



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Barb Smith
Councillor Peter Kut
Councillor Malcolm Supernault

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Red Merrick
Charles Kux-Kardos

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of May 20, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2008.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of May 5, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of May 13, 2008.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Special Council meeting of May 13, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

8h) Ministry of Transportation Re: Bissette Creek Bridge.

8i) PRRD Re: Bylaws 1800 & 1801 To Redesignate Land from Agricultural Use to
Industrial Use, West of Dawson Creek and Chilton Subdivision, Dated May 16, 2008.

11f) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report - Written

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. DELEGATIONS

a) Peace Energy Cooperative, Valerie Gilson, Executive Director
Ms. Gilson was unable to attend the meeting, and will reschedule.

b) Charles Kux-Kardos, re: Cookys Restaurant

Mr. Kux-Kardos stated that he inherited the building as part of a business deal, and has invested ~\$120,000 into the building. He has tried to lease or sell the building with no success. The demand for housing allowed him to rent out the rooms in the building. Efforts to rent the downstairs out as a business were not working, so the downstairs was modified into an apartment, and is occupied by workers at the Redwood Husky store. Mr. Kux-Kardos is

considering opening a dog grooming business in the space, in accordance with the bylaw. Mayor Smith asked if anyone is living at the Cree Met. Mr. Kux-Kardos replied that he is currently using the front end of the Cree Met for his property business, and renting out the back as a residence.

Councillor Kut noted that the building used to be a restaurant, and wanted to know why it isn't a restaurant now. Mr. Kux-Kardos noted that the former owner (Yoga) had the building, and absconded with the insurance money.

Currently both downstairs suites are occupied, and three upstairs suites are rented. Five of the seven suites are occupied.

Mayor Smith inquired about the number of animals in the building. Mr. Kux-Kardos replied that there are currently 2 dogs in the building.

The building is 3084 square feet, with 1600 square feet on the ground floor. Each suite has its own washroom.

Councillor Kut asked if the Cree Met was to be re-opened as a hamburger place. Mr. Kux-Kardos replied that he is not in position to open it as a restaurant. He is prepared to fit into another C-1 category, but not a restaurant.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Kux-Kardos for attending the meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Carbon Tax Findings from NCMA Meetings.

The majority of communities at the NCMA voted in favour of taking the issue of the carbon tax and how it affects the Northern Communities to the UBCM meetings. The NCMA is preparing the formal resolutions.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Richard Dunn, EnCana Re: Thanks for the Flag/Dinner Invite.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

Mayor Smith represent the Village at the Premier's Liberal Party on June 11, 2008 in Vancouver, and that the expenses come from the Council Travel Account.

CARRIED

b) PRRD Re: Bylaws 1802 and 1803, 2008 to Re-designate 7.5 acres of Property from "Rural Resource – Agricultural" to "Rural Residential" and to Re-zone the Same from "Large Agricultural Holdings Zone" to "Residential 4 Zone" In Order To Subdivide the Property for Residential Use, East of Taylor, Dated May 8, 2008.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws 1802 and 1803.

c) PRRD Re: Permit 66, 2008, To Allow For a Renewal Permit to Allow for the Continued Use of the Property for a Temporary Worker Camp for Not More Than 100 People for a Period of Two Years, South off the Alaska Highway at Approximately Mile 146, in the Pink Mountain Area, Dated May 9, 2008.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Permit 66, 2008.

d) PRRD Re: "Regional Community" Climate Change Charter.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter advising that the Village is interested in participating in the Regional Climate Change Charter. The Mayor or CAO would represent the Village.

e) Northern Lights College Re: Community Leadership Workshop June 14 & 15, 2008.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

Mayor Smith and any other Councillor seeking re-election attend the Community Leadership Workshop in Dawson Creek on June 14 and 15, and THAT the funds come from the Council Meetings Account.

CARRIED

Administration is to make arrangements for Mayor Smith to attend.

- f) Sascha Dorer Re: South Peace Junior Soccer U10 Team.
MOVED by Councillor Supernault and seconded THAT
The SPJS be allowed to use our soccer field for their activities.
CARRIED
- g) Lisa Johnson, Archer CRM Partnership Re: Archaeological Work Being Done on Bissette Bridge.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- h) Ministry of Transportation Re: Bissette Creek Bridge.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- i) PRRD Re: Bylaws 1800 & 1801 To Redesignate Land from Agricultural Use to Industrial Use, West of Dawson Creek and Chilton Subdivision, Dated May 16, 2008.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws 1800 and 1801.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – May 1, 2008, \$371.00.
b) Accounts Payable Report – May 7, 2008, \$5,349.57.
c) Accounts Payable Report – May 7, 2008, \$10,784.42.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Report of May 1, 2008 and the two from May 7, 2008 in the amounts of \$371.00, \$5,349.57 and \$10,784.42 respectively.
CARRIED

10. BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw # 916, 2008 A Bylaw for the Village Building Regulations, Final Reading.
MOVED by Councillor Supernault and seconded THAT
Council passes the final reading of Bylaw No. 916, 2008, a Bylaw for the Village Building Regulations.
CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to contact Measuring Up the North to acquire some pamphlets on community friendly construction.

11. REPORTS

- a) Official Village of Pouce Coupe “Facebook” Group
- Report of Administrative Assistant
- MOVED** by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council approves the use of the label “Official Pouce Coupe” Group and all logos for the purpose of creating an interactive forum informing residents, past and present, of the general activities of the Village on “Facebook”. **CARRIED**
- b) Truck Purchase
- Report of Public Works Supervisor
- MOVED** by Councillor Supernault and seconded THAT
Council accepts of the offer from Gear-O-Rama, Dawson Creek to purchase an International 7400 SBA 6X4 16 foot Gravel Truck at a cost of \$99,914, plus GST, and that these funds come from the DPW 2008 capital budget account.
CARRIED
- c) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor White was not in attendance.
- d) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – Written
Councillor Kux-Kardos was not in attendance. The written list submitted by Councillor Kux-Kardos for the May 27 Committee of the Whole meeting was accepted for information by consensus of Council.

MOVED by Mayor Smith and seconded THAT
Council discuss item 13 at this time in the agenda. **CARRIED**

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Red Merrick noted that the fill being moved to level the Pederson subdivision lots is not appropriate for building on. He plans to review the site with the Building inspector.

11.

- e) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Supernault did not have a list for the meeting.
- f) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Written
- g) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Verbal
Items to be added to the list of discussion items for the May 27 COW meeting include Pouce Park residence; more commercial lots; reservoir plan; Council conferences and reports; cemetery; Pederson Subdivision; Peace Haven and Care Home; vandalism and ATV's in Pouce Coupe; new firehall; Measuring Up the North; and Councillor's portfolio reports.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to have the Building Inspector inspect the Cree Met to measure its livability, and its structural soundness.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to check the Cooky's and Cree Met files to see if all building permits for the suites are in place.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council maintains the zoning in the C1 Zone as per the Official Community Plan.
CARRIED

Councillor Supernault has the teepee. He plans to set it up in the Rotary Park in Dawson Creek to advertise for our Powwow. The Mayor requested that we have it set up for our Canada Day event.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to take an inventory of grass fire hazards in the Community, and take preventative measures to avoid any issues.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to May 14, 2008
- ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Village of Pouce Coupe Re: Invitation to Community Visioning Workshop June 7, 2008.
Council was encouraged to personally invite people to the Visioning Workshop on June 7 at the Community Centre.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Chairperson
Mayor Barb Smith

Recorder
Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Thomas