



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

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Minutes of Special Council Meeting April 20, 2011 Held in the Village Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Lyman Clark
Councillor Red Merrick
Councillor Larry Fynn

Ralph Gillis, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Sandy O'Flaherty, Administrative Assistant

GALLERY:

Gil Gunter

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Merrick, and **SECONDED** by Councillor Fynn, THAT the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of April 20, 2011 be adopted as presented **CARRIED**

MOVED by Councillor Fynn, and **SECONDED** by Councillor Merrick, THAT Council proceeds to item 3c **CARRIED**

3) NEW BUSINESS

c) Request for a Grant in Aid for the Pouce Coupe Legion

Presentation was made to Council by Gil Gunter for a grant for the Pouce Coupe Legion. Insurance, events hosted, tax exemptions and past and future budgeting were discussed. Council requested financial statements prior to making a decision.

MOVED by Councillor Fynn and **SECONDED** by Councillor Merrick, THAT a copy of financial statements be presented to Council prior to making a decision **CARRIED**

a) Overview of changes to budget from prior meeting

Budget has been balanced. The Water Fund also needed to be increased by \$18000.00 due to an increase in the Dawson Creek Capital Water Charge for 2011. Council will have to look into the Water Agreement with Dawson Creek in regards to future expenditures. An adjustment was made to increase the Dawson Creek water charge to \$25,570.00 and decrease the "Transfer to Reserve" to \$51, 176.00.

b) Reconsideration of Step Up N Ride Funding Request

Discussion was held to the transportation needs of Pouce Coupe, other means of transportation, taxi agreements, Step Up N Ride criteria, scheduling of transportation and the mandate and financial restraint of the Village of Pouce Coupe.

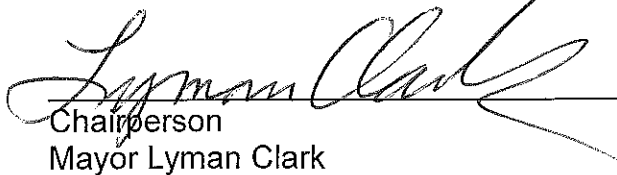
MOVED by Councillor Fynn, and **SECONDED** by Councillor Merrick THAT Council fund \$6000.00 to the Step Up N Ride Society to provide full service to the Village of Pouce Coupe and charge the user fee associated with the program **CARRIED**

- d) Presentation was made to Council about the effect of a 1% tax increase to the average home owner. By looking at the average assessed value, it would be best to modify the tax rate to reflect a 1% tax increase to the Average Single Family Dwelling (ASFD) rather than increase the tax revenue by 1%. This would provide an additional \$31,000.00 in taxes from new development.

MOVED by Councillor Fynn, and **SECONDED** by Councillor Merrick, THAT Council accepts the proposed tax rate that would impose the overall 1% tax increase to the Average Single Family Dwelling (ASFD) and to transfer any surplus of funds into a contingency reserve **CARRIED**

4) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


 Chairperson
 Mayor Lyman Clark


 Recorder
 Sandy O'Flaherty
 Administrative Assistant

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, BC


 Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Ralph Gillis