



## CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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### Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 19, 2007

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Barb Smith  
Councillor Peter Kut  
Councillor Chris Kux-Kardos  
Councillor Malcolm Supernault  
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 February 19, 2007 be adopted as  
presented. **CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2007

**MOVED** by Councillor White and seconded, THAT  
the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2007 be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**ADD:**

14. b) Conservation Officer Incident on February 18.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

a) Northern Environmental Action Team, Report on Pouce Coupe Waste Assessment –  
Karen Thomas

Mrs. Karen Thomas advised Council that the Waste Assessment for the Village went well. All systems are in place and are staff driven. Council could make it an operating policy to have recycling measures in place formally.

The Mayor asked about the recycle bins in Pouce Coupe, noting that there have been times when the bins have been full or overflowing. Karen replied that the bins are the responsibility of Recycle Plus in Grande Prairie, and they should be notified of any problems. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Thomas for her presentation.

b) SPCA, Re: Council Request for Operating Information February 5, 2007 – Carole Mathieson

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Carole Mathieson to the meeting. The Mayor noted that there are dogs running loose in Pouce Coupe at night. Ms. Mathieson replied that the problem exists in Dawson Creek also. The six SPCA employees try to focus on educating the public as to ensure their animals are properly supervised. The Mayor asked if they could adjust the hours to catch offending animals. Ms. Mathieson replied that they do adjust hours for greater

success rates. Ms. Mathieson noted that another deterrent to the problem could exist if the Village raised their fines for dogs at large. Ms. Mathieson noted that if a resident has an issue with a dog owner, they should report it, and the SPCA will act. Ms. Mathieson noted they currently have 25 dogs in their 13 kennels. They are looking at finding a bigger and better facility, as the current facility is too small.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Mathieson for her comments.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) PRRD, Development Variance Permit, to Vary the Maximum Aggregate Accessory Building Floor, in Order to Build a Detached Garage/Shop, in the Fort St. John Area, dated February 8, 2007  
**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.
- b) Small Community Economic Development Capacity Building, re: Grant: Plus Reply from CAO  
The CAO pointed out that we have applied for a grant to support an Economic Development person for the Village. We would pay for one month and they (NDIT) would pay for the next three months.  
**MOVED** by Councillor White, and seconded THAT  
Council supports the Village's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Small Community Economic Development Capacity Building Program.  
**CARRIED**
- c) Dale J. Rose, C.A., Sander Rose Trobak LLP Chartered Accountants, re: Audit Report  
The CAO noted that we received a number of suggestions from the Auditors on how to put "checks" in our accounting system. Many problems have been corrected already and the others are being addressed.  
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to have the CAO placed as a signing authority on the bank accounts.
- d) Fred Banham, CAO, PRRD, re: Northern Health Service Delivery Priorities for the next 5 Years.  
The Mayor noted that there may be an increase in taxes for the coming of the Northern Health. The Mayor is participating in the meetings to ensure our interests are considered.  
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter to Peace River Hospital District noting that we would like to be involved in any dialogue with Northern Health in regards to the specific health concerns in the Village of Pouce Coupe, including discussions and considerations on the Peace River Haven and the Care Home.
- e) Karen Goodings, Chair, PRRHD, re: Transport of Dangerous Goods Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities  
**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.
- f) Ken Nash, District Operations Technician, Ministry of Transportation, re: Plan for Sign Replacement in Pouce Coupe  
**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.
- g) UBCM, re: Excerpts from the Throne Speech of Interest to Local Government  
Council Kux-Kardos commented that the Village should ensure the green building code and sustainable measures are in place for our new developments.

- h) South Peace Junior Soccer Association, re: Sponsor 2007 Soccer Program  
**MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT  
 Council supports the South Peace Junior Soccer Association at the Bronze level with a \$200.00 donation, and that the funds come from the donations to Special Events account.

**CARRIED**

- i) Council of Tourism Association, re: Donation to the Annual Fund-Raising Auction  
**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

## 9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – February 5, 2007 \$330.72  
 b) Accounts Payable Report – February 14, 2007 \$16,634.16  
**MOVED** by Councillor White and seconded THAT  
 Council approves the accounts payable report of February 5, 2007 in the amount of \$330.72 and the accounts payable report of February 14, 2007 in the amount of \$16,634.16.

**CARRIED**

- c) Canada Day Grant Application  
 • Report of Administrative Assistant  
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to alter the 2007 Canada Day budget so it is in balance, prior to sending the application.  
**MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT  
 Council approves the application for the 2007 Canadian Heritage funding

**CARRIED**

## 10. BYLAWS - NIL

## 11. REPORTS

- a) Tree Planting  
 • Report of Chief Administrative Officer  
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to budget \$5,000.00 in the beautification budget for tree planting. The CAO will contact the City of Dawson Creek and inquire about their tree program.
- b) Purchase of Local History Books for Resale  
 • Report of Deputy Clerk  
 Council considered the report from the Deputy Clerk of purchasing the local history books for \$25 each, and retail them at \$30.00 each, in time for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Homecoming celebrations throughout the rest of the year.  
**MOVED** by Councillor White and seconded THAT  
 Council approves the purchase of 12 "Lure of the South Peace" local history books for three hundred dollars, and that the funds be taken from the Public Relations fund.

**CARRIED**

- c) Nodes Construction Development  
 • Report of CAO  
 Council had a lengthy discussion on the Nodes development. Councillor Kux-Kardos noted that she supported the development, especially in light of the submitted plan detailing a Greensmart building, a tree buffer zone, and other sustainable features. Council noted they were concerned with the traffic control, and they were in favour of having an access off Highway #2. There is a Public Hearing on March 13, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

**MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT  
Council send a letter noting that they support in principle the Nodes Construction development proposal, and that Council would like to see different options of accessing the property other than the access off 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**CARRIED**

## **RECESS**

Council broke for recess at 8:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

d) Museum Repairs and Maintenance

- Report of CAO

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to acquire a price on the cost of repairs submitted by the Museum Society.

**MOVED** by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council approves the Museum Society's request to create a protected outdoor display area on the north side of the building.

**CARRIED**

e) Deputy Clerk Monthly Report

**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

f) Administrative Assistant Monthly Report

**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

g) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – nil

h) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – nil

i) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – verbal

Councillor Kux-Kardos is attending the Tourism Conference in Victoria February 20, 2007.

The Museum Society is active with their regular meetings and are planning to submit ideas on the Pouce Coupe mascot/memorial item for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

j) Councillor White Portfolio Report – nil

k) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – verbal

The Mayor is attempting to organize a Pow Wow gathering with the Métis Association.

**MOVED** by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council works with the Métis Association in the organization of a Pow Wow in Pouce Coupe.

**CARRIED**

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate if the Pow Wow can be held on the September long weekend at the Pouce Coupe Park.

## **12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- Progress Report to February 1, 2007

**MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT

the Chief Administrative Officer's progress report is received as presented.

**CARRIED**

**13. QUESTION PERIOD - NIL**

**PROCEED PAST 9:00 P.M.**

**MOVED** by Councillor Supernault and seconded THAT  
the Regular Council meeting proceeds past 9:00 p.m. if necessary.

**CARRIED**

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Conservation Officer Incident

The Mayor heard a gunshot on Sunday night, and then saw a carcass being loaded into a truck. The CAO placed a call this morning, and is waiting a call back from the Conversation Officer to receive a report on the incident.

b) Closed meeting of Council

**MOVED** by Councillor Supernault and seconded, THAT  
Council move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90(1)c of the Community Charter.

**CARRIED**

The meeting moved to a closed meeting of Council at 8:55 p.m.  
The Regular meeting was resumed at 10:30 p.m.

**MOVED** by Councillor Supernault and seconded THAT  
Council budgets \$10,000 for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to plan the 75<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary celebration.

**CARRIED**

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to schedule and advertise Committee of Whole meetings at 6:00 p.m. at the two Regular Council meeting in March.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Barb Smith

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Recorder  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Peter Thomas

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