



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 19, 2009 Held in the Village Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lyman Clark
Councillor Ken Drover
Councillor Laura Hamann
Councillor Peter Kut
Councillor Red Merrick

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

Vi Robb, Resident
Greg Amos, DC Daily News
Wally Zwahlen, Fire Chief (Arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT

the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of January 19, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 5, 2009

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 5, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

8f) UNBC Re: Invite to the Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting, March 2, 2009 in Fort St. John.

8g) EnCana Re: Invite to the Battle of the Border, Women's Hockey Tournament, February 9, 2009.

11c) Seko Construction Ltd. Re: Fire Hall Quote.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – NIL

6. DELEGATIONS

a) RCMP Staff Sergeant Steve Grant, Re: Meeting New Council.

Staff Sergeant Grant introduced himself to the new Council and shared his background of 28 years of service with the RCMP. Currently there are 22 members in the Dawson Creek Detachment. They have a police service dog. The traffic unit is run by Sergeant Peats.

Councillor Drover brought up the issue of vehicles speeding through the school zone.

Sergeant Grant replied that this issue will be addressed by him through Sergeant Peats.

Councillor Kut asked about replacing the old police car cutout by the fence. Sergeant Grant

replied that he would rather have the real thing there. Councillor Merrick reinforced the influence of the signage. Sergeant Grant replied that he hopes to get electric speedometer readout in the area to create awareness. He also said he will talk to ICBC about signage and get back to us.

Sergeant Grant commented that he can attend the Council Meetings whenever requested. Mayor Clark thanked Sergeant Grant for his visit.

- b) Heidy Kux-Kardos, BC Healthy Living Alliance, Community Development Leader Re: Funding Opportunities.

Mrs. Kux-Kardos gave a slide presentation from the BC Healthy Living Alliance. The Province has set a number of healthy living goals for British Columbians involving healthy eating, active living smoking cessation, and community capacity building.

Mrs. Kux-Kardos challenged the Council to define an issue that they would like improved in the Village. Councillor Hamann expressed an interest in participating. Councillor Kut and Mayor Clark will ask at the Seniors' Hall in terms of their interest. Mayor Clark advised Mrs. Kux-Kardos to stay in contact with the Village Office.

Mayor Clark thanked her for her presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Item 11c be moved to discussion at this point in the meeting.

CARRIED

11. c) Fire Hall and Services

- Reports of Mayor Clark and CAO

Councillor Kut asked for clarification on the new Fire truck price. Fire Chief Zwahlen replied that the price increased due to the addition of equipment to the truck.

There was an extensive discussion among Council regarding the cost and location of the new unit.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

A purchase order is issued in the amount of \$357,556.00 to Hub Fire for the purchase of the new fire truck, and that the funds come from the 2009 and 2010 Capital budgets.

**OPPOSED - COUNCILLOR DROVER
CARRIED**

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council approves the application for the Towns for Tomorrow grant for the new Fire Hall.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

The meeting goes past 9:00 pm as required.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council directs Administration to proceed with the petition process to gain the Taxpayers' approval to borrow the money for the new Fire Hall.

**OPPOSED - COUNCILLOR DROVER
CARRIED**

Mayor Clark called a recess at 9:05 p.m. The Fire Chief left the meeting. The meeting resumed at 9:08 p.m.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Accounts Payable Report, December 31, 2008 Re: Breakdown of UFA Payment.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) BC Assessment Re: 2009 Property Assessment Roll.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) EnCana Re: News Release for \$500,000 Reward in Dawson Creek Bombings.
Mayor Clark was in attendance at this press conference. **ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.
- c) PRRD Re: OCP/Zoning Bylaws #1841 and #1842 to Redesignate a Quarter Section from Agriculture – Rural Resource to a Combination of Highway Commercial, Rural Residential and Industrial, West of Dawson Creek, Dated January 14, 2009.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws #1841 and #1842.
- d) PRRD Re: Bylaws #1838 and #1839 to Amend the Uses Allowed Within the Highway Commercial Designation of the North Peace Official Community Plan Bylaw #820 to Accommodate a Proposed Instrumentation Business on the Subject Properties and More Closely Align with the City of Fort St. John's Uses Allowed, Fort St. John, Dated January 15, 2009.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaws #1838 and #1839.
- e) Regional Literacy Coordinator, Northern Lights College Re: Family Literacy Day and Guinness World Record Attempt.
Mayor Clark plans to attend the event at the Library.
- f) UNBC Re: Invite to the Northeast Regional Advisory Council Meeting, March 2, 2009 in Ft St. John.
MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
Mayor Clark represents the Village at the Regional Advisory Council Meeting.
CARRIED
- g) EnCana Re: Invite to the Battle of the Border, Women's Hockey Tournament, February 9, 2009.
Councillor Kut will be attending. **ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.

9. RESOLUTIONS – NIL

10. BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw #922, 2009, Cemetery Amendment Bylaw, Final Reading.
MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
Council adopts the final reading of Bylaw # 922, 2009, Cemetery Amendment Bylaw.
CARRIED

11. REPORTS

- a) Year End Report of 2008 Fire Inspections
 - Report of Dawson Creek Fire Department Chief, Gordon Smith**ACCEPTED** for information by consensus of Council.
- b) Tourism Phase 2 Grant
 - Report of CAOCouncil **DIRECTED** Administration to send a letter to 2 Macks thanking them for their past contributions to Pouce Park, and a letter to Donna Schillinger congratulating her on getting the

contract. Mayor Clark advised Council that Councillor Kut has been assigned the Pouce Park portfolio.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to focus the phase two funding on Pouce Park improvements at this time.

c) Department of Public Works Progress

- Report of Public Works Supervisor, Harry Hamilton

Council suggested that the gravel truck be sent to Taylor to collect some loads to break in the new truck. There also could be some work to break it in at the Northern Lights College.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

A baby gift in the amount of \$150 be purchased for Darren Black's family (Public Works employee), and that the funds come from the Council Public Relations account.

CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to develop a policy on matters such as these.

d) Pederson Subdivision Cost Update

- Report of CAO

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council postpone this item until later in the meeting.

CARRIED

e) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal

Nothing to report at this time.

f) Councillor Hamann Portfolio Report – Verbal

Nothing to report at this time.

g) Councillor Drover Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Drover requested that Administration find out when the Chamber of Commerce meetings are.

h) Councillor Merrick Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Merrick reported that the Museum had their budget meeting on January 19, 2009. The meeting did not have a quorum, and is to be rescheduled. He will report back on this matter.

i) Mayor Clark Portfolio Report – Verbal

Mayor Clark announced the initial portfolio assignments that he will review in time:

2009 PORTFOLIOS

Development and Planning	Council
Finance	Council
Personnel	Council
School/Community Centre	Mayor Clark
South Peace Community Health Liaison	Mayor Clark
Liaison to Pouce Coupe Care Home and Peace River Haven	Mayor Clark, Councillor Kut
Peace River Regional District	Mayor Clark, Councillor Kut
South Peace Economic Development Commission	Mayor Clark
Northern Development Initiative Trust	Mayor Clark
Municipal Insurance Association	Mayor Clark

Municipal Emergency Program	Councillor Drover
Chamber of Commerce	Councillor Drover
Special Events	Councillor Hamann
Library	Councillor Hamann
Museum/Tourism	Councillor Merrick
Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association	Councillor Merrick
Fire Department	Councillor Merrick
Liaison to Senior Citizens	Councillor Kut
Cemetery	Councillor Kut
Pouce Park	Councillor Kut

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to January 14, 2009
Council accepted the report as presented.

13. QUESTION PERIOD – NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Motion to move to a Closed meeting of Council, as per section 90 (1) (g)-(legal issue) of the Community Charter.
This item was cancelled, as there was nothing new to report at this time.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
Council now discusses item 11e.

CARRIED

11. e) Pederson Subdivision Cost Update

- Report of CAO

Councillor Merrick declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council approves the cost sharing formula as presented, and that Administration forwards the information to each parcel owner.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Chairperson
Mayor Lyman Clark

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.