



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting July 13, 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

GALLERY: Bev Teghtmeyer
Ray Teghtmeyer
Gary Waldie
Harold McLeod
Greg McNabb
Trisha McNabb
Lorraine Michetti
Ruth Ellis-McDonald
Gilbert Gunter
Andrew Bergland, Dawson Creek Daily News
Brian Schmidt
Henry Schmidt
Wayne Schmidt

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Clark 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 July 13, 2009 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 15, 2009.
MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of June 15, 2009 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**
 - 14a) UBCM Convention Registration Package.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING - NIL**

6. DELEGATIONS

a) Ruth Ellis-McDonald Re: Removal of Lot Lines.

Ms. Ellis-McDonald advised Council that she has completed the lot line removal between her lots in the Pederson subdivision. The CAO advised that we have not received notice from Land Titles regarding the transaction. Ms. Ellis-McDonald noted that she tried three times to remove the lot line in 1998 when the garage was built, and each time the application was denied by land titles. Ms. Ellis-McDonald is requesting that Council retract the applied improvement taxes for 2008.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Ellis-McDonald, and advised her that Council will take her request under advisement.

b) Greg and Trisha McNabb Re: Peterson Subdivision Properties.

- Report of CAO

Mr. McNabb advised Council that his sister was wrongly charged for property taxes, that she had paid the full amount owing, and he would like those retracted. Mr. McNabb showed Council a document authorizing him to act on her behalf.

Mayor Clark advised Mr. McNabb that he would like to clear things up. Mr. McNabb agreed.

Mr. McNabb then asked Council if he could speak to the water drainage issue on his PRRD property. Mr. and Mrs. McNabb asked for reasonable repairs of the property. They expressed their concern for access to a portion of their property that had been divided by storm water runoff from the Village. They showed Council pictures of the site. Mr. McNabb stated that all he wants is the bridge back so he can access the property.

Mayor Clark thanked Mr. McNabb and advised that we will be in touch.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Phone Poll of June 29, 2009 Re: Water Loop Capital Project

- Report of CAO
- Legal Opinion from Solicitors Young, Anderson
- Construction Schedule from Nordli Consulting and Surveying

A group of concern citizens raised a number of objections to the process with which the water line project was administered, and the past history of the contractor.

The Mayor replied that the Village had worked with Mr. Nordli in the development of the Industrial Park, and the end result was successful.

Councillor Kut voiced his disappointment in the lack of interest and support from the community until they come to Council with their complaints.

In regards to the Pederson Subdivision Development, Councillor Drover noted that there were some legitimate cost over runs. He appreciated the public's input into the Village business.

Mayor Clark called a recess at 8:20 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT Council ratifies the phone poll of June 29, 2009.

OPPOSED Councillor Merrick

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Northern Health Re: NCMA Meeting May 7, 2009.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) Fort St. John Petroleum Association Re: Invitation to 50th Anniversary Celebration from August 27 to 29, 2009.
MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
any Council members that are available to attend go and represent the Village.
CARRIED

At this time, there is no member of Council available to represent the Village.

- c) Bob Gammer, BC Hydro Re: Meeting on September 9, 2009.
Mayor Clark will attend this meeting.
- d) Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Re: Teleconference to Discuss "Good Neighbor" Initiative and the Independent Farmers' Advocate.
Mayor Clark and the CAO will attend the meeting at the PRRD.
- e) PRRD Re: Zoning Bylaw #1857, 2009 to Re-zone an 8.5 acre Portion of Property from A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings) to Oil/Gas Production Zone to Accommodate a Waste Water Disposal Facility, North of McQueen's Slough – Along Rolla Road, Dated June 19, 2009.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- f) PRRD Re: Zoning Bylaw #1852, 2009 to Re-designate and Re-zone the Fort St. John Regional Airport from AP (Airport Industrial Zone) to NPRA-CD (North Peace Regional Airport – Comprehensive Development Zone), east of Fort St. John, dated July 2, 2009.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- g) TransCanada Keystone Pipeline GP Ltd. Re: Groundbirch Pipeline Project.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- h) UBCM Re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- i) City of Fort St. John Re: Invitation to International Air Show.
Mayor Clark will be in attendance at this event.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report, June 22, 2009, \$43,287.54.
- b) Accounts Payable Report, June 30, 2009, \$103,609.41.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports from June 22, 2009, and June 30, 2009
in the amounts of \$43,287.54, and \$103,609.41 respectively.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS

- a) Bylaw #928, Board of Variance Bylaw 2009, Final Reading.
MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
Council passes the final reading of Bylaw # 928, 2009, a bylaw to create a Board of Variance.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT the meeting proceeds past 9 pm as required.
CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advertise to fill the 3 vacancies on the Board of Variance.

11. **REPORTS**

a) Community Centre Janitorial Agreement

- Report of CAO

Council **DIRECTED** Staff to find out when the collective agreement contract for School District #59 is up for renewal.

b) Staff Training Report

- Report of CAO

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council endorses Deputy CAO Deanne Ennis to attend the MATI 1 course in Victoria on August 9-14 2009, and also endorses CAO Peter Thomas to attend the MATI 5 course in Kelowna on October 4 to 9, 2009

CARRIED

c) Northern Lights College Lot Request

- Report of CAO

Councillor Merrick noted that if the Village decides to donate the lot, we should get a donation credit. The CAO replied that the Village does not receive tax credits when filing their income tax form. The main benefit of the donation would result in a house being built on the property where we could then collect property tax.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to invite the Northern Lights College to the next regular meeting of Council as a delegation to review the proposal in more detail.

d) Public Works Department Progress Report

- Report of Public Works Supervisor

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

e) Councillor Drover Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Drover is now an associate member of the Legion.

f) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Kut was approached by Northwinds and they have expressed interest in acquiring the Care Home and using it for a drug rehabilitation centre. Mayor Clark will look into this.

g) Councillor Hamann Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Hamann had nothing to report at this time.

h) Councillor Merrick Portfolio Report – Verbal

There is an issue with some vandalism behind the Museum. The Department of Public Works put a fence up to deter undesirable activity.

Councillor Merrick brought up a concern on behalf of Mrs. Tegtmeyer regarding her frontage tax changes. The CAO explained the rationale of how the changes were decided.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT

Council schedule a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and THAT the agenda items include Ms. Ellis-McDonald's improvement tax/lot line issue; the McNabb's storm water ditch and improvement tax issues; and the Teghtmeyers' frontage tax.

CARRIED

- i) Mayor Clark Portfolio Report – Verbal
Mayor Clark has reported on bomb threats on 5 CBC interviews, as well as newspapers.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to July 8, 2009

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT

It is the intent of the Village of Pouce Coupe to follow a bid process in the procurement of all future capital projects.

CARRIED

13. QUESTION PERIOD – NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) UBCM Convention Registration Package
Councillors Hamann, Kut and Merrick will not attend. Councillor Drover will decide at a later date. Mayor Clark will attend.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 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.

Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Thomas