



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 21st, 2008 Held in the Village Council Chambers

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 January 21, 2008 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2008 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

ADD the following items:

8 l) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral Form #1783 to Rezone Land from Agricultural to Oil/Gas
Production Zone to Operate a Gas Plant, Tomslake-Tupper Area, dated January 18,
2008.

8 m) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral Form #1786, to Alter Use to Allow Storage of Vehicles
Associated with Towing Business, near Dawson Creek, dated January 21, 2008.

11 i) Councillor Kux-Kardos, Written Portfolio Report.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

6. DELEGATIONS

a) Dennis MacLennan - Deadfall Ranch Tree Farm Re: Tree Planting in 2008

Mr. McLennan made a presentation to Council regarding the availability to his tree stock for
2008. His pricing is \$25/foot per tree. If we do the installation, he would give the Village a "2 for
the price of 1" deal.

The Mayor thanked Mr. MacLennan for his presentation.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Regarding the BC Hydro meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at the Village office, Councillor White will be unable to attend. The CAO advised that there is an open house in Fort St. John tomorrow night for 2 hours with Minister Neufeld. Our meeting with BC Hydro is scheduled for 7 pm, this coming Thursday night.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) BC Assessment Re: 2008 Property Assessment Roll.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) Ministry of Health Re: Pouce Coupe Care Home and Peace River Haven.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to forward this letter to MLA Lekstrom and Robert Horseman from the Northwinds Healing Lodge.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to consult with MLA Lekstrom and the Northern Health Authority regarding the posting of a request for proposals for the buildings and advertise accordingly.
- c) COFI Re: COFI Annual Convention, April 16-18, 2008.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- d) Pouce Coupe School/Community Centre Playground Committee/PAC Re: Request for Funding. The Mayor stated that the Province recently announced \$1.4 million for investment in school playgrounds. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate this option, along with options for funding from the Rotarians, PRRD Area D, and Success By 6.
- e) Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT) Re: *pRRRdy* Says Newsletter.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- f) Ministry of Environment Re: Greywater Discharges Banned from Vessels in BC's Inland Waters.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- g) Charlie Wyse, MLA Re: Improvement to BC Ambulance Dispatch Centre Required.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter of support for the Kamloops Dispatch Centre. Council is concerned that we are not getting a consistent service.
- h) PRRD Re: Bylaw's 1784 and 1785, 2008 to Re-designate Property from "Rural Resource-Agricultural" to "Highway Commercial" and to Rezone the Same from A-2 "Large Agricultural Holdings Zone" to C-4 "Recreational Commercial Zone" in Order to Accommodate an Existing Paintball Game Business, South Taylor, dated January 15, 2008.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws #1784 and 1785.
- i) PRRD Re: OCP/Zoning B/L #1779 and 1780, to Re-designate 12 ha (29 acres) from "Agricultural – Rural Resource" to "Residential" and to Rezone the same from A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings) to R-4 (Residential 4) in order to Accommodate a Residential Subdivision, Arras (Upper Cutbank along Highway 52N), dated January 15, 2008.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws #1779 and 1780.
- j) PRRD Re: Bylaw's 1781 and 1782, 2008 to Re-designate the 8.54 ha Portions of Lot 1 and 2 Plan, PGP43078, Section 25 Township 84, Range 20, W6M, PRD that lie West of the Existing ALR Boundary from "Small Agricultural Holdings" to "Light Industrial"; and to Rezone the same

from C-2 "General Commercial" zone to I-1 "Light Industrial Zone", in Order to Subdivide the Property and Accommodate Future Industrial use, Charlie Lake.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws #1781 and 1782.

- k) BC Rural Network Re: 5th BC Rural Communities Summit, March 13-15, 100 Mile House, BC. Councillor Kux-Kardos will be a presenter at this conference, and will represent the Village at this event.
- l) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral Form #1783 to Rezone Land from Agricultural to Oil/Gas Production Zone to Operate a Gas Plant, Tomslake-Tupper Area, dated January 18, 2008. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaw #1783.
- m) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral Form #1786, to Alter Use to Allow Storage of Vehicles Associated with Towing Business, near Dawson Creek, dated January 21, 2008. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaw #1786.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – January 10, 2008 \$21,004.79.
- b) Accounts Payable Report – January 17, 2008 \$1,297.22.
- c) Accounts Payable Report – January 17, 2008 \$36,708.23.
- d) Accounts Payable Report – January 17, 2008 \$697.38.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports of January 10, 2008, and the three reports from January 17, 2008 in the amounts of \$21,004.79, \$1,297.22, \$36,708.23 and \$697.38 respectively

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS

11. REPORTS

- a) Application for Emergency Preparedness Grant 2008
 - Report of CAO

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT

Council approves the application for the 2008 UBCM Emergency Planning grant.

CARRIED

- b) Pouce Coupe Fire Department 2007 Year End Report

- Report of Fire Chief, Wally Zwahlen

Council accepted the report as presented.

- c) 2007 Pouce Coupe Inspections

- Report of Dawson Creek Fire Chief, Gordon Smith

Council accepted the report as presented.

- d) 2008 Budgets

- Report of CAO

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to include the Light Up and Pow Wow on the list of Special Events for 2008.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate grants for summer students, seasonal workers, and for the Fire Department building study.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to reduce the Public Relations budget to \$5000.00

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to increase the Museum budget to cover the cost of painting the office.

e) 2007 Summary of Library Activities and 2008 Budget

- Report of Head Librarian, Courtenay Johnston

The library hopes to move into the new building by the end of the month. Some old equipment/furniture may have to be used until new equipment can be built. Council reviewed the 2008 proposed budget. Council requested that the library keep them informed on the progress of the operation. The Librarian will arrange a meeting with the Library Board, Council, and School District to discuss operating procedures.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT the meeting run past 9 p.m. as required.

f) Update on Status of the Pouce Coupe Fire Hall

- Report of CAO

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to budget \$30,000.00 in the 2008 capital budget to complete a study on the replacement of the Fire Hall.

g) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Kut outlined the tentative schedule for the Community Centre Grande Opening on March 7, 2008. A tentative date for the Winter Jamboree has been set for March 29, 2008.

h) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report

Councillor Supernault was not present at the meeting.

i) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – Written

Councillor Kux-Kardos requested that the next time we have an Emergency measures exercise that we advise Caribou Road Services to attend. She also offered to be the liaison for the library portfolio.

j) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Nil

k) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Verbal

The Mayor attended a museum board meeting. They are requesting some renovations to the building to support their memory wall. Council **DIRECTED** the liaison (Mayor Smith) to request more details in the form of a conceptual drawing of the changes.

The Mayor will be representing the Village at the Metis AGM on February 9th, 2008 at the Nawichan Friendship Centre in Dawson Creek.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to January 17, 2007

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter to the Ministry of Highways inquiring as to the possibility of a highway bypass route for the Village. Copies are to be sent to Jay Hill and Blair Lekstrom.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to pass the childcare grant opportunity on to Mr. Lizotte at the church.

13. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Motion to move to a Closed Meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (c), (e), and (k) of the Community Charter at 9:44 p.m.

The meeting returned from a Closed Meeting of Council at 10:07 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT

Council approve the Deputy CAO work schedule so that she receives Non-Council meeting Mondays off, and is remunerated at the level of \$51,250 per annum for the year 2008;

AND THAT Council approves the revised pay scale system for the year 2008.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT

Council accept the offer from Brothers Klassen Northern Ltd. to purchase Lots 3 and 4 in the Pouce Coupe Industrial Park for the sum of \$62,000 per lot, with the conditions mentioned in the letter of offer.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 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.