



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2017
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present Council: Mayor Gwen Johansson
Councillor Dave Heiberg
Councillor Kelly Miller
Councillor Travous Quibell
Youth Councillor Jade Rowe

Absent: Councillor Heather Middleton
Councillor Caroline Beam

Staff: CAO, Tom Matus
Director Of Protective Services, Robert Norton
Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown

Other: 2 in gallery

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. with Mayor Gwen Johansson presiding.

2. DELEGATIONS:

**D1 North Peace Airport Society: Jim McKnight, Board Chair; 8400-01
Miranda Flury , Director of Strategy & Capital Planning;
Gordon Duke, Managing Director North Peace Airport**

- Presented background of airport
 - First airport was located at Rene Dhenin flat where BC Police post was located.
 - Charlie Lake had been used for many years as a float plane base and at Red Powell's at Sunny Side. Originally used by Yukon Southern Airways which became Canadian Pacific and then Air Canada.
 - In the early 1940's airplanes operated from a strip ran east, west, south of the Condill.
 - An airstrip at Rona was also used for a short time.
 - Construction of the present facility began before the Second World War. With the start of the war Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F) became the operator of the facility.
 - Airport was turned over to the Department of Transport (D.O.T) in 1952 and was run in conjunction with Transport Canada and the Ministry of Transportation until 1994.
 - In April 1995 North Peace Regional Airport operations were taken over by North Peace Airport Society which is made up of the District of Hudson's Hope, District of Taylor, City of Fort St John and Electoral Areas B & C.

- The legal name of the airport is Fort St John airport and has the international designation YXJ.
- The airport is managed by the Vantage Group under a 30 year contract.
- The airport has operated for the past 20 years with basically no local tax inputs, the majority of improvements have been funded by the airport improvement fees. Some financial assistance has been received from the Airport Capital Assistance Program and the North Peace Economic Development Commission.
- The airport is serviced by Air Canada, WestJet, Central Mountain Air, North Cariboo and the helicopter operators. Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Services are now available.
- 250,000+ passengers went through the terminal in 2016
- 25,000+ passengers went through the North Cariboo Terminal in 2017.
- Economic Impact:
 - Value Added (GDP) \$16,000,000
 - Employment: 216 Full time employees
 - House hold income: \$12,000,000
 - Taxes paid: \$6,500,000
- Future growth:
 - Terminal Building renovations to reduce congestion.
 - Considering a new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting structure
 - Extensive rebuild to runway
- Discussion was had in regard to changing the name on the sign from Fort St John Airport to North Peace Airport. The committee will discuss with the other stakeholders to see if this is a possibility (Transport Canada etc).
- At this time the North Peace Airport Society is integrated with Peace River Regional District; they are looking to become a stand-alone unit.
- The airport is a key piece of infrastructure in the North. The society ensures that it is run in a safe and efficient manner and that it meets the needs of all its stakeholders.

3. **NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayors Additions: Mayor's report

Councillors Additions:

Staff Additions: SR3

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

0550-01

RESOLUTION NO.228/17

M/S Councillors Heiberg/Miller

That

"The agenda be amended to allow for the presentation of the mayor's report at the beginning of the meeting"

CARRIED

5. **REPORTS BY MAYOR & COUNCIL ON MEETINGS AND LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

CM1 **Mayor's Report to Council**

• **Discussion with Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Michelle Mungall.**

0400-20

- Minister Mungall reported that consultation will happen with the communities affected by the Site 'C' decision. Mayor Johansson voiced her concern due to Hudson's Hope being different from the other North East communities, consideration needs to be taken in regard to the fact that we are a supplier of these services not just a utilizer. If there is a decision that is brought to Peace River Regional District in regard to a trust, a weighted vote would have to occur. Mayor Johansson explained her concern in regard to the vote as the majority of the votes will be held by municipalities that are not as directly affected. Mayor Johansson discussed the Legacy Agreement with Minister Mungall; the Minister had not heard of the agreement. Council discussed preparing a background document which would include all information pertaining to Site C, Legacy etc. in order to better explain the District's position.

• **Peace Williston Advisory Committee Meeting**

0360-01

- Established in 1982, hold 4-6 meeting per year. The meetings are an avenue of communication between the Board and the Municipalities. The Committee is traditionally chaired by a northern board member. The new government has replaced three members of the board, Chair Brad Bennett, President & CEO, Jessica MacDonald and Director Jack Weisgerber. A new government usually replaces all the members. The new chair of the Peace Williston Advisory Committee will be Janine North.
- Corky Evans, former New Democrat MLA for Nelson-Creston, was in attendance. He discussed the existing Columbia Basin Trust. Mayor Johansson is not sure if anyone has background on the Legacy Agreement and is concerned that the District of Hudson's Hope will not have proper consideration in regard to the degree of impact.
- Councillor Heiberg is in support of sending one or two Council members to meet with Minister Mungall and to provide her with a background brief. The brief is also to be sent to Janine North, the new Peace Williston Advisory Committee Chairman.
- Mayor Johansson to prepare brief for the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and for the Peace Williston Energy Advisory Committee. The completed brief is to be brought back to Council for review. The approved brief is to be forwarded to Minister Mungall and to Janine North, along with an invitation for a meeting.

6.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

7.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

0550-01

M1

November 27th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Correction to CR2: Progress informed the Mayor that the partnership with Sasol Limited in regard to the Montney shale gas play has now been cancelled. The partnership had owned a substantial piece of property, within the Hudson's Hope area, which they are planning to put on the market

RESOLUTION NO.229/17

M/S Councillors Heiberg/Miller

That

"The minutes of the November 27th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

8.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

4710-01

BA1

SR5 Christmas Parade

- Council would like to thank all staff for the excellent job of planning and implementation of the Christmas Parade and Tree light-up ceremony.

BA2

SR1 CAO Report- Action and other Updates -Atkinson Subdivision

- CAO directed to determine if power is on at the Atkinson Subdivision.

3320-01

9.

STAFF REPORTS:

SR1

CAO Report- Action and other Updates

0110-01

0720-20

- **Wastewater Facility Upgrade**
 - The aerators will need to be installed, this cannot be completed until the end of January.
 - The upgrade is on budget for this year; overall project does have additional costs. Will be approximately \$300,000 over budget.
 - CAO handed out report on the project; report to be brought back to January 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting for discussion.
 - Concern was voiced in regard to having the aerators sitting out in the winter weather. CAO stated that the contractor has given him a form of verbal guarantee that the aerators will not be affected. CAO will request some form of warranty on them.
 - Contractor has started to move fluid from cells 2 and 3 to cell 4 at this time.
- **Infrastructure Planning Grants**
 - Would like to apply for the grant to use towards the cost of a preliminary design for the upgrade to the Beattie lift station.

1855-03-20

5600-01

- The estimated cost of the design will be \$20,000. Urban Systems has been contacted in regard to doing the design as they were the original designers and know the project.
- The existing valves will need to be moved from inside the well to the outside the well for ease of access and to consider the safety of the employees.
- The proposed plan is to replace the existing well which will have a cost of at least \$300,000.

- SR2 **Urban System Report-Wastewater Treatment Plan** **0720-20**
- Report states that the blower will be in the week of December 18th, concern voiced in regard to whether this is accurate when considering the delay in completion. CAO to confirm date of commissioning and of operator training. CAO to obtain guarantees in regard to the project.
- SR3 **Christmas/New Year's Office Closure** **0110-01**
RESOLUTION NO.230/17
M/S Councillors Heiberg/Quibell
THAT:
"Council authorize the municipal operations to close at noon hour on December 22 and December 29, 2017."
10. **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**
11. **BYLAWS:**
- B1 **Garbage Bylaw Amendment No. 892, 2017** **3900-02**
Tabled until January 8, 2017 meeting due to lack of quorum for vote. **5360-01**
- B2 **Amended Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 893, 2017** **3900-02**
RESOLUTION NO.231/17 **1820-00**
M/S Councillors Heiberg/Miller
THAT:
"Council adopt "Hudson's Hope Amended Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 893, 2017".
12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- C1 **Letter to Muscular Dystrophy Canada** **0320-00**
FOR INFORMATION.
- C2 **NCLGA Northern Mayors and Chairs Roundtable** **0400-01**
RESOLUTION NO.232/17
M/S Councillors Heiberg/Quibell
THAT:
"Council authorize the travel costs for Mayor Johansson to attend the Northern Mayors and Chairs Roundtable in Prince George".
- C3 **UBCM-Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment** **0400-01**
FOR INFORMATION. **1855-04-20**

- C4 **Thank you from Hudson's Hope Historical Society** **0220-01**
FOR INFORMATION.
- C5 **Peace River Regional District-Regional (PRRD)Initiatives** **0400-50**
RESOLUTION NO.233/17
M/S Councillors Miller/Quibell
THAT:
"Mayor Johansson to send a letter to PRRD in support of the regional initiatives".
- C6 **District of Sicamous request** **0400-50**
RESOLUTION NO.234/17
M/S Councillors Miller/Heiberg
THAT:
"Mayor Johansson write a letter of support in regard to the prevention of Quagga and Zebra mussels".
- C7 **The Royal Canadian Legion** **1475-01**
RESOLUTION NO.235/17
M/S Councillors Heiberg/Miller
THAT:
"Council authorize the purchase of a 1/10 page business card-full colour ad as support for the Royal Canadian Legion.".
- C8 **UBCM submission on Cannabis Legalization** **0400-01**
FOR INFORMATION **3710-00**
- C9 **Canada Energy Partners Disposal Well** **0400-20**
 - Staff directed to contact Oil and Gas Commission and request a public forum to be held in Hudson's Hope in regard to the factors behind the decision to re-open the disposal well
- C10 **UNBC Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium** **0390-01**
 - Mayor Johansson will be in Prince George for the Mayor's roundtable and will attempt to attend the consortium while there. Staff directed to RSVP on behalf of the mayor.
- C11 **Support request from Double "H" Saddle Club** **0230-20**
RESOLUTION NO.236/17
M/S Councillors Heiberg/Quibell
That:
"Council approve a resolution of support for the Double "H" Saddle Club application for the BC Rural Dividend Grant to provide a letter confirming this resolution of support."
13. **OLD BUSINESS:** **0400-01**
OB1 **NCLGA Resolutions**
 - Possibly put forward a resolution with Peace River Regional District in regard to Cannabis
14. **NEW BUSINESS:**
15. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

0560-00

7:17pm motion to move into in-camera meeting.

RESOLUTION NO.237/17

M/S Councillors Miller/Heiberg

THAT:

"Council close the meeting Pursuant to the Community Charter under Section 90 1(a), (c) and (g)".

Mayor Johansson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

DIARY

Diarized

Conventions/Conferences/Holidays

<i>Beryl Prairie Septic Field</i>	<i>07/25/16</i>
<i>Grant Writer Program Sponsorship-September</i>	<i>04/10/17</i>
<i>NDIT Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program- -to be brought forward at Strategic Planning Meeting</i>	<i>08/14/17</i>
<i>Requests from Mr. Kelly-Entrance to dump, handrail at Community Hall, Cemetery Plot Map</i>	<i>10/23/17</i>

Certified Correct:


Chair/Mayor Gwen Johansson


Corporate Officer Tammy McKeown