



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
November 6, 2017
6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Council: Mayor Gwen Johansson
Councillor Dave Heiberg
Councillor Heather Middleton
Councillor Kelly Miller
Councillor Caroline Beam
Councillor Travous Quibell

Absent:

Staff: CAO, Tom Matus
Bylaw Officer/Safety Officer, Wallace Roach
Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown

Other:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Gwen Johansson presiding.

2. **DELEGATIONS:**

D1 Volunteers - William Lindsay

- There has been a paradigm shift in volunteering and it is happening everywhere. There are fewer and fewer people joining the non-profit organizations which is having an effect of them. The lack of volunteers has caused the Lions Club in Fort St. John, Chetwynd and Dawson Creek to close down. The younger generation does not seem to have any interest in volunteering. There is reduced interest in being part of the long term commitment associated to becoming a board member. Social culture has changed, there are fewer school clubs being operated resulting in the youth not learning about the importance of volunteering.
- Mr. Lindsay asked Council if they had attended any sessions in regard to promoting volunteerism, none have.

6:06pm Councillor Beam arrived

- Councillor Beam explained that Social responsibility options were supposed to be available to the Hudson's Hope students, they did not happen. Community involvement is something the school focuses on, there are students available to volunteer if someone was able to organize opportunities for them. In the past, skilled individuals have offered their skills.
- Suggestion was made in regard to including something on the website that would highlight events that require volunteers.

6:13 Councillor Middleton arrived

- Local events and meetings are already included on the website calendar.

- Councillor Quibell will approach the Lion's Club to discuss opening up the meetings to youth volunteers to assist in teaching club etiquette.
- Mr. Lindsay is looking for ways to attract volunteer board members as the same members sit on multiple boards and it is causing them to become burnt out.
- Council will watch for any workshops regarding attracting volunteer board members.
- Mr. Lindsay suggested considering holding a forum with the hopes of attracting interest.

3. **NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayors Additions

Councillors Additions: Councillor Beam announce that Jade Rowe has been named Youth Councillor for the 2017/2018 school year.

Staff Additions

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS AMENDED BY CONSENSUS**

Council requested that SR2 be presented first.

5. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

6. **STAFF REPORTS:**

SR2 **Solar Array**

- Discussion in regard to the electronic vote request.
 - CAO had sent out a revised report for consideration; only received a couple of responses from Council.
 - New report explained that if the option to put solar panels on both sides of the museum building there would not be enough resources left to install the solar array at the pool. If Council wishes to have solar arrays located at both sites only one side of the museum building can have panels installed.
 - No visuals were included in the package sent out to Council which made it difficult for them to determine the best way to proceed.
 - Concerns were voiced in regard to the possibility of underground gas lines etc. that may hinder the installation of the solar array at the pool.
 - Mr. Dueck from Peace Energy Cooperative had explained to the Museum Society that the best deal would be to install on both sides of the building, which the society had agreed to.
 - Staff has come back stating that the museum was not going to receive any solar panels. The electronic vote was not reflective of this decision.
 - It is important that the District communicates with the museum in regard to the Solar Array, no direct dialogue has occurred. The museum was in agreement to the solar panels and now staff has informed Council of a budget issue.
 - Council would like to proceed with the option 2a and 2b:
 - Option 2a' for the Swimming Pool in conjunction with the Museum and depletes budget:

This option reduces the panels at the pool from 54 to 32. This option does not provide full roof coverage of the museum, only one side of the museum's roof will have solar panels. as noted this option combines the pool and the museum. Dimension are 53' long by 2 panels wide (possibly 10' wide); the height being the lowest (bottom of panel) at 10' off the ground extending to highest (top of panel) at 21'. There is a wavy configuration to this model.

➤ Option 2b' for the Museum in conjunction with the Swimming Pool and depletes budget:

This option does not provide full roof coverage of the museum roof, only one side of the museum's roof will have solar panels, as noted this option combines the museum and the pool.

- Council suggested that the museum array to be done first and if any money is left then the pool array can be completed.
- Mayor Johansson suggested requesting smaller arrays at both locations if the capability to add panels at a later date is feasible.
- Council would like options 2a and 2b contingent on the availability of funds to include an educational display.

SR1 **Water and Sewer Rates**

- Mayor Johansson suggested increasing the rates by the lowest percentage to show that the District is moving towards reducing the deficit. Need to ensure that lower income households are taken into consideration when determining the rates. Hudson's Hope is able to attract new residents due to our lower cost of living.
- Councillor Heiberg stated that the increase over a 5 year period becomes quite a considerable amount. Concerned that lower income households would not be able to continue to meet the costs. Imperative to find a balance.
- Councillor Middleton informed Council that it is necessary to increase the rates to remain sustainable.
- Discussion in regard to the tax increase options:
 - a. Increase both sewer and water rates by 5%.
 - b. Increase water rates by 10% with no increase to sewer rates.
- Staff directed to bring both scenarios back to the next regular Council meeting.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

C1 **IAP2 invitation**
FOR INFORMATION

8. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**
Mayor Johansson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

DIARY	Diarized
<i>Conventions/Conferences/Holidays</i>	
<i>Beryl Prairie Septic Field</i>	07/25/16
<i>Grant Writer Program Sponsorship-September</i>	04/10/17
<i>Water and Tax Rates comparison</i>	06/26/17
<i>NDIT Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program-</i> <i>-to be brought forward at Strategic Planning Meeting</i>	08/14/17
<i>Solar Array Monitoring Display</i>	10/23/17
<i>Requests from Mr. Kelly-Entrance to dump, handrail</i> <i>at Community Hall, Cemetery Plot Map</i>	10/23/17
<i>NCLGA resolutions for December meeting</i>	10/23/17

Certified Correct:


Corporate Officer/Tammy McKeown


Chair/Mayor Gwen Johansson