



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting September 21, 2009 Held in the Village Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Lyman Clark
Councillor Ken Drover
Councillor Laura Hamann
Councillor Peter Kut
Councillor Red Merrick (absent without notice)

Peter Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

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 September 21, 2009 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2009.
MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of September 8, 2009 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**
4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS – NIL**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING – NIL**
6. **DELEGATIONS**
 - a) Dustin Bodnaryk, Dawson Creek Tourism Development Coordinator Re: Joint Tourism Plan Approval.
Dustin Bodnaryk, the Dawson Creek Tourism Development Coordinator and April Moi, Community Development for Northern BC Tourism, made a presentation on the Joint Tourism Plan between Pouce Coupe and Dawson Creek. A final Tourism Plan has been developed outlining different initiatives for each community. At this time they are requesting an approval of the plan.

Councillor Drover commented that the goals appear interesting and beneficial to the Village and asked if funding was available.

Dustin commented that there is a Community Tourism opportunity grant for \$15,000.00 (matching dollars).

The CAO stated that we will be considering the Tourism Plan in the annual budget, and will plan and budget according to Council's goals.

Dustin commented that the joint "Summer Staycation" program was a success this year and a positive partnership between the communities. We want to continue to work in a collaborative manner.

Councillor Kut asked how much money Dustin thought we should be investing in the program.

Dustin will provide some budget figures for Council's consideration in November.

Mayor Clark thanked Dustin and April for their presentation.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Zoning Bylaw #653 Consolidated.

The CAO had provided Council with a copy of our zoning bylaw, along with the R1 requirements from Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, and Tumbler Ridge. Councillor Kut stated that he felt an age of the home should be added to the bylaw so that older homes could not be brought in, ensuring that our neighborhoods continue to look well kept.

Mayor Clark added he would like to see a more permanent foundation on the homes.

Councillor Kut questioned who had the authority to allow the subdivision on 55th Avenue and 49th Street.

The CAO replied that it is his responsibility, as the Village approving officer. The decision is made provided the subdivision meets the requirements of the subdivision bylaw.

After some discussion, Council concurred that their interpretation of the zoning bylaw is that manufactured/modular homes belong in R2.

The CAO advised that we will be updating the OCP and zoning bylaws in the new year, and at that time we will review the wording.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Northern Health Re: News Release – Continued Consultations with Northern BC Residents, Focus on Primary Health Care. (Dawson Creek: September 28, 2009)

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

Councillor Hamann represents the Village at the consultations with Northern BC residents at the meeting in Dawson Creek on September 28, 2009 and that any expenses be covered from the Council Meeting account.

CARRIED

b) City Of Burnaby Re: Resolution Submitted to UBCM – Catalyst Paper.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

c) Jenn Cornwaithe Re: Family Fitness Program.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to make the necessary arrangements to start the Family Fitness Program under the same terms as the aerobics program.

- d) NEAT Re: Tire Round-Up Pilot Project.
Administration advised that we have posted extra posters in the community promoting the free tire roundup on September 26, 2009 at the Bessborough landfill.
- e) Ministry of Forests and Range Re: Changes to Resources Road Use in the South Peace Portion of the Peace Forest District.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- f) UNBC Re: Rescheduling Northeast Regional Council Meeting to November 9, 2009.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to place the Northeast Regional Council meeting agenda of November 9 on the next Council meeting agenda.
- g) Northern Health Re: Community Farewell Barbeque at the Pouce Coupe Care Home, Wednesday, September 30, 2009.
Councillors Drover and Hamann will represent the Village at the Care Home closing Barbeque on September 30, 2009.
- h) UBCM Re: Nominations for 2nd Vice President.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report, September 15, 2009, \$452,645.51.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports from September 15, 2009 in the amount of \$452,645.51. **CARRIED**

The CAO and Mayor Clark met with Mr. Nordli at the Water Loop Project on September 21, 2009 and were told that the project is projected to be over budget. Mr. Nordli advised that the current costs were around \$187,000.

MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT
Administration to advise Mr. Nordli that they expect the Water Loop Project to be completed within the Council budget as discussed with Mr. Nordli at the awarding of the contract. **CARRIED**

10. BYLAWS – NIL

11. REPORTS

- a) Grave Markers for Unmarked Graves in the Cemetery
 - Report of DCAO
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to get a price directly from Peace Country Memorials and report back at the next meeting.
Council is considering a fundraising event to assist in this project.
- b) Economic Development Strategy Phase 2
 - Report of CAO**MOVED** by Councillor Drover and seconded THAT
Council directs Administration to enter into another contract with Community Futures to complete phase 2 of the Economic Development study for the Village of Pouce Coupe. **CARRIED**

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

- c) Department of Public Works Progress Report
 - Report of DPW SupervisorCouncil raised a concern with the Public Works expenditures and requested that Administration ensures that dollars are spent cost effectively.
- d) Councillor Hamann Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Hamann had nothing to report at this time.
- e) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Kut had nothing to report at this time.
- f) Councillor Drover Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Drover attended the Chamber Luncheon on September 3, 2009. The wind towers are nearing completion and are expected to eventually power 38,000 homes.
- g) Councillor Merrick Portfolio Report – Verbal
Councillor Merrick was not in attendance at the meeting.
- h) Mayor Clark Portfolio Report – Verbal
The Fire Hall project is moving along nicely and we hope to be inside before November.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to September 17, 2009

ACCEPTED as presented by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD – NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS – NIL

15. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:26 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