



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2016
6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Absent: Youth Councillor Tess Herrington

Staff: CAO, Tom Matus
Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown

Other: Colin Griffith, Mayor Lori Ackerman, Mayor Rob Fraser

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The meeting called to order at 6:07p.m. with Mayor Gwen Johansson presiding.
2. **NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS**
Mayor's List
Councillors Additions
CAO's Additions
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS:**
4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**
5. **DELEGATIONS:**
NEBC Resource Municipalities Coalition-Colin Griffith, Mayor Lori Ackerman, Mayor Rob Fraser 6750-01
 - Trying to be one voice in the North, Build strong communities. Need quantitative data showing where growth is possible
 - Mission: Hold industries feet to the fire
 - Goals: unified voice, must have research in place:
 - To develop workforce for ongoing growth.
 - Attract professionals
 - Fair-share agreements -how money will be distributed
 - Fundamental Building Block
 - Government and Industry will not deal with Region without Agreement in place
 - Cooperation is fundamental

- Industrial tax-base determines wealth of municipality
 - 92% of time Forestry driven industries were incorporated into tax base
- The Grant was indexed - growth based on industry tax base growth.
- Fair Share Agreement was to take region into 2020.
- Was formed excluding Hudson's Hope and the Rural Directors.
- Stated that they were forced to the table due to the indexing being removed:
 - Negotiations were started, implementation of changes were put forward by the government
 - The coalition presented an analysis showing that tax-based growth was not going to be very high
 - Communities signed a 20-year agreement that was indexed at 2% growth
 - New changes have now left communities exposed, they must come up with infrastructure plans, business plans and budgets to present to government
 - Government has added a clause to reduce the Grant if economy decreases. Peace River Agreement will be under the same restrictions.
- The Government Grant is now an annual grant
- The cost of the Coalition is covered based on cost-sharing-divided by population of each municipality.
 - Fort St John has been covering Hudson's Hope cost allocation.
- Three municipalities remained in the Coalition which reduced the per capita fee:
 - Full District of Hudson's Hope annual membership is \$12,526.09
 - New 3-year membership to take effect in September
 - There will not be a penalty for those municipalities that wish to rejoin the Coalition, the per capita fee will be reduced
- Initially the Electoral areas were not included due to voting against the formula (Fair Share). They were given 10% of the pool in 2005:
 - Government has stated only allowed to give them 10% and no more due to Electoral Directors having access to Industrial tax base
 - The Municipalities were not prepared to advocate/propose any changes

6:52 Councillor Quibell arrived

- Difference between NEBC and PRRD:
 - PRRD does not have the function as a lobbyist
 - NEBC deals with service providers
 - PRRD is not a level of government-deals with 911, solid waste and emergency measures. Has no economic development function.
- NEBC is lobbying for a Saskatchewan model of taxation-pushing for changes to legislation.

6.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Johansson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

DIARY

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Conventions/Conferences/Holidays

Beryl Prairie Playground

07/25/16

UBCM resolution - Alternate Director

10/11/16

Certified Correct:



CAO/Tom Matus



Chair/Mayor Gwen Johansson