



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 19, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Barb Smith
Councillor Peter Kut
Councillor Chris Kux-Kardos
Councillor Donna White

STAFF:

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Carter, Public Works Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT

the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of March 19, 2007 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Change 2. Approval of Agenda – the motion was made by Councillor Supernault, not Councillor Kux-Kardos

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT

the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2007 be adopted with amendments.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

ADD:

- 8. o) Bylaw Referral Form, Redesignating Land from Residential to Commercial to Accommodate a Funeral Parlor, West of Fort St. John, Dated March 16
- 8. p) Branding the Peace Annual Membership
- 8. q) NCMA Annual AGM & Convention
- 8. r) Dawson Creek & District Chambers of Commerce, re: 2007 President's Gala
- 8. s) EOC II Courses in Dawson Creek, May 1 & 2

5. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

6. DELEGATIONS

a) Carole Mathieson, SPCA, Suggested Changes to Animal Control Bylaw

- Report of Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Mathieson suggested a number of changes to strengthen our Animal Control Bylaw:

- 1) Define "Competent person" as a sober person, as there was an incident with an intoxicated owner at the shelter.
- 2) Intact males should be fined the same amount as intact females when caught running free.

- 3) A person must prove that they are the owner of the animal before it is released to them.
- 4) Remove the language that discriminates against a specific breed as being viscous, as any dog breed can be viscous.
- 5) Wording will be strengthened to ensure owners take responsibility for their animals.
- 6) Schedule of fees - in the interest of continuity of fees between Pouce Coupe and Dawson Creek, a number of fee adjustments were suggested.
- 7) Any person that doesn't pick up dog waste on public property could be subject to a \$500 fine.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to amend the animal control bylaw and bring it to the next Council meeting for first three readings.

- b) Captain Chris Demerchant, Junior Canadian Rangers, re: Support for Junior Canadian Rangers Patrol
Mayor welcomed Captain Christopher Demerchant, who gave an overview of the Canadian Junior Ranger Program that is set up in Pouce Coupe. There are currently 17 youth in the program in our community. The Rangers are interested in having a space to run their program on a regular basis. They currently meet in the Legion, and must take down their belongings after each meeting. The Mayor pointed out that we will be forming a new committee in the coordination of the new Community Centre, and a member of the Rangers would be welcome. Mayor and Council were presented with a plaque in appreciation of their support.

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

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dan Dibbelt, President, Branding the Peace Country Association, re: Sponsorship the April 19 & 20 AGM in Taylor

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT

Council sponsors the Branding the Peace organization with \$100.00 towards their AGM, and that these funds come from the Public Relations budget.

CARRIED

- b) FCM's 70th Annual Conference and Municipal Expo, Calgary June 1-4, 2007

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Mayor Smith and Councillor Kux-Kardos attend the FCM's Annual Conference in Calgary on June 1, and that the funds come from the Council Travel & Conventions budget.

CARRIED

- c) Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development, re: Information Package on the B.C. – Alberta Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

- d) April Moi, Executive Director, NRAHTA, re: Membership with NRAHTA

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT

Council is to pay the NRAHTA annual membership fee of \$212.00, and that these funds come from Memberships budget.

CARRIED

- e) Mayor Chris Morey, Town of Fort Nelson, re: Letter supporting the Village of Pouce Coupe to Restore Funding for Childcare Programs.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- Council **DIRECTED** Administration to bring back a resolution in support of childcare funding programs to the next Council meeting to send to UBCM.
- f) Orland Wilkerson, Regional Chair and Program Coordinator, Peace River-Liard Region, UNBC, re: Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting, March 26, 2007
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- g) Wayne Hiebert, Director, Electoral Area 'D', Peace River Regional District, re: Funding Towards the Construction of the Community Hall and Library
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to compose a letter of thanks to Director Hiebert for the Contribution to the Library.
- h) Wayne Hiebert, Director, Electoral Area 'D', Peace River Regional District, re: Funding Towards Maintenance of the Pouce Coupe Cemetery
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to compose a letter of thanks to Director Hiebert for the Contribution to the Cemetery.
- i) Blair Lekstrom, MLA, re: Childcare Programs
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- j) Bill Flitton, City Clerk, City of Abbotsford, re: Elimination of Funding for Child Care Service
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- k) Sally Emory, Executive Director, NEAT, re: WRAPP It Up Newsletter
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to include a paragraph on the Village's Recycle Program to promote clean up week in the next newsletter.
- l) 2007 Northern Women's Symposium and Aurora Awards of Distinction, May 9 & 10, 2007 in Dawson Creek
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Mayor Smith, and Councillors Kux-Kardos and White attend the 2007 Northern Women's Symposium and Aurora Awards of Distinction, May 9 & 10, 2007 in Dawson Creek, and that the funds come from the Council Travel & Convention budget.
CARRIED
- m) George Heyman, President, BCGEU, and Susan Harney, President, CCCABC, re: BC's Child Care Challenge
Council Kux-Kardos will review the DVD and bring a report to the next meeting.
- n) Peace River Regional District Strategic Planning Workshop, May 24 & 25, 2007 in Dawson Creek
The Mayor encouraged Council to attend the Peace River Regional District Strategic Planning Workshop, May 24 & 25 at the Super 8 Hotel in Dawson Creek. She will be in attendance.
- o) Bylaw Referral Form, re: Redesignated Land From Residential to Commercial to Accommodate a Funeral Parlor, West of Fort St. John, Dated March 16
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

- p) Branding the Peace Annual Membership
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
 Council pays the annual membership fee of \$150.00 to Branding the Peace, and that these funds come from Memberships budget.

CARRIED

Councillor Kux-Kardos will not be attending the Branding the Peace AGM on April 18 & 19 in Taylor.

- MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
 Council pays the costs for a Councillor to represent the Village of Pouce Coupe at the Branding the Peace AGM on April 18 & 19 in Taylor, and that these funds come from Council travel budget.

CARRIED

- q) NCMA Annual AGM & Convention
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to complete the paper work on those Council members who previously acknowledged they are going to the NCMA AGM in Williams Lake, May 2 - 5.
- r) Dawson Creek & District Chambers of Commerce, re: 2007 President's Gala
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- s) EOC II Courses in Dawson Creek, May 1 & 2
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to see if any staff members are interested in taking the EOC II course May 1 & 2 in Dawson Creek

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – March 8, 2007 \$9,850.30
 b) Accounts Payable Report – March 9, 2007 \$5,966.40
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
 Council approves the accounts payable report of March 8, 2007 in the amount of \$9,850.30 and the accounts payable report of March 9, 2007 in the amount of \$5,966.40.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS - NIL

11. REPORTS

- a) Tax Sale Property 2005
- Report of Chief Administrative Officer
- MOVED** by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
 Council pays the amount of \$1,182.11 to Valerie McAllister, Executor of the Estate of Rita Klassen, as the surplus amount in the 2005 Tax Sale of Village of Pouce Coupe Roll number 203035, AND THAT these funds come from the tax sale deposit account.

CARRIED

- b) GST Accounts Access
- Report of Chief Administrative Officer
- MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
 A letter be sent from Mayor Smith authorizing that CAO Peter Thomas and Deputy Clerk Mavis Mintenko have access to all accounts for business number 10698 5575 RT0001 for the Village of Pouce Coupe, AND THAT all previous contacts be removed from the account.

CARRIED

- c) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Kut has contacted three builders for new picnic tables. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to bring a report to the next meeting on the purchase of the tables with the bids included, according to the purchasing policy.

Public Works has hired equipment to move snow with the coming of the spring melt.

- d) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report - Verbal
The museum is working on hiring a Curator this week.
- e) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report - Verbal
Not in attendance
- f) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Verbal
We are losing two members of the Fire department to Dawson Creek, and Kelowna. The Winter Jamboree went very well, and hopefully we will have a talent show next year.
- g) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report -Verbal
The Mayor attended the opening of the renovated Fort St. John City Hall. She also attended the third reading of the rezoning of the Nodes property at the Legion.

MOVED by Mayor Smith and seconded THAT

Council sends a clock to the City of Fort St. John for their newly renovated City Hall that the funds come from the Public Relations budget.

CARRIED

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to March 14, 2007

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Ten residents that own homes on 57th Avenue directed questions at Council regarding the Nodes Industrial development across from their homes. The Mayor noted the property was in the PRRD, and the PRRD Board of Directors has control over its designation. The residents voiced concerns over the development, including a united voice against the 57th Avenue access due to traffic congestion, noise and dust issues, a concern for the safety of children, and weight restrictions on the road. Also expressed were concerns over the green space barrier, declining property values, large equipment storage, having an industrial area across from a residential area, strain on water and sewer for the Village, and discontent due to their lack of knowledge and information on the project.

The residents collectively asked if Council was behind the residents and their issues. The Mayor replied that Council had sent a letter of support in principle of the Nodes development, but wanted to look at another access to the property rather than off of 57th Avenue.

The Mayor thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and voicing their concerns.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

the Regular Council meeting proceeds past 9:00 p.m. if necessary.

CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

a) Closed meeting of Council

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded, THAT

Council move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90(1)e of the Community Charter. **CARRIED**

The meeting moved to a closed meeting of Council at 9:40 p.m.

The Regular meeting was resumed at 9:55 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 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.