



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting July 7, 2008 Held in the Village Council Chambers

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

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Vi Robb, Resident
Joi Warm, Northeast News
Dustin Bodnaryk, Tourism Dawson Creek

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 July 7, 2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2008.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2008 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
 - b) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 25, 2008.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of June 25, 2008 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED
4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**
 - 8 m) Dawson Creek Community Magazine Re: 2009 Advertising.
 - 8 n) Grizfest Re: Invite to Tumbler Ridge Parade.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING - NIL**
6. **DELEGATIONS**
 - a) Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association, Dustin Bodnaryk Re: Proposed Expression of Interest for the Community Tourism Foundations Program.
Mr. Bodnaryk presented a proposal for a partnership between the Village of Pouce Coupe and Tourism Dawson Creek for an Expression of Interest for the Tourism Foundations Program.

Tourism BC would fund a workshop and formalized plan as phase one. Further investments will be up to the individual communities.

MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Council supports the joint Expression of Interest of Pouce Coupe and Dawson Creek to the Community Tourism Foundations Program. **CARRIED**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) June 23 Community Centre Meeting with School District.
The Mayor suggested that we arrange a meeting with the School Board to discuss how our community can help move the school forward. Mayor Smith and Councillor Kut expressed their concerns about the declining enrolment. Councillor Kux-Kardos felt that it was not Council's place to meet with the School Board, rather it was the parents' role. The Mayor would like to discuss what the Village of Pouce Coupe can do to make the school more attractive to the community residents.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter requesting a meeting with the School Board to discuss ways to address declining numbers in the Pouce Coupe Elementary School and what that will mean to our community.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Canadian Cancer Society Re: Relay for Life Thank You.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) Peace Energy Cooperative Re: Bear Mountain Wind Park Presentation.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- c) Golder Associates Re: Proposal for Services – Sewage Lagoon Berm.
Council expressed a concern that the way the correspondence is written, it sounds like the work has already been done with the first submission.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to bring more details to the next meeting.
- d) UBCM Re: UBCM Welcomes Appointment of Honorable Blair Lekstrom.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter of congratulations to Minister Lekstrom.
- e) Ministry of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform Re: Mobile Business Licence Project.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to contact the City of Dawson Creek and the PRRD to see what their interest is in this program.
- f) PRRD Re: OCP/Zoning Bylaw # 1816 to Redesignate 40 Acres from "Agricultural – Rural Resource" to "Rural Residential" and to Rezone the same from "Large Agricultural Holdings" to "Small Agricultural Holdings" to Accommodate a Subdivision of that Area from the Remainder of the District Lot, Lone Prairie, Dated June 24, 2008.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws 1816.
- g) PRRD Re: OCP/Zoning Bylaws #1817 and 1818 to Redesignate a Quarter-Section from from "Agricultural – Rural Resource" to "Rural Residential" and to Rezone the same from "Large Agricultural Holdings" to "Residential 4" in order to Accommodate a Rural Residential Subdivision and Area for Future Expansion, Bear Mountain, Dated June 30, 2008.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws 1817 and 1818.

- h) PRRD Re: Proposed Temporary Industrial Use Permit to Operate a 100 Man Work Camp With an Office and a Kitchen, Associated with a Coal Mine, West of Chetwynd, Dated July 3, 2008. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection.
- i) Office of the BC Premier Re: UBCM Convention.
Council decided that they do not require a meeting with the Premier at this time.
- j) Okanagan Reservations Re: UBCM Rooming List Reminder.
Mayor Smith will be attending the UBCM convention this year. Councillors Kut, White and Kux-Kardos will not be attending.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to contact Councillor Supernault to see if he will be attending.
- k) Pouce Coupe Elementary PAC Re: Donation to School Playground.
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Council release the \$20,000 to the Pouce Coupe PAC as committed in the 2008 Capital Budget. **CARRIED**
- l) Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Re: Mile 6 Passing Lane Part of Important Road Upgrades.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- m) Dawson Creek Community Magazine Re: 2009 Advertising.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to see what it would take to get us in the campground accommodation listing.
- n) Grizfest Re: Invite to Tumbler Ridge Parade.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter of regret, as we have already committed to Taylor's parade.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report – June 23, 2008, \$9,891.70.
- b) Accounts Payable Report – June 24, 2008, \$36,979.44.
- c) Accounts Payable Report – June 24, 2008, \$143,412.68.
- d) Accounts Payable Report – July 3, 2008, \$80.00.
MOVED by Councillor White and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports from June 23, 2008, the two from June 24, 2008 and July 3, 2008 in the amounts of \$9,891.70, \$36,979.44, \$143,412.68, and \$80.00 respectively. **CARRIED**

10. BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw #917, 2008, A Bylaw to Determine the Various Procedures for the Conduct of Local Government Elections and Other Voting.
MOVED by Councillor Kux-Kardos and seconded THAT
Council approves the first three readings of Bylaw #917, A Bylaw to Determine the Various Procedures for the Conduct of Local Government Elections and Other Voting. **CARRIED**

11. REPORTS

- a) Appointment of Election Officials
 - Report of CAO
- b) Pederson Pedestrian Pathway

- Report of CAO

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to contact all owners and see if they are in agreement with adopting the land, provided they will assume all re-surveying and other costs involved with the transfer.

c) Councillor Supernault Portfolio Report – Absent

d) Councillor Kux-Kardos Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Kux-Kardos attended a NRAHTA meeting via conference call. They are considering changes to their organization structure, and will be notifying communities as changes are considered.

e) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Kut is looking into getting a price to place markers on unmarked graves at the cemetery.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to arrange to have our teepee placed at Pouce Park. Council congratulated Councillor White on her efforts for our Canada Day float.

f) Councillor White Portfolio Report – Verbal

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to see if the DPW had the gold pan for the float for the Taylor parade.

g) Mayor Smith Portfolio Report – Written

On June 3, 2008, Mayor Smith attended the Act BC display in Dawson Creek. On July 2, 2008 she attended the Highways Road Improvement Announcement and the opening of the Provincial Permit Centre in Dawson Creek.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to July 3, 2008

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise Minister Lekstrom of our capital budget plans for the Fire Hall and new fire truck, to see what grants may be available to help with the projects. The CAO advised that the Economic Development Strategy Meeting on July 16 is for Business license holders. Community Futures has a list of all current business license owners that are to be contact.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter, mug and t-shirt to resident Don McLaughlin for his contribution in beautifying the boulevard in front of his property.

Northeast News asked how the Canada Day Celebrations went. Mayor Smith replied that the Pouce Park driveway was widened and everything seemed to flow better.

Northeast News asked about the Pederson Subdivision development. Mayor Smith replied that we are hoping for 33 new houses with families for the community.

Council thanked the Northeast News for being at the meeting.

14. NEW BUSINESS

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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.