



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting May 5, 2008 Held in the Village Council Chambers

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

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: No attendees

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT
the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2008.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of April 21, 2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- 8i) Dennis Mack Re: Pouce Park Operation.
8j) City of Fort St. John Re: Mayor Invite to Monument Dedication May 21, 2008 in Fort St. John.
8k) Resident Ruth Ellis-McDonald Re: Lot Line Removal.
11c) Report from DCAO Re: Cemetery Issue.
14a) Motion to move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (c) and (e) of the Community Charter.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - NIL

6. DELEGATIONS - NIL

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Joint Reservoir Project

A letter has been sent to the City of Dawson Creek advising that the Village is interested in arranging a meeting time to discuss our interests in the joint venture of the reservoir project.

A Committee of the Whole meeting has been set for May 27 to discuss portfolios and Village initiatives.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Ministry of Small Business and Revenue Re: BizPal Implementation.
Council had a discussion and decided not to act on the Bizpal online tool option at this time.
- b) PRRD Re: 2008 Fair Share Grant.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- c) UBCM Re: Response from Finance Minister Carol Taylor on the Carbon Tax.
Council will see what they can learn about the carbon tax at the NCMA and will bring the information back for the next agenda.
- d) Pouce Coupe & District Museum & Historical Society Re: Street Closure.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council approves the closing off of 49th Avenue for the Museum's Grand Opening on May 10, 2008. **CARRIED**
- e) NCMA Re: Silent Auction Items.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to arrange that the NCMA have a package for the NCMA Silent Auction.
- f) Water Across Time, our Environmental Responsibility Re: Groundwater Protection.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- g) Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Re: Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights Proposed for Disposition July 16, 2008.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to reply to the letter noting that their concerns include that it could affect wildlife grazing, lands and watershed areas, as well as migration paths. Considering its proximity to the Village, we would want to see an emergency plan in place. What kind of gas is there? What direction are the prevailing winds? Council would like to see an open house with consultation with the public. Council does not want to see a well with flares by the side of the highway.
- h) Charles Kux-Kardos, Cut Thumb Developments Re: 5014-50th Avenue.
Councillor Kux-Kardos declared a conflict of interest and left the room.
Council reviewed the correspondence sent from Charles Kux-Kardos, and discussed the pros and cons of the building set up. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate what would be involved with the neighbors if there was a zoning change. Charles Kux-Kardos will be appearing as a delegation on the May 20 Council meeting agenda.
- i) Dennis Mack Re: Pouce Park Operation.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to ask other municipalities what they do for their parks in regards to an alcohol policy, and bring this information back to the next agenda.
- j) City of Fort St. John Re: Mayor Invite to Monument Dedication May 21, 2008 in Fort St. John.
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Mayor Smith and Councillor Kut attend the ceremony for the monument dedication in Fort St. John on May 21, 2008 and that the funds come from the Council Travel Account. **CARRIED**
- k) Resident Ruth Ellis-McDonald Re: Lot Line Removal.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to reply to the letter advising that if the lot line is not removed, then the owner will be responsible for the development costs. Council advised that the owner is required to supply proof that the lot line removal is underway by May 12, 2008 to avoid costs.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – April 24, 2008, \$10,380.12.
- b) Accounts Payable Report – April 30, 2008, \$12,375.60.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports of April 24, 2008 and April 30, 2008 in the amounts of \$10,380.12 and \$12,375.60 respectively.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw # 914, 2008 Respecting the 2008-2012 Financial Plan, Final Reading.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council passes the final reading of Bylaw No. 914, 2008, a Bylaw Respecting the 2008-2012 Financial Plan

CARRIED

- b) Bylaw # 915, 2008 Respecting the 2008 Tax Rates, Rereading of 1st Readings.
 - Report of CAO

Class two (Utilities) rates were proposed and accepted at a rate of 13.1595. Upon further consideration, the rate should be set at the maximum allowable by the province, 47.2000.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

Council rescinds the original first three readings, and then passes the re-reading of the first readings of Bylaw No. 915, 2008, a Bylaw Respecting the 2008 Tax Rates.

CARRIED

- c) Bylaw # 916, 2008 A Bylaw for the Village Building Regulations, First Three Readings.
 - Report of CAO

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT

Council passes the first three readings of Bylaw No. 916, 2008, a Bylaw for the Village Building Regulations.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS

- a) Old Library Building Proposals
 - Report of CAO

MOVED by Councillor Kut THAT

Council re-advertise the building availability in the Northeast News to locate another renter. There was no one to second the motion, so it was not considered.

DEFEATED

In discussing the utility costs, the CAO advised that the audio alarm still exists, however without a phone line, the security company call forward was disabled.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

the meeting continue past 9 p.m. as required.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

the Museum Society be allowed to use the old library facility for a period to May 1, 2009.

CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to ensure that the building is included in the Economic Development Study and that a new tenant be sought for the new year.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT

the agenda be altered to consider item 11i (museum business) at this time.

CARRIED

The Mayor and Museum President Joe Tremblay presented Council with a drawing of the new proposed museum highway sign. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate if the tourism grant dollars are available to pay for the new Museum sign. If they are, then

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Council purchases 2 new Museum signs for \$1,410.00 and that the funds come from the tourism grant.
CARRIED

Council approved of the fence construction in principle, but requested a layout of the structure. Mr. Tremblay advised that he would arrange for that.

b) Fire Hall Study

- Report of CAO

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Council hire Liberty Contract Management Inc. to complete the Fire Hall Study, up to the amount of \$30,000, as budgeted for in the 2008 Capital Budget.

CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to ensure we negotiate so we get the best price possible.

c) Cemetery Billing Issue

- Report of CAO

Councillor Supernault declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Council removes the \$100 charge from the current bill for the digging of grave site F31; and THAT Council allows a credit of \$120 for the second paying of plot F31, to be refunded to Elaine Supernault; and THAT the transfer fees be waived for the designation of plot F31 as the sole grave space of Margaret Supernault.

CARRIED

d) Saddle Up for Spring

- Report of Administrative Assistant

Council **DIRECTED** the Administrative Assistant to call the people on the volunteer list to seek assistance for the Saddle Up for Spring Event.

e) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor White attended the ESS training in Calgary and learned a lot about ESS teams there. These skills will be put to use in our regional ESS service.

f) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Kux-Kardos attended the PRMA meeting in Fort St. John. The main topic was the Site C trust fund, which we could possibly benefit from regionally.

g) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Supernault is looking at partnering with the Northern Lights College or the Friendship Centre for some community Aboriginal events. We need to be active in cleaning up some of the grass areas in the Village. The donated fencing is being transferred to the DPW yard. The DPW crew is doing a good job. There is another July 1st meeting on May 22, 2008.

h) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal

DPW is busy preparing the ball diamond.

i) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Written

Mayor Smith requested that all Councillors bring their ideas for the brainstorming agenda in written form to the next Council meeting.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to April 29, 2008
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD - NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS - NIL

- a) Motion to move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (c) and (e) of the Community Charter.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (c) and (e) of the
Community Charter. **CARRIED**

The meeting moved to a Closed meeting of Council at 9:45 p.m.

The meeting returned from a Closed Meeting of Council at 10:24 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT
Council accept the resignation of the Deputy CAO Diana Chorney as presented.
CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to put up a job posting for a new Deputy CAO immediately.

MOVED by Councillor White and seconded, THAT
Council waive the \$30,000 performance bond requested from Jayden Vac Services as a
condition on the Industrial lot land development at this time, however, if everything is not in
place by the end of September 2008, that we will require the performance bond at that
time. **CARRIED**

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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.