



**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE**

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## **MEDIA BULLETIN**

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**For Immediate Release: October 24, 2016**

### **Questions Save Lives - Canadian Patient Safety Week 2016**

Northern Health is proud to join with other organizations across the country to celebrate and raise awareness around patient safety during the last week of October. Canadian Patient Safety Week (CPSW) is October 24 to 28, 2016, and the theme this year is 'Questions Save Lives.'

The Questions Save Lives campaign encourages both patients and providers to share what questions they would ask to promote safe care. Patient safety is a shared responsibility, communication between providers and patients are critical for effective and safe health care delivery. Northern Health is encouraging patients to raise their concerns or to ask questions about their health or health care. It is important that people are not afraid to ask and participate in their care; health care providers want patients to ask questions.

Northern Health is also encouraging providers to always ask questions of patients and their family members. Research shows patient anxiety can slow down comprehension, so providers need to ensure essential communication is understood. Listening to patients ensures care provided will be optimally tailored to each patient's needs. Questioning, and being asked similar questions from different providers, is important to providing safe, effective care.

Lives can be saved with the simple question "Are there any other questions you have or things you would like me to explain better?"

An interactive Patient Safety Online Quiz will test your knowledge about safe care. Be sure to check it out at [www.asklistentalk.ca](http://www.asklistentalk.ca).

#### **Resources:**

To learn more about Canadian Patient Safety Week, please visit:  
<http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/en/Pages/default.aspx>

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## UBCM REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR NICOLE GILLISS

I will approach this report differently than just telling you about sessions I attended, as likely those who were not at the session will gain very little from me going on about it.

I will start by saying that UBCM frustrated me and excited me. I came home with new ideas but also very skeptical. UBCM and I have a love/hate relationship.

-The one session that hit me hard was the reconciliation presentation made by Darlene Morgan. She has a powerful presentation she does that recounts her actual experience in the residential school system. From this session, I gained the idea that we should and could be doing more for reconciliation, strengthening our relations with our FN neighbors.

Action: Perhaps Emily can plan a large-scale community event for Aboriginal day this year. Having Darlene Morgan present would be amazing.

-Another session spoke about community's success stories. There was a story from Osoyoos Secondary School that was facing closure this school year (they have 240 students that would then need to bus 20 minutes each way) this session brought to light that having a good, open, relationship with good communication with your school board **BEFORE** a problem or issue arise this is very important.

Action: Invite our School Board Trustee to a meeting with us. Encourage the School Board to do annual meetings like the one they held last year at the FSJ cultural center.

-A success story about Dog parks was another issue brought forward from the Town of Clinton. With so many tourists with pets travelling and driving through HH in the spring and summer months, having a fenced off dog park where pets can run off leash (pet owners are responsible for their pet clean up) could be a great offering to RV'ERS and drivers alike. I think the privately-owned land on corner where Peace Glen was could be a great location.

Action: Something to think on. And staff could look into grants etc.

-During the MOTI staff meeting we had, we presented many of the issues our council has discussed for quite some time. Unfortunately, we spent more time speaking about Osbourne street than the much bigger issue of the "post office intersection", but it seems to me that none of our concerns will be addressed by MOTI anytime soon. MOTI Staff listen, but actions speak much louder.

Action: Regarding the Osbourne street problem, MOTI staff stated they would support our, the DOHH, decision on how to proceed with that issue. I suggest we block the street. It's a very blind corner, so turning left from Osbourne onto Canyon Drive is too dangerous. Coming down Canyon Drive and turning right onto Osbourne is a sharp steep turn and has produced several vehicles off the road, landing on Evelyn edingers yard. I don't think it poses any great inconvenience to close the road to vehicular traffic via some barricades.

Action: Regarding the post office Intersection, I feel the DOHH should consider installing a pedestrian controlled overhead lights ourselves. To protect our residents, especially considering the increased heavy industrial traffic anticipated with the Site C Berm Project.

-As for Resolutions to bring forward next year;

I would like to see more time given to resolutions during the UBCM convention. This year we ran out of time, many resolutions got sent back to Executive without the necessary debate, we “block many resolutions together to make process faster. One speaker said it best at 11:44 on Friday (*the last day of convention when the audience was getting increasingly frustrated with all the resolutions that hadn't reached the floor yet and would not make it*) he said **“I suggest we listen to less speeches and get back to doing our jobs”**

-Another issue that UBCM got me thinking a lot about is relationships. It's such an overused word these days it's like sustainable, “the word of the day” But they, relationships, are so important. Firstly, between us on council, I find it so beneficial and enjoyable to spend time away from the council table with my council members. I shared two meals and drinks with Dave and Kelly and the conversation was both personal and professional and it's nice to relate to my colleagues in this way.

Action: A retreat for council was spoke about. I think it's a great idea and I would like to have a conversation with council and staff around planning one.

Next up is our regional relationships. I think these can be strengthened, I think with stronger relations with FSJ, TAYLOR, CHETWYND, DAWSON CREEK, FIRST NATIONS BANDS IN THE REGION, we can learn from each other. We can get them to listen to our issues but only if we listen to theirs.

Action: I am hoping Hudson's Hope could host an additional PRLGA event this year. The next scheduled PRLGA meeting is in Taylor and often it's held in April before NCLGA.

In closing I would like to add the Keynote speaker, Dr. Samantha Nutt, was amazing to hear, if you ever have the opportunity to listen to her, I highly recommend it. One thing that struck me was when she spoke about not taking, NO, for an answer, but if you want to get to a YES, work hard, and think about changing the messaging. Very good advice.

**Mayor's Report to Council:**

**October 24, 2016**

**Hudson's Hope Pharmacy:**

- I've talked with Alan Williamson, Dawn Patterson, and Angela deSmit about the pharmacy.
- Dawn has agreed to cover shifts in the immediate future. She also has a part-time position at Marg's Mini-mart but Belinda has agreed to remove her from the work schedule at least until the end of October.
- Alan has advertised for a part-time person to come in to assist and also to work into taking shifts independently. He had received 2 or 3 applications and was waiting a bit to see if there were more. I suggested that he vet them through a local medical professional. He will do that.
- Angela has put Dana Cole, the Northern Health person in charge of pharmacy issues, in touch with Alan to keep on top of progress.

Alan suggested that it would be helpful if people wrote letters to the College of Pharmacists explaining the importance of keeping the Hudson's Hope telepharmacy open. Focussing on the negative effects on health that would occur if the pharmacy closed would probably be the most effective.

**Water Comptroller:**

**Council Representation:** Johansson, Middleton, Heiberg, Miller

**Province:** Pieter Bekker, Water Comptroller; Glen Davidson, Asst. Comptroller; and Greg VanDolah.

- general description of the role of the Comptroller's office.
- Noted that the new Water Sustainability Act is mainly a Water Quantity Act rather than a Water Quality Act.
- 99% of the water decisions are made in the regions, as opposed to Victoria (ie under Greg's office)
- emphasized that people should make sure they keep records of the well - when drilled, any test results, etc.

**Letter: Bill Lindsay (attached)**

**What Can a community do to protect ground and surface water for its people?**

- Think about alternative sources (eg springs in addition to river for HH)
- Invite agencies that deal with water to attend meetings (eg Water Comptroller, OGC, FLNRO, N Health, Geo-Science BC, GW Solutions, Okanagan Basin Board, etc.)

**- Site C:**

- Water licence has been issued for 40 years. When it is renewed, it will be as if it were a new application.
- Hydro is required to keep licensees whole.
- Shale is an acid-producing material. Hydro will apply to drill a series of test wells at the base of the bank to determine composition of material.

- Hydro is supposed to have the design of the berm to Hudson's Hope 3 years in advance of construction. They are wanting that changed to 2 and a half.
- What is at the top of the berm may be something Hudson's Hope can influence.
- Should question what the connection between the berm and the boat launch will be.

**Peace Williston Advisory Committee:**

- Not a Council committee
- in Chetwynd
- Controlling rates

Respectfully Submitted:

Gwen Johansson, Mayor

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Mayor Gwen Johansson  
District of Hudson's Hope

Your Worship:

I have a commitment to attend a meeting in Charlie Lake this evening. Accordingly, I am unable to be present for the Special Meeting of the Council. If the opportunity arises, I am hoping that you are able to relay the following comments to Messrs. Davidson and Bekker.

Gentlemen:

When CBC Radio announced one morning in 2010 that Premier Gordon Campbell was making an announcement in Hudson's Hope, I wanted to attend as it's not often that the Premier comes for a visit. It took a bit of asking around before I learned that he was going to speak at the WAC Bennett Dam Visitor Centre. However, I subsequently discovered that I was "not on the list" and would not be allowed past the security gate. I later found out that Site C was the subject of the announcement and only those people who were perceived as supporters were invited.

Since that announcement, the provincial government has attempted to frustrate members of the public who oppose this hydro electric project by making decisions behind closed doors.

In section 7 (1)(d) of the *Clean Energy Act* [2010] the government exempted the Site C project from any oversight by the BC Utilities Commission. So no input or public hearings under that agency's mandate.

During the November 2013 hearings of the Joint Review Panel held in Hudson's Hope, a letter was produced from Minister Bill Bennett to the Chair of BC Hydro. Mr. Bennett promised that the Cabinet would removed lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve prior to the construction started; thereby removing any public involvement in that process. True to his word, the Cabinet did so very quietly with an Order in Council.

Even the federal government played along when it issued permits earlier this year without any debate in the House of Commons. The decision was announced late on a Friday afternoon before a long weekend.

But these have been political decisions.

In 2015, landowners adjoining the Peace River were advised by the Office of the Comptroller of Water Rights that BC Hydro was applying for a water licence related to the Site project. Many landowners who responded requested a hearing under section 11 (2) of the *Water Act*. A hearing was granted, but this was not to be a hearing where individuals spoke openly to a panel and were allowed to ask questions of other participants. In this case, the Comptroller decided to hold a hearing in silence – no oral presentations, only written submissions. At the time, I was



surprised to learn that such a format meets the legal requirements of "a hearing" and I still have difficulty imagining such, where the only sounds heard are pages being turned over.

It is regrettable that the BC government has fired up a steamroller and any provincial employee who stands in the way is going to be crushed. So it would be naive to think that the results of an oral hearing would be any different; but perhaps there might have been something said that would have given you pause or a reason to add one or two conditions to the licence.

When years have past and our beautiful river is a stagnant and muddy body of water filled with detritus sloughed from the banks; how will you will reflect back on this period of your careers?



William Lindsay  
Hudson's Hope

## THE DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE

**REPORT TO:** Mayor Gwen Johannson and Council  
**SUBJECT:** Transfer Site Materials Recovery Policy  
**DATE:** October 24, 2016  
**FROM:** Tom Matus, CAO

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Attached, please find the above policy for Council approval.

Council is requested to provide input, should it wish to, for the following three suggestions within the policy:

1. Allow access to persons during certain hours within the operating times as opposed to allowing access whenever the site is open?
2. Should we require people to obtain a Permission Slip from the District to allow scavenging at the Site?
3. Shall a risk assessment be completed to provide further guidance?



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## TRANSFER SITE MATERIALS RECOVERY POLICY

Council Resolution No. *\*/16*  
Effective Date: October 24, 2016

Section: Public Works

### Purpose:

This policy is created to govern the scavenging of solid waste materials or recyclable material, via a scavenging process, from the Transfer Site located on Canyon Drive in the District of Hudson's Hope and to ensure the health and safety of the people within Transfer Site. As well, this policy designates a general area for the placement of municipal solid waste or recyclable materials that people may scavenge.

### Definitions:

Active Face:	means the working surface of a landfill upon which MSW is deposited before placement of daily cover.
Attendant:	an employee of the Peace River Regional District that is responsible for persons entering and exiting the Transfer Site;
Buffer Zone:	means the area between the landfill footprint and the landfill site boundary.
District:	means the municipal corporation of the District of Hudson's Hope.
MSW:	means municipal solid waste/materials.
Scavenging:	means the removal and/or recovery of MSW or recyclable material from an authorized and uncontrolled area within the Transfer Site.
Share Shed:	means the area or location whereby the removal and recovery of MSW or recyclable material is permitted.
Transfer Site:	Peace River Regional District Transfer Site which contains municipal solid waste and or recyclable materials located in the District of Hudson's Hope.

### Policy Details or Policy Objectives:

This policy is to allow the governance of the removal and recovery of municipal solid waste and or recyclable materials that are contained within the Share Shed which is apart and away from the active face of the Transfer Site, and to secure the safety of the persons whom scavenge this Site. As well as to direct the placement of warning signs indicating the area where a person may scavenge.

### Guiding Principles and/or Procedures:

1. The signage is a key element for liability purposes and the safety of persons; if a person ignores the warning signs and is injured in a prohibited area from scavenging the District shall be covered by our liability insurance as the District has proven due diligence.
2. The Foreman or his designate will direct (with requested input from the PRRD) the location of the placement of warning signs in the Transfer Site.
3. Persons may only access the Transfer Site during the operational hours open to the public.
4. Persons wishing to retrieve MSW from the Transfer site must ask permission from the Attendant to enter the Transfer Site.
5. The designated area where MSW and/or recyclable materials will be located and that persons may remove and retrieve MSW and/or recyclable materials shall be called the Share Shed.
6. Schedule "A" depicts the location of the Share Shed within the Transfer Site.

**Commented [TM1]:** Allow access during certain hours within the operating hours as opposed to anytime the site is open?

**Commented [TM2]:** Add that people require a Permission Slip from the District?

**Commented [TM3]:** Shall a risk assessment be completed to provide further guidance?

# Schedule 'A'

