



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting September 8, 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: Harry Hamilton, DPW Supervisor
Larry Fynn
Gilbert Gunter
Andrew Verdon
Karen Nowicki

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 8, 2009 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 10, 2009.
MOVED by Councillor Drover and seconded, THAT
the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting of August 10, 2009 be adopted as
presented. **CARRIED**

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- 8p) UNBC Re: Northeast Regional Committee Advisory Meeting September 28, 2009 in Fort St. John.
8q) Dawson Creek and District Hospital Foundation Re: Thank You for Donation.
8r) SciTech North Re: Invite to Excellence in Innovation Awards, Friday, October 16, 2009 in Fort St. John.
8s) Residents Larry and Dolly Fynn Re: Compliments to Village Council and Staff.
8t) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral #1867 and 1868 to Rezone the Property from Residential to Light Industrial and from Industrial to Commercial, South of Dawson Creek and West of the Dawson Creek Airport to Accommodate Commercial and Industrial Development, Dated September 8, 2009.
11b) Add Application From Red Wagner for the Village of Pouce Coupe Board of Variance.
11h) Pederson Subdivision Project Update
• Report of CAO

- 11i) Golder and Associates, Lagoon Project Update.
- 14a) Phone Poll of September 4, 2009 re: Sealcoating 52nd Street

5. PUBLIC HEARING – NIL

6. DELEGATIONS

- a) Archdeacon Greg Gilson, Christ Church Re: Opportunities for a Road Sign along the Highway 2 Corridor.
Archdeacon Greg Gilson requested the placement of a sign indicating that the Anglican Church is in our community. The location he considered was the corner of 50th Street and 50th Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council allows the Anglican Church sign to be erected in the Village.

CARRIED

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to work with the Church in determining a location.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) District of Hudson's Hope Re: Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting – September 22, 2009.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Councillor Kut represent the Village at the PRMA meeting in Hudson's Hope on September 22, 2009 and THAT all travel expenses come from the Council Travel account.

CARRIED

- b) Wally Zwahlen, Pouce Coupe Volunteer Fire Department Chief Re: Appointment of New Member – Petur Roy.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

Council approves the addition of Petur Roy as a member of the Village of Pouce Coupe Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

A letter will be sent form the Mayor to recognize the appointment.

- c) City of Grande Prairie Re: Invitation to Olympic Flame Celebration.
No member of Council is available to attend.
Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send our regrets.

- d) Northern Environmental Action Team Re: Application for the Federal Government's Community Adjustment Funds.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

- e) South Peace Seniors Access Services Society Re: Opening of the South Peace Seniors Access Centre.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to contact the Society and advise them that no member of Council is available to attend.

- f) UBCM Re: Pandemic Planning.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to check the website and see if there is any information we can pass on to the community.

- g) North Wind Healing Centre Society Re: Celebration Gathering Invite.
MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT
 Councillor Kut represents the Village at the North Wind Healing Centre Society celebration in Farmington on September 11, 2009 and that any expenses come from the Council Travel account. **CARRIED**

- h) PRRD Re: Volunteer Recognition Banquet and Nominations.
 Councillor Drover and Mayor Clark may be able to attend.
MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
 Any Council member that is available attend the PRRD Volunteer Banquet on October 17, 2009 at the EnCana Events Centre in Dawson Creek, and that any expenses come from the Council Travel account. **CARRIED**

- i) PRRD Re: Future of Pouce Coupe Care Home Building.
 Mayor Clark explained that the PRRD has requested a report from North Wind Healing Centre outlining their proposal for the Pouce Coupe Care Home.

- j) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral Form (Number Pending) to Reduce the Minimum Lot Size and Lake Frontage From 0.4 ha to 0.137 ha and from 55 m to 22.8 m and also to Rezone the Property From R-2 to R-1 in order to Subdivide the Property.
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that our interests are unaffected.

- k) PRRD Re: Bylaw Referral #1870, North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to advise that our interests are unaffected.

- l) Big 50 Safety Road Rally Re: Request of Donations of Raffle Items.
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to donate mugs, water bottles, and t-shirts in support of the Big 50 Safety Road Rally.

- m) Pouce Coupe and District Museum and Historical Society Re: Request of Donations for the Annual Harvest Tea and Bake Sale.
 Council **DIRECTED** Administration to donate mugs, water bottles, and t-shirts in support of the Annual Harvest Tea and Bake Sale.

- n) Dawson Creek Kinsmen Re: Request for Donation to the Annual Charity Glowball Golf Tournament.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
 Council discusses item 14b at this time.

CARRIED

- 14) b) Andrew Verdon Re: Petition for the Change of Building Regulations Bylaw # 916.
 Mr. Verdon noted that he has collected 38 petition names and is requesting that Council make a change to the Building Bylaw to require that all new houses be placed on a concrete foundation. His goal is to make the dwellings permanent.

Councillor Merrick voiced a concern that putting this rule in place will put limitations on future buildings and not necessarily resolve the issue.

Mr. Fynn pointed out that we have had 2 modular houses moved into the Village recently. They were both used, so are “temporary housing.” He is concerned that we will have a “Mile 0 Trailer Park” in Pouce Coupe and does not want to see property devalued.

Councillor Merrick does not think making our own building code, that may contradict the Provincial Building code, is the right thing to do.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to request the residential zoning bylaws from other municipalities such as Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, and Fort St. John to see what wording they have in place to control their community development.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to give each Council member a copy of the zoning bylaw to review so that it can be discussed at the next Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Merrick and seconded THAT

All modular home building permits not be allowed until Council has had an opportunity to review the bylaws. **CARRIED**

- o) City of Dawson Creek Re: 2009 Northeast BC Energy Conference September 23-25.
ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.
- p) UNBC Re: Northeast Regional Committee Advisory Meeting Sept. 28, 2009 in Ft St. John. Mayor Clark and Councillor Kut will be at UBCM. No other Council member is available to attend. Council **DIRECTED** Administration to send their regrets.
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9. RESOLUTIONS

- a) Accounts Payable Report, August 24, 2009, \$412,539.03.
 - b) Accounts Payable Report, September 3, 2009, \$33,429.10.
- MOVED** by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT
Council approves the Accounts Payable Reports from August 24, and September 3, 2009 in the amounts of \$412,539.03, and \$33,429.10 respectively.

CARRIED

Councillor Kut had a number of questions that were answered by the DPW Supervisor, Harry Hamilton. The electrical system in the trackless machine is complicated and is being worked on at United Spring and Break.

10. BYLAWS – NIL

11. REPORTS

a) Fire Hall Progress Certificate

- Report of Hegge Construction Ltd.

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

Mayor Clark noted that \$1,132 for a frost box for the sewer line was taken out of the contingency fund and acknowledged by Council.

b) Board of Variance Report

- Report of Chief Administrative Officer
- Application of Red Wagner

The CAO noted that there have been only two applications submitted. Resident Larry Fynn was in the audience, and after Council requested his consideration to be a part of the Board, Mr. Fynn offered to sit on the Board as the third required member. Council agreed.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council appoints Anne Clayton, Red Wagner, and Larry Fynn to the Village of Pouce Coupe Board of Variance for a three year term, ending September 30, 2012.

c) Councillor Drover Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Drover attended the Carl Supernault Memorial Ball Tournament this past weekend.

d) Councillor Merrick Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Merrick had nothing to report at this time.

e) Councillor Hamann Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Merrick had nothing to report at this time.

f) Councillor Kut Portfolio Report – Verbal

Councillor Kut will go look at the water loop project to see its progress.

g) Mayor Clark Portfolio Report – Verbal

The PRRD has gone to paperless agendas, and Mayor Clark is learning the process. The Mayor, Councillor Kut, and the CAO met with a Northern Health representative to discuss the Pouce Coupe Care home, which is planning to close its doors in November. The PRRD requested the operating costs of the building to be passed on to any interested parties.

h) Pederson Subdivision Project Update

- Report of CAO

ACCEPTED as presented by consensus of Council.

i) Lagoon Project Update

- Report of Golder and Associates

ACCEPTED for information by consensus of Council.

12. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- Progress Report to September 2, 2009

ACCEPTED as presented by consensus of Council.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Gunter inquired as to the reconstruction costs for the cenotaph.

MOVED by Councillor Hamann and seconded THAT

Council pay up to \$2000 for the repair of the cenotaph; and as the reason for the displacement of the cenotaph is due to the Fire Hall construction, THAT the funds come from the Fire Hall capital account. **CARRIED**

Mr. Fynn asked about unmarked graves in the cemetery. The CAO replied that Councillor Kut and the DCAO are investigating this project. We need to determine how many graves are unmarked and the cost of the head stones.

Council **DIRECTED** Administration to find out the details about the needs in the cemetery, and do a phone poll to proceed if necessary.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ratification of Phone Poll Re: Seal Coating on 52nd Street.

MOVED by Councillor Kut and seconded THAT

The phone poll of September 2, 2009 regarding the Seal Coating on 52nd Street be ratified as presented. **CARRIED**

- b) Andrew Verdon Re: Petition for the Change of Building Regulations Bylaw # 916.
(ITEM MOVED AND SPOKEN TO AFTER 8n)

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 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