



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 2, 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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded, THAT
the Agenda for the Regular Council meeting of February 2, 2009 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2009.
MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2009 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**
There were no additions to the agenda.
The CAO advised that the Economic Development Strategic Planning Meeting was re-scheduled to Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING – NIL**
6. **DELEGATIONS**
 - a) Spectra Energy, Glenn Auger, Community Coordinator for Grizzly Valley Area, to Provide Council with an Update on Spectra's Activity in the Area.

Community Coordinator Glenn Auger, and Area Business Leader Andy Johnson made a presentation to Council on behalf of Spectra Energy. Spectra Energy paid \$59 million in taxes in 2008. They also paid \$9 million in Carbon Tax. \$21 Million was collected in taxes from the PRRD. The Fort Nelson gas processing plant is one of the largest in North America. They have an ongoing pipeline maintenance and integrity safety program, as well as a public awareness and emergency response program. They have contributed to the Step Up 'N Ride Program, Dawson Creek Hospital Foundation, and Salvation Army, to name a few local charities. They have a carbon capture and storage program aimed at reducing climate change.

The \$100 million South Peace Pipeline is expected to be brought online in the 3rd quarter of 2009. They also have plans for more work in the South Peace Region, including Valhalla and Gordondale. For more information go to www.spectraenergy.com.

Mr. Auger suggested Council send a request if they have a need for funding for a community project. Mayor Clark thanked Mr. Auger for his presentation.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fire Underwriters Survey Information.

The report defined the classes for the Fire Underwriters Survey. The CAO advised Council that the Department of Public Works Supervisor, Fire Chief, and CAO have collaborated on the survey and it will be completed soon.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) NCMA Re: Call for Nominations for 2009 – 2010 NCMA Executive.

The CAO advised that there will be an opportunity at the PRMA meeting and the PRRD meeting to bring forth nominations. If anyone feels strongly about accepting a position, they should declare their interest.

b) UBCM Re: Hon. Kevin Krueger Appointed as Minister of Community Development.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

c) PRRD Re: Bylaw #1834, 2009 To Rezone 15 Acres of the Non-ALR Portion of the Property from R-2 "Residential 2 Zone" to HC "Highway Commercial" to Accommodate a Proposed Restaurant and Tire Shop, Prespatou, Dated January 20, 2009.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that Council has no objection to Bylaw #1834.

d) PRRD Re: Provincial Initiative for a *Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Act*.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

e) PRRD Re: Electoral Area 'D' Cemetery Grant.

The PRRD will be contributing \$1,500 to the Cemetery upkeep and \$100,000 to the new Fire Hall in 2009. The Mayor will send a letter thanking the PRRD for their contributions.

f) Honours and Awards Secretariat Re: Order of British Columbia – 2009 Call for Nominations.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

g) Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Re: Pedestrian Safety.

The CAO advised he has requested more information on the process of this study, and is awaiting a reply.

h) School District #59, Peace River South Re: Janitorial Costs for the Community Centre.

The CAO advised that the union regulates that they and only they can do the clean up in the Community Centre facility. Councillor Drover will make an inquiry with his Steelworkers Union contact as to the janitor fee in the Community Centre.

9. RESOLUTIONS

a) Accounts Payable Report, January 19, 2009, \$49,443.16.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

Council approves the Accounts Payable Report from January 19, 2009 in the amount of \$49,443.16. **CARRIED**

- b) Accounts Payable Report, January 22, 2009, \$5,543.76.
MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Report from January 22, 2009 in the amount of
\$5,543.76. **CARRIED**

- c) Tourism Phase Two Grant Application
• Report of Chief Administrative Officer
MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT
Council approves the application for the Tourism Phase Two funding.
CARRIED

10. **BYLAWS – NIL**

11. **REPORTS**

- a) Pouce Coupe Volunteer Fire Department 2008 Year End Report
• Report of Wally Zwahlen, Fire Chief
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
The 2008 Year End Fire Department Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Mayor Clark reported that he attended the Fire Department Year End Awards dinner. Jim Woodruff was appointed to Lieutenant, and Todd Stedel was appointed as Captain. We have most of our members trained at the Live Fire 1 level. Mayor Clark will send a letter to the department recognizing their commitment and efforts.

- b) Department of Public Works Progress Report
• Report of Harry Hamilton, Public Works Supervisor
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- c) Superior Skills for Administrative Assistants Workshop Report
• Report of Kristen Read, Administrative Assistant
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- d) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Kut had nothing to report at this time.
- e) Councillor Hamann Portfolio Report – Written
Councillor Hamann presented an opportunity where we can get a BC Healthy Living Allowance needs assessment done for the Village.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Administration arranges a Community Meeting to determine our social needs assessment.
CARRIED

Council suggested the dates of February 24 or 25, 2009 at the Senior's Hall for this meeting.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to pass this information onto Heidy Kux-Kardos.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
Barb Smith be appointed as a member to the Pouce Coupe Library Board.
CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate Council benefits in the region and similar sized municipalities.

- f) Councillor Drover Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Drover attended the George Cuff Seminar and Elected Officials Workshop. H.F. Nodes has submitted an emergency response plan to the Village.
- g) Councillor Merrick Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Merrick stated he has spoken to Hegge Construction and Force Engineering, and a Council discussion ensued regarding options for the new Fire Hall. The CAO stated that we were waiting for a re-design on the Fire Hall plans from Liberty Management. Once we receive those plans, Council can review and decide the next steps.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT

The meeting goes past 9 pm as required.

CARRIED

- h) Mayor Clark Portfolio Report – Verbal
Mayor Clark also attended the Newly Elected Officials Seminar, as well as the Fire Department Annual Awards, and the Library Reading Record event.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to January 28, 2009

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 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.