissioning of that facility will be managed in a manner that is in the best interest of the Village.

Council is very open to hear the ideas of the constituency. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome. Thanks you to all those who are attending the Council meetings. Please feel free to contact myself or any Council member if you have any concerns, so that we may address them promptly and effectively. Council encourages the public to get involved in your community. Your involvement is what makes our Village a Community.

Mayor Lyman Clark

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the audited financial statements are available at the Municipal office, located at 5011-49th Avenue, Pouce Coupe, BC.

STATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

In accordance with Section 98 (2) (b) of the Community Charter, the following properties in the Village of Pouce Coupe were provided permissive property tax exemptions by the Council in 2009:

Legal Description	Civic Address	Organization	Value of Permissive Exemption
Lot 9, Block 2, Section 32, Township 77, Range 14, W6M, PRD	5000-48 th Avenue	Senior Citizen's Association of BC	\$686.26
Lot 22, Block 6, Plan 2252 Section 32, Township 77 Range 14, W6M, PRD	4919-48 th Avenue	Anglican Synod Diocese of Caledonia	\$152.96
Lot A, Plan PGP48604 Section 32, Township 77 Range 14, W6M, PRD	5000-49 th Avenue	Pouce Coupe Community Church	\$522.88

PROGRESS REPORT RESPECTING 2009 MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS

Cemetery

Objective: Enhance the appearance of the cemetery.

Status: The perimeter fence was repainted, walkways neatened, and regular grass cutting maintenance was carried out. All manageable sunken grave stones were lifted and adjusted. Map was updated.

Economic Development

Objective: To encourage growth in residential and commercial areas by developing residential lots in the Pederson subdivision.

Status: Lots were developed; water and sewer services are installed. 8 of the 14 available Village lots remain for sale.

Objective: To ensure there are positive uses for the Pouce Coupe Care Home and Peace River Haven

Status: Met with the Northern Health Authority at UBCM to express our interest in the future positive use of these facilities. Instituted a new "Comprehensive Development" zone to accommodate a developer with plans to renovate the Care Home.

Emergency Services

Objective: To prepare for an emergency or disaster.

Status: Purchased new identification vests for EOC team.

Finance

Objective: To reduce outstanding lease payments.

Status: Purchased grader and tractor remaining lease balances. The only lease remaining is the Backhoe.

Objective: To become compliant with PSAB 190 requirements.

Status: Tangible Capital Asset Assessment project in progress.

Protective Services

Objective: To ensure our Firehall is large enough to support a new fire truck.

Status: Built new Fire Hall that opened in November 2009. Fire Truck is ordered, to arrive in June 2010.

Objective: To ensure our Volunteer firefighters have the necessary equipment to fight fires with minimum risk to personal safety.

Status: Purchased more turnout gear, and updated radio system.

Public Works

Objective: To maintain roadways in the interest of safety and aesthetics.

Status: Regular maintenance program complete.

Recreation and Culture

Objective: To encourage the use of our community centre.

Status: Purchased new tables and chairs, usage is consistent and increasing.

Objective: To increase the use of the Pouce Park campground.

Status: Added power to 11 more sites, usage is consistent and increasing.

Sewer Facility

Objective: To stabilize the riverbank at the berm around the lagoon by contracting out the project as required by engineered design.

Status: In progress, work to be complete by July 2010.

Water Facility

Objective: To improve the water distribution system with upgrades to the water reservoir system by engineered design.

Status: Engineer planning in progress, to be built in 2010.

DECLARATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF DISQUALIFIED COUNCIL MEMBERS

None

STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVES FOR 2010**Economic Development**

Objective: To encourage growth in residential areas.

Strategy: To market and sell the residential lots in the Pederson subdivision.

Measures: Increase in number of ratepayers in the Village.

Objective: To ensure there are positive uses for the Pouce Coupe Care Home and Haven
 Strategy: To work with the Northern Health Authority and developers in finding uses for the buildings.
 Measures: Positive alternative uses for the buildings.

Objective: To ensure there are plans in place for the future development of the Village.
 Strategy: Complete an update of the Official Community Plan and zoning bylaw.
 Measures: Plan and direction in place.

Emergency Services

Objective: To prepare for an emergency or disaster.
 Strategy: Provide training for the Emergency Operations Team.
 Measures: A prepared Emergency Operations Team in place.

Protective Services

Objective: To ensure our Fire Protection Service resources are current to respond to emergencies in the Village and Regional District.
 Strategy: Complete purchase of the new Fire Truck.
 Measures: Efficient and effective operation of the Village Fire Protection Service, and to remain current with the National Fire Protection Association Standards.

Objective: To ensure our Volunteer firefighters have the necessary equipment to fight fires with minimum risk to personal safety.
 Strategy: Purchase required gear.
 Measures: New personal protective gear purchased, and training equipment.

Public Works

Objective: To maintain roadways in the interest of safety and aesthetics.
 Strategy: Maintain roadways, and add/replace street signs as required.
 Measures: Safe and attractive roadways.

Objective: To maintain fleet in the interest of safety and cost effectiveness.
 Strategy: Purchase new 3/4 ton truck.
 Measures: Updated vehicle with lower maintenance and operating costs.

Recreation and Culture

Objective: To add the technology of solar panels to the Community Centre complex.
 Strategy: Purchase new solar panels for the community centre/library facility.
 Measures: Lower operating costs, carbon footprint, and more sustainable operations.

Objective: To increase the size of the sewer holding tank at Pouce Park.
 Strategy: Install another tank to double the capacity.
 Measures: Lower operating costs through less empties, carbon footprint, and more sustainable operations.

Water Facility

Objective: To improve the water distribution system with the creation of a new water reservoir system by engineered design.

Strategy: Replace the water reservoir structure.

Measures: Safe and reliable water system with larger capacity.

Sewer Facility

Objective: To improve the sewer collection system

Strategy: Complete sewer lagoon berm reinforcement project.

Measures: Safe and reliable sewer system.

STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL OBJECTIVES FOR 2011**Economic Development**

Objective: To encourage growth in residential areas.

Strategy: To market and sell the residential lots in the Pederson subdivision.

Measures: Increase in number of ratepayers in the Village.

Objective: To ensure there are positive uses for the Pouce Coupe Care Home and Haven

Strategy: To work with the Northern Health Authority and developers in finding uses for the buildings.

Measures: Positive alternative uses for the buildings.

Emergency Services

Objective: To prepare for an emergency or disaster.

Strategy: Provide training for the Emergency Operations Team.

Measures: A prepared Emergency Operations Team in place.

Finance

Objective: To eliminate the final lease payment.

Strategy: Purchase outstanding lease payment for the Backhoe.

Measures: Equipment purchased, no more lease payments.

Protective Services

Objective: To ensure our Volunteer firefighters have the necessary equipment to fight fires with minimum risk to personal safety.

Strategy: Purchase required gear.

Measures: New personal protective gear purchased, and training equipment.

Public Works

Objective: To maintain roadways in the interest of safety and aesthetics.

Strategy: Pave roads, maintain roadways, and add/replace street signs as required.

Measures: Safe and attractive roadways.

Recreation and Culture

Objective: To maintain the museum facility.

Strategy: Invest in the building upkeep.

Measures: The existence of an attractive asset in the community.

OTHER INFORMATION

None

APPROVAL

The 2010 Annual Report was approved at the Regular meeting of Council, June 21, 2010.

Lyman Clark
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Village of Pouce Coupe, BC

Peter Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Pouce Coupe, BC