



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 20, 2008 Held in the Village Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barb Smith
Councillor Malcolm Supernault
Councillor Donna White

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Red Merrick
Steve Nordli
Michael Helfin, Northeast News

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 October 20, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 6, 2008

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT

the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of October 6, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

8g) Pouce Coupe Legion Re: Request for Poppy Fund Contribution.

8h) City of Dawson Creek Re: Mayor Kruk Memorial Service.

9d) Accounts Payable Report, October 16, 2008, \$14,999.84.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. DELEGATIONS

a) Pederson Residential Subdivision Update, Steve Nordli, Project Manager.

Mr. Nordli noted that the project should be shut down by Saturday. Roads, water and sewer lines are installed. They will complete the ditching this week. The water line is in place and will be charged in the spring. BC Hydro is still working on the final drawings, and will be installing underground services to the properties inside Bisette Drive next spring. The project has a higher cost than initially budgeted as Bisette Drive had to be straightened and rebuilt. The project will be completed for under the competitor's bid of >\$1 million. The cost to each property owner will settle at less than \$25,000 per lot as agreed to in the bylaw. Two of the Village properties have been sold for \$37,000 each.

According to the earliest maps we can find, the subdivision design was first created in 1958, and is just now being built.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Merrick if he had any questions. Mr. Merrick pointed out that he felt the builder did not need to trespass on people's property in the development. Mayor Smith asked Mr. Merrick what he would like done about that. Mr. Merrick referred to a geotechnical study that he had prepared "condemning" the properties. Mayor Smith asked again what he would like the Village to do about the situation. Mr. Merrick did not have a specific response. Mr. Nordli closed by stating the job was well done, and the end result is positive. Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Nordli and Mr. Merrick for attending the meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Community Tourism Foundations Re: Exploratory Meeting November 6, 2008.
Councillor Kux-Kardos and CAO Peter Thomas will attend. Mayor Smith is not available.
- b) Charlie Wyse, MLA, Official Opposition Re: Bill M202-2008 BC Rail Corridor Safety Act.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- c) Mayor Dwight Logan, City of Grande Prairie Re: Thank You for 50th Anniversary Gift.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- d) Claire Williams, Smart Growth Advisory Services Re: Kitchen Table/Open House Meeting Opportunity.
The item was tabled until the next Council meeting.
- e) School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Re: General School Election Information 2008.
The CAO noted that Mr. Erbe dropped out of the Electoral Area 3 School Trustee Election, and that Dick Powell and Christabelle Kux-Kardos were acclaimed to the positions.
- f) Village of Pouce Coupe Re: Notice of Nomination.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- g) Pouce Coupe Legion Re: Request for Poppy Fund.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council donates \$150 to the Pouce Coupe Legion Poppy Fund and that the funds come from Council Donation account. **CARRIED**
- h) City of Dawson Creek Re: Mayor Kruk Memorial Service.
Mayor Smith and Councillor Supernault plan to represent the Village at the memorial service for Mayor Kruk on Saturday October 25 at the EnCana Centre.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report, October 7, 2008, \$310,447.95.
- b) Accounts Payable Report, October 9, 2008, \$3,261.18.
- c) Accounts Payable Report, October 10, 2008, \$3,504.54.
- d) Accounts Payable Report, October 16, 2008, \$14,999.84.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports from October 7, 2008, October 9, 2008, October 10, 2008 and October 16, 2008 in the amounts of \$310,447.95, \$3,261.18, \$3,504.54, and \$14,999.84 respectively. **CARRIED**

10. BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw No. 919, 2008 Tax Exemption Bylaw, A Bylaw to Exempt Certain Lands and Improvements Within the Village from Taxation, Final Reading.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council approves the final reading of Bylaw No. 919, A Bylaw to Exempt Certain Lands and Improvements Within the Village from Taxation. **CARRIED**

11. REPORTS

a) Department of Public Works Update

- Report of Public Works Supervisor, Harry Hamilton

Council inquired as to the progress of the Borek water line. The CAO replied that Mr. Borek told us he would be drilling a well the week of October 6, 2008. Harry Hamilton is monitoring the situation and left his business card on the last visit. Councillor Supernault noted that a drilling truck was on the property. A report on paving vs. seal coating the roads is forthcoming.

b) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report

Councillor Kux-Kardos was not present at the meeting.

c) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report

Councillor Kut was not present at the meeting.

d) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Verbal

Nothing to report at this time.

e) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – Verbal

Nothing to report at this time.

f) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Verbal

Chances Gaming Centre would like to borrow 60 place settings from the Community Centre for a hospital fundraiser. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to arrange for the loan of the dishes and create a policy so we are consistent with our arrangements.

The Wine for Books event raised over \$10,000. The event was well attended and well accepted. Council noted its appreciation for the effort Kristen Read put forth in assisting with the event.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to October 15, 2008

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Mike Helfin from the NE News asked a number of questions to clarify the discussions.

14. NEW BUSINESS

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council changes the start time of the November 3 Council Meeting from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. and that Administration advertise accordingly.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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.