



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting August 10, 2009 Held in the Village Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Lyman Clark
Councillor Ken Drover
Councillor Peter Kut
Councillor Red Merrick

Councillor Hamann (absent with notice)

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

GALLERY: (none)

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 August 10, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 13, 2009.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded, THAT

the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of July 13, 2009 be adopted with the following amendment: Item 7a) Council Drover appreciated the public's input into the "Village" business, not "Council's" business.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council July 20, 2009.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded, THAT

the Minutes for the Special Council meeting of July 20, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

c) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council July 27, 2009.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded, THAT

the Minutes for the Special Council meeting of July 27, 2009 be adopted with the following amendment: Item 3a) Councillor Merrick noted that Mr. McNabb would have a difficult time doing the job with the rubber-tired hoe that was suggested, not that he would have a difficult time doing the job period.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

ADD ITEMS:

6b) Ravi Jassel, Golder and Associates Re: Proposal and Cost Estimate for Consulting Services, Sewage Lagoon Berm Repairs.

8e) Dawson Creek Hospital Foundation Re: Donation for Annual Golf Tournament.

- 8f) Barb Smith, BC Gaming Re: Donation for Dawson Creek Hospital Foundation Bingo Fundraiser.
- 8g) UBCM Re: Small Talk Forum 2009 – Call for Issues Deadline, August 21, 2009.
- 8h) District of Tumbler Ridge Re: 2009 Northeast BC Community Coal Forum.
- 8i) Northeast BC Energy Conference 2009 Re: Sponsorship Opportunities.
- 14a) Fire Hall Construction Update.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING – NIL**

6. **DELEGATIONS**

- a) Jeff Lekstrom, Dean of Trades and Apprenticeship, Northern Lights College Re: Request of Donation of Pederson Lot.
Pam Eales, Dwayne Hart, and Mark Hearrt appeared as the delegation from the Northern Lights College (NLC). NLC proposed the donation of one residential lot in the Pederson subdivision that the College's residential construction program would build on this Fall, and they also requested 2 more lots to be purchased at half price over the next two years. Mark Hearrt noted that the particular lot was selected for the view and location. This is a desirable location, and a positive partnership opportunity. The project would start in September and they would hope to dig in October. The completion target date is May. They have had partnerships with the municipalities of Dawson Creek and Chetwynd.

Councillor Merrick questioned the completion time, as there was a delay in a previous NLC project. Mark Hearrt replied that there were reasons for the delay on a previous project, and he does not expect a delay in this project.

The students are in an 8 month training program in learning project management. They gain 2 years apprenticeship experience and 600 hours of work time. They have a positive student placement record. It is an opportunity for local training. The house would be 1100-1200 square feet.

NLC is open to the donation of any lot in the subdivision. In previous cases, the homes built have had a positive spin-off on other improvements in the neighborhood.

Mayor Clark thanked the group for their presentation.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Don McLauchlan Re: Dust Concerns – Letters Dated July 20, July 21, July 24, July 31, and August 4, 2009.
Mr. McLauchlan advised Council that he does have a dust issue directly out in front of his residence, and he would like the situation corrected. Mayor Clark commented that he asked the Highways Department for assistance with paving, but they cannot assist at this time. Mr. McLauchlan suggested blocking the roadway at his end. Mayor Clark noted that paving is a significant cost and a temporary solution is to add more calcium chloride.

Mr. McLauchlan noted that on August 6, 2009, the Department of Public Works ran the sweeper, and CRS dropped some calcium chloride. This did correct the problem, but the problem returned quickly.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to investigate the cost of paving the initial section of 52nd Street.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to ensure the dust is controlled in the area with the sweeper and calcium application.

6. b) Ravi Jassel, Golder and Associates Re: Proposal and Cost Estimate for Consulting Services, Sewage Lagoon Berm Repairs.

Ravi Jassel and Rhonda Melfont presented their plan for the lagoon repair. He noted that he expected the job to last 2 weeks and cost in the \$150,000 range. The project is projected to be secure for 75 years.

Councillor Merrick questioned the warranty period. Mr. Jassel replied that the design considers high flood events, and the project would have their engineer stamp.

Mr. Jassel noted that the cost of a site inspection would also need to be added in the amount of an extra 10-15%.

Mayor Clark thanked Golder and Associates for their presentation. Council agreed that they should continue on with the direction of previous Council, and the conceptual work that Golder and Associates have already completed.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

Council enters into an agreement with Golder and Associates to proceed with the sewage lagoon berm project. **CARRIED**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Big 50 Safety Road Rally Re: History, Volunteers, and Corporate Sponsors.

Mayor Clark explained that this group is requesting a \$250 donation from each community to build a display board to commemorate the event.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT

Council donates \$250 to the big 50 Safety Road Rally event, and that the funds come from the donation to special events account. **CARRIED**

- b) Office of the Premier of British Columbia Re: UBCM Convention Minister Meeting Requests. Mayor Clark, Councillor Kut, and the CAO will be representing the Village at this year's UBCM convention.

Mayor Clark noted that he has spoken to Betty Morris at Northern Health, and they will be keeping the Care Home open for an extra month. He sees no need to meet with Northern Health.

Council requested no meetings with Ministers or departments at this time.

- c) BC Hydro Re: G.M. Shrum Generating Station Unit 1 to Unit 5 Turbine Replacement Project Update.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

- d) PRRD Re: Zoning Bylaw #1863 to Rezone Property From R-4 to R-3 to Accommodate a Possible Future Subdivision, Moberly Lake, Dated July 23, 2009.

Council advised that our interests are unaffected.

- e) Dawson Creek Hospital Foundation Re: Donation for Annual Golf Tournament.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to donate some water bottles, coffee mugs and t-shirts to the DC Hospital Foundation golf tournament.

- f) Barb Smith, BC Gaming Re: Donation for Dawson Creek Hospital Foundation Bingo Fundraiser.

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- g) UBCM Re: Small Talk Forum 2009 – Call for Issues Deadline, August 21, 2009.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- h) District of Tumbler Ridge Re: 2009 Northeast BC Community Coal Forum.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- i) Northeast BC Energy Conference 2009 Re: Sponsorship Opportunities.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report, July 10, 2009, \$143,746.07.
- b) Accounts Payable Report, August 6, 2009, \$18,952.49.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports from July 10, 2009, and August 6, 2009
in the amounts of \$143,746.07, and \$18,952.49 respectively.

CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to provide details on the cost of the Pederson residential subdivision project for the next Council meeting.

10. BYLAWS – NIL

11. REPORTS

- a) Monthly Reports for April, May and June 2009
 - Report of the BC SPCA South Peace Branch
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- b) Public Works Department Progress Report
 - Report of Public Works Supervisor
ACCEPTED as presented by consensus of Council.

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

CARRIED

- c) Councillor Hamann Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Hamann was not in attendance at the meeting.
- d) Councillor Merrick Portfolio Report – Verbal
The Pouce Coupe Volunteer Fire Department is about to bring on another member.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to post an agenda at the Post Office each Friday, before a Council meeting.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to ensure that the appropriate Council stipend levels were issued.

- e) Councillor Drover Portfolio Report – Verbal
The Canada Day Celebration horseshoe tournament went well.

- f) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Kut plans to resolve the cemetery marker issue with the Deputy CAO.
- g) Mayor Clark Portfolio Report – Verbal
Mayor Clark attended the EnCana event at the rodeo. He visited the AltaGas wind park. He also represented the Village in the Dawson Creek parade.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to July 17, 2009
ACCEPTED as presented by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD – NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Fire Hall Construction Update.
Mr. Hegge has dropped off the contract and submitted a progress report on the new Fire Hall. The CAO advised that the price of the project was now budgeted at \$1,081,400. The increase from the original price of \$1,054,000 was due to \$20,000 contingency that may or may not be used, and a \$569,205 bond that cost \$7,400 to ensure the project is completed properly.

MOVED by Councillor Merrick and seconded THAT
Council approves the increase in emergency generator size from 20kW to 40kW, at a cost of \$6,600 and this cost come from the contingency fund that already exists in the Fire Hall capital budget. **CARRIED**

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council donates Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 8565 (4607 Railway Ave) in the Pederson subdivision to the Northern Lights College for the purpose of building a house this season, as well as all transaction costs, and that the CAO make the necessary arrangements to complete the transaction. **CARRIED**

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Chairperson
Mayor Lyman Clark

Recorder
Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Thomas

<p>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.</p> <p>_____ Chief Administrative Officer Peter Thomas</p>
