



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting December 17th, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barb Smith
Councillor Peter Kut
Councillor Christabelle Kux-Kardos
Councillor Donna White

STAFF: Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded, THAT
the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2007 be
adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 3, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 3, 2007 be adopted
as presented. **CARRIED**

b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of December 10, 2007

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded, THAT
the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of December 10, 2007 be adopted
as presented. **CARRIED**

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3 b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, December 10, 2007.

8 r) Sophia Lang, Concerned Citizen Re: Nuclear Power in Alberta.

8 s) NCMA Re: Electoral Boundaries Commission Update.

11 j) Village Security Issue, Report of Deputy CAO.

14 a) Salvation Army Donation.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

6. DELEGATIONS

a) Presentation of Prizes to 2007 Holiday Light-Up Winners: 2nd Place Bevan King and
3rd Place Verna Cardinal. 1st Place Malcolm Supernault unable to attend.

The Mayor Presented cheques to Mr. and Mrs. King, and Ms. Cardinal for their winning entries in this year's Holiday Light-Up contest.

- b) Member of Legislative Assembly for Peace River South, Blair Lekstrom.
MLA Lekstrom addressed Council in regards to options for the Care Home and Haven Buildings. Some ideas include Senior Care, Community Living or a Northern Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre. Mr. Lekstrom encouraged Council to start a public discussion on possible uses. If we can come up with a list of prioritized ideas, we can assist Northern Health in deciding on a use for the buildings. Mr. Lekstrom suggested that Council gather some public input and decide what they would like to see in the buildings.

Robert Horseman from the Nawichan Friendship Centre expressed an interest in the use of the buildings for his non-profit organization. The Mayor advised that the facilities belong to Northern Health and we need to work with them in finding uses for the buildings. Mr. Horseman requested that he be kept informed in regards to any progress on the topic.

Council **DIRECTED** staff to send a letter to MLA Lekstrom requesting that he become involved and assist us with the opening a dialogue with Northern Health regarding the future of the buildings.

MLA Lekstrom suggested that he be copied on any provincial grants the Village of Pouce Coupe puts forward so he can lend his support to the application. The Mayor thanked Mr. Lekstrom for attending.

- c) Gatekeeper Society Re: Peace River Haven.
Mr. Larry Moody was present to listen to Mr. Lekstrom's presentation. As the Gatekeeper Society, his experience with gaining a dialogue with Northern Health has also been unsuccessful. The Gatekeepers are willing to assist in finding a use for the buildings.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mayor and Councilor Remuneration and Expenses Survey Results.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) PRRD Re: Electoral Boundaries Report
Council **DIRECTED** staff to maintain the position that Pouce Coupe wishes to maintain the same level of MLA representation in any related correspondence.
- c) City of Fort St. John Re: High on Ice Winter Carnival – Mayor' Challenge in Ice Carving.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
the Mayor attend the 'High on Ice Winter Carnival' Ice carving event in Fort St. John January 19, 2008, and that the funds come from the Council travel account. **CARRIED**

- d) Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services Re: Innovations Fund Agreement
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Administration pursue the grant opportunity and that the Mayor be authorized
to sign the agreement. **CARRIED**
- e) Ministry of Community Services Re: Towns for Tomorrow – 2008 Grant Application
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to apply for this grant in 2008, as projects are
identified.
- f) Ministry of Community Services Re: LocalMotion Program – 2008 Grant Application
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to apply for this grant in 2008, as projects are
identified.
- g) PRRD Re: Development Variance Permit 230/2007, to increase maximum allowable
floor area of accessory buildings by 28m², Fish Creek Area, Fort St. John, dated
December 7, 2007.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
the Village reply with no objections. **CARRIED**
- h) District of Hudson's Hope Re: Staffing and Recruitment for BC Hydro in Hudson's
Hope.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- i) Local Government Program Services Re: School Community Connection
Application, Phase 3
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- j) David Conway, BC Hydro Re: Peace River Site C Hydro Project; and Rebecca
Temmer, AA Site C Project Re: Scheduling a Pre-Consultation Meeting.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to request a meeting on January 28. Council is
looking for a presentation that would outline the big picture.
- k) Kerensa Medhurst, Northern Health Re: Northern Health and Canadian Cancer
Society Grant Opportunity.
Council **DIRECTED** Staff to bring a report to Council regarding sign types and
locations so that we can pursue this grant opportunity. The CAO noted that we
already received \$500.00 from Northern Health in regards to this project.
- l) Northern Trust December 2007 Newsletter.
Council **DIRECTED** Staff to apply for the positions from the Northern Development
Initiative Trust in the 2008 budget.
- m) Cathy Ulrich, Northern Health Re: Population Health and Oil and Gas Activities. A
Preliminary Assessment of the Situation in North Eastern BC.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- n) Pouce Coupe Library Board Re: Library Move to the Community Centre.
Council has concerns that the library will not be moving until the agreement is
signed. Council agreed that through their liaison [Mayor] that the library should be
encouraged to move into the new space, if it is ready, on January 2, 2008.

- o) Minister of Health George Abbott Re: Health Services of Interest.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- p) Minister of Health George Abbott Re: Technical Advisory Committee for Drinking Water Protection.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- q) Allan R Berezny, UNBC Northern Medical Program Re: Outstanding Amounts
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council pay \$16,959 to the UNCB Medical Trust in the 2008 budget and that these funds come from the UNBC Medical Trust reserve account.
CARRIED
- r) Sophia Lang, Concerned Citizen Re: Nuclear Power in Alberta.
Council **DIRECTED** staff to forward the correspondence on to the PRRD, to be dealt with at that level.
- s) NCMA Re: Electoral Boundaries Commission Update.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – December 4, 2007, \$11,194.76.
- b) Accounts Payable Report – December 7, 2007, \$37,618.56.
- c) Accounts Payable Report – December 12, 2007, \$3,056.92.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports of December 4, 2007, December 7, 2007 and December 12, 2007 in the amounts of \$11,194.76, \$37,618.56 and \$3,056.92.
CARRIED

10. BYLAWS

11. REPORTS

- a) 2007 Holiday Light-Up
 - Report of Administrative Assistant
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) 2007 Water Analysis
 - Report of DCAO
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- c) Step Up and Ride Society Correspondence
 - Report of CAO
Council **DIRECTED** staff to place a note in the newsletter asking the residents to call us and let us know if they are interested in this bus service. Administration is to reply to the Step Up and Ride Society, noting that we are checking for the demand before we engage their service.

- d) Pederson Residential Subdivision Report
- Report of CAO
- ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT the meeting go past 9 p.m. as required.

- e) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – Nil
- f) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Nil
- g) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – Absent
- h) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Nil
- i) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Nil
- j) Village Security Issue, Report of Deputy CAO.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to December 12, 2007
- ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD - NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Salvation Army Donation
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT Council donated \$100.00 to the Salvation Army and that the funds come from the donations to special events account. **CARRIED**
- b) Motion to move to a Closed Meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (c) of the Community Charter at 8:55 p.m.

The meeting returned from a Closed Meeting of Council at 10:14 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Chairperson
Mayor Barb Smith

Recorder
Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Thomas

CERTIFIED a true copy of the Minutes of the Corporation of the Village of Pouce Coupe from a Meeting held in Council Chambers, Pouce Coupe, B.C.