



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 7, 2008

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

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 7, 2008 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2007.
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded, THAT
the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2007 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**
4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**
ADD item 8k) Spectra Energy Re: South Peace Pipeline Project
5. **PUBLIC HEARING - Nil**
6. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - a) Alan Kavanaugh Re: Insurance Recommendations for Proposed Motocross.
In view of the preliminary report from Alan Kavanaugh, CGI Senior Loss Control Specialist,
Council elected not to move forward with the proposed motocross site project. Council
DIRECTED staff to advise Mr. Pickett of the decision, and also advise Mr. and Mrs.
Kendrew.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) Richard Prill Re: Bissette Bridge Bypass Information Meeting.
Council and residents in the gallery had a discussion on the issue of the bridge site.
Concerns include traffic being routed through residential areas, fire service protection, and
lack of consultation. Council **DIRECTED** staff to ensure Nodes Construction, CRS, and
Encana knows of the meeting so they can send some representation if they so choose.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to contact CRS to ensure they are keeping the bumpouts clear of snow for safety reasons. Council requested that an update be brought to the next meeting.

- b) Run of River Power Inc. Re: Update Hydro in BC and Upper Pitt River.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- c) Official Opposition Re: Support for Bill M225 – BC Rail Corridor Safety Act, 2007.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter of support, as requested, for Bill M225 – BC Rail Corridor Safety Act.
- d) District of Hudson's Hope Re: Presentation by Dr. Giles Wendling.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise the Public Works department of this opportunity and decide if it is worthwhile to pursue.
- e) BC Hydro Re: Hydro Transmission Crew Relocation
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- f) Local Government Program Services Re: Pouce Coupe Active UBCM-Administered Grants in 2007.
Council noted that there is \$20,000.00 available in the Community Tourism grant. A report from the Museum is forth coming on how these funds may be utilized.
- g) Fraser Basin Council Re: British Columbia Flood Forum.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- h) Ministry of Children and Family Development Re: Child Care Program Funding.
Council **DIRECTED** staff to look into the childcare grant opportunity to see who is eligible and if it is applicable to the Village.
- i) Northern Health Re: Smoke Free Grounds Policy.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- j) Northern Health Re: Peace River Haven and Pouce Coupe Care Home Contacts.
Council **DIRECTED** staff to forward the letter to MLA Lekstrom. Council **DIRECTED** staff to work with the MLA to initiate discussions on the future of the buildings.
- k) Spectra Energy Re: South Peace Pipeline Project.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Councillor Supernault represents the Village at the Spectra Energy meeting on January 10, 2008 in Dawson Creek and that the funds come from the Council travel account.
CARRIED

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – December 19, 2007, \$7,143.24.
- b) Accounts Payable Report – December 27, 2007, \$1,997.37.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports of December 19, 2007, and December 27, 2007 in the amounts of \$7,143.24 and \$1,997.37.
CARRIED

10. BYLAWS - Nil

11. REPORTS

- a) Report on Pouce Coupe Fire Hall Structure
- Report of Force Engineering Group
- Council **DIRECTED** staff to bring a comprehensive report on the Firehall to the next Council meeting.
- b) Museum Report and Grant Request
- Report of Museum Board
- MOVED** by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Once the library space is vacated, the Museum be allowed to utilize the space for storage until a permanent use for the space is found.
- CARRIED**

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to get quotes on what it would cost to paint the office area of the Museum.

- c) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Nil
- d) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – Nil
- e) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Kux-Kardos commented that the quality of the newsletter is very good. Council should take measures to recognize local resident Emanuel Machado for his “Arbor Vitae” award in Sustainability Leadership.
- f) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Nil
- g) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Written
Council accepted the report as presented.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to get a quote on making a wooden sign that says “Sam’s Kitchen” to be placed in the new Community Centre.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to January 3, 2007
- Council accepted the report as presented.

13. QUESTION PERIOD – NIL

The Mayor called a recess at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:11 p.m.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Statement of Financial Disclosure Annual Form.
Council was advised that the Annual Financial Disclosure Form must be completed and placed on file by January 15, 2008.
- b) **MOVED** by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (c) of the Community Charter at 8:12 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting returned from a Closed Meeting of Council at 8:45 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos 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 \$50,000 per annum for the year 2008;

AND THAT Council adjusts the Public Works Supervisor pay scale to the step one level of \$53,675 per annum for the year 2008;

AND THAT Council adjusts the Public Works Operator Brad Wilde to the Step 3 level on the Public Works Operator pay scale for the year 2008;

AND THAT Council adjusts the Chief Administrative Officer pay scale with an increase of 2%, and raises the CAO rate to \$67,626 per annum for the year 2008;

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded, THAT Council approve the Public Works Supervisor Contract for Harry Hamilton, AND THAT the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.