



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present **Council:** Mayor Gwen Johansson  
Councillor Travous Quibell  
Councillor Kelly Miller  
Councillor Dave Heiberg  
Councillor Heather Middleton  
Councillor Mattias Gibbs  
Youth Councillor Jade Rowe

**Absent:** Councillor Caroline Beam

**Staff:** CAO, Tom Matus  
Director of Public Works, John Simcock  
Director Of Protective Services, Robert Norton  
Safety/Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Wallace Roach  
Special Events Coordinator, Kaitlyn Atkinson  
Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown

**Other:** 3 in gallery

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

RESOLUTION NO.088/18

M/S Councillors Miller/Heiberg

0550-01

THAT:

*"The May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Agenda be amended to allow for correspondence item C9 to be brought forward for discussion at the onset of the meeting".*

Carried

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

C9

**Pool Schedule- Elimination of Earlybird Swim**

0540-20

Councillor Dave Heiberg declared a conflict of interest with item C9 due to his spouse having signed the document. Councillor Heiberg left the Council Chambers at 6:01pm.

0810-20

- Community Member, Steve Metzger came forward as representative in regard to letter to Council.
- The community members wanted to have their concerns presented to Council in writing; He stated that staff have responded to the members' communications in regard to the Earlybird swim but the members feel that there is still some hedging in place due to the Staff having stated that the swim will be reinstated as long as

everything goes as planned. The Earlybird swim has been in place since 1981; many community members need to be able to access the pool at an earlier time due to other commitments. Seniors utilize this time to get exercise.

- The Corporate Officer explained the reason for the delay in offering the Earlybird swim this year was due to a staff shortage; as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, the two additional day time employees will be available for scheduling. The pool is beginning to offer lifeguard training to attempt to have better succession planning in place so that we do not have this concern in future years.
- Mr. Metzger stated that the June 15<sup>th</sup> start up for the Earlybird swim will be fine but also voiced his concerns in regard to sharing the pool with Aquafit.
- Youth Councillor Jade Rowe, in her role as a pool employee, responded to Mr. Metzger's concerns; Aquafit will utilize up to half of the pool which will leave at least 1-2 lanes available for the Earlybird swim. Based on past years' attendance, this will be sufficient space for the swim.

6:10pm Councillor Heiberg returned to the meeting.

2. **DELEGATIONS:**

3. **NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayors Additions:** *Mayor's Report*

**Councillors Additions:**

**Staff Additions:** SR9, CM1, C12

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

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

Councillor Dave Heiberg declared a conflict of interest with item C9 due to his spouse having signed the document

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

M1 **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting**

0550-01

- Correction: CM1 Whole Wheat and Honey Café not Honeywheat Café
- Correction: CM1 \$145,000 for prep work, which is approximately 10% of total cost.
- Correction: D1 should read 'about the prospect of a new skate park and the development of projects'
- 

**RESOLUTION NO.089/18**

**M/S Councillors Quibell/Miller**

**That**

**"The minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as amended"**

**CARRIED**

7. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:**

BA1 **C1- Fort St John CO-OP**

- The barriers for installing a new CO-OP were not discussed. 0390-01
- It is more difficult to get approval to bring a new CO-OP into a community than it was previously.
- There were no other Hudson's Hope members in attendance at the meeting.

BA2 **SR3 - Operational update- Public Works: Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB) chargeback costs**

- The Director of Public Works met with YRB after the May 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting; costs were in relation to hydro vac and ditch clean out; YRB has now waived the fees in entirety under the agreement that the District does the clean up when the road rebuild is completed. 0510-20  
1240-01
- Discussion in regard to what is required for the road rebuild.

BA3 **SR5- Redundant Water Intake**

- Councillor Heiberg stated that the test well would not necessary become a primary source of water for the District; it would be an option for Council to consider in the future. 6660-20  
5600-09

BA4 **C9-UBCM meeting**

- Staff to send invite to StrongStart. 0400-01

BA5 **Mayor's Report to Council**

- **Saulteau Meeting:** Mayor Johansson, Councillor Miller and Councillor Heiberg met with four representatives of Saulteau First Nations. They discussed the Peace Moberly Tract, the Treaty Land Entitlement, and the Treaty Land Acknowledgement. Chief, Ken Cameron, provided a historical background. The Council are looking forward to Future meetings between the District of Hudson's Hope and Saulteau First Nations. It is important that the District and Saulteau work together as the Peace Moberly Tract overlaps a large portion of Municipal land. 0400-01  
0400-70
- **University of Victoria Professor:** The Mayor visited the Bernot slide site with the professor and students from the University of Victoria. There are no signs that the slope is receding. The Ministry of Environment was in Hudson's Hope doing sampling; the Mayor will contact them to request their findings. 0230-20
- **Provincial Rodeo Finals:** large amount of attendees from around the province. Northern contingent swept the Junior Finals

8. **STAFF REPORTS:**

SR1 **CAO Action and other Updates**

- **Peace River Agreement meeting with the Ministry of Municipalities and Housing:** The intent of the meeting was to review historical documentation and to provide the background of the agreement. A process to bring information forward from Councils/CAOs is being developed. The meeting was held via 0230-20

teleconference on May 25, 2018. Another meeting is planned to be held in November.

- **Premises Pollution Liability Insurance Policy:** The cost of the 5280-02 policy is unknown at this time.
- **Hudson's Hope Health & Care Housing Society:** Councillor 0230-20 Miller to be invited to participate in the discussions with the Society.
- **Lucas Subdivision:** The Director of Public Works is to meet with 6850-00 LNB to ensure that all deficiencies have been completed.

SR2 **Street Lighting for Drew Road** 5320-01

- Specifications in regard to the light have not been received; can request LED which would give more light and would be cheaper to operate.
- Discussion in regard to District installing the light versus BC Hydro; Hydro owns the pole so they will have to install the light.
- CAO to request specifications of light and cost of installation.
- Request that was received was for the end of Drew Road not for the intersection.

**RESOLUTION NO.090/18**

**M/S Councillors Quibell/Middleton**

**That**

**"Council table item SR2 until the next Council meeting to allow staff time to bring back cost of installation and to confirm location of requested light."**

**CARRIED**

SR3 **Staff Travel Reports** 2810-01

- CAO will apply for the Investing in Canada Fund when it becomes available; funding to be allocated to the Beattie lift station.
  - Discussion in regard to awarding contracts in the future; consideration of the District's past experience with contractors should be included as a screening mechanism when sending out Requests for Proposals and Tenders. Council will assist the Director of Public Works with the evaluation wording.
- **Protecting Water Resources:** Possibly consider restrictions in regard to location of fracking sites from water supply; refer to Quebec Case.
- **Cannabis Regulation:** Look at having proper signage in place prior to legalization. Discussion in regard to Federal jurisdiction over medical marijuana and the issues that this could cause in regard to municipal zoning bylaws.

SR4 **Solar Array Project** 5860-06-01

- Discussion in regard to the grand opening on June 2.
- Arena inverter- a part had failed, the specifics of the failure are not known; the part has been replaced.

SR5 **Lagoon Facility Upgrade report update** 5340-01

- Discussion in regard to incomplete work:
  - Aerator is not installed correctly
  - One person sent to attempt clean-up

- Compaction not being completed properly or accurately
- Issue with mainline sanitation line
- Contractor has until June 15<sup>th</sup> to have project completed in entirety. This is not feasible as it will take 80 days to fill Cell 1; would be freezing before the cell is filled.
- Until facility is operating properly, Director of Public Works believes that any outstanding payments should be withheld.
- Director of Public Works has requested daily records of inspection and requested the completion date; neither have been received.
- Options are:
  1. District fixes the deficiencies and take the cost from the holdback; issue now is in regard to warranty work. Urban Systems approved completed work; CAO believes that District needs to hold Urban Systems accountable for the deficiencies.
  2. Sue for the deficiencies.
- Director of Public Works to bring back documented list of deficiencies to compare with the information presented at this meeting.
- Public Works will be conducting in-house audits of existing infrastructure every Tuesday. Before any new infrastructure is accepted, a walk-through will be conducted with the contractor.
- Director of Public Works has requested representation from Council to be in attendance when walk-through of waste-water treatment plant is conducted. Council requested a walk-through prior to completion; Director of Public Works to schedule.

SR6      **Recreation and Event update**      6440-01

- Special Event Coordinator reviewed the issues she has encountered with the set-up and cleaning of the bouncy castle
- IMAGINE Grant was received; increases budget availability for playground to \$40,000.
- Update provided on camps that are being offered.
- Additional Canada Day grant received from the Credit Union.

SR7      **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski Hill Fishing Derby**      6440-01

*RESOLUTION NO.091/18*

*M/S Councillors Miller/Quibell*

*That*

*"Council waive the rental fee of \$420.00 for the tent, based on availability, in addition to the donated campsite use and the donation of DOHH passes or SWAG based on the District Policy."*

*CARRIED*

SR8      **Water Well Testing**      5280-14

- Council requested an explanation as to why the District was being asked to fund the testing.
  - It is an opportune time to be searching for an additional water source.
  - BC Hydro is willing to fund the well testing. If the flow rates and mineral levels are good, could consider this as a primary source. Two locations for the well are being considered; waiting on a reply from Eastlink.

- Council requested clarification; at the last meeting it had been stated that the District did not want to move to a well system. The District wants BC Hydro to ensure that the water coming in to the intakes remains.
- The well is meant to be an alternate source as the understanding is that only two of the springs are producing.
- Consideration needs to be taken in regard to effect the berm will have on the water supply; well could be an option to ensure water source remains available.
- Concern voiced in regard to the test wells and the effect this may have on the existing agreements in place.
- Director of Public Works voiced concerns in regard to the well system. If water will be raised higher than the elevation than the existing springs, a well should not be required. Concern that there may other reasoning behind the request for the test well.
- Council requested concrete information to be brought forward for consideration.
- Potential well location will be discussed and presented to BC Hydro at a later time.

SR9	<b>Director of Public Works- Operational Update</b>	0530-01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beryl Prairie Fire Hall Clean up- Discussion in regard to location of playground; need to determine distance requirement in regard to contamination. <a href="#">Recreation Committee to bring requested location for playground to Director of Public Works.</a></li><li>• Powell Road legal issue: issue with road was brought to District's attention from one of the residents. Director of Public Works obtained written permission from all affected residents to gain access to their properties. Road is out by 340 linear meters; 4 power poles will need to be moved and the road will need to be shifted in entirety. Legal survey has been conducted. <a href="#">Follow-up report to be provided by Director of Public Works.</a></li></ul>	
9. CM1	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:</b> <b>North Peace Airport Society April 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes</b> FOR INFORMATION	0230-01
10.	<b>BYLAWS:</b>	
11.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b>	
C1	<b>Sparc bc</b> FOR INFORMATION	
C2	<b>Meeting with National Energy Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Request for meeting to be held at 1pm on June 13<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Pipeline abandonment has been an issue in the past and this would be an opportunity to discuss with the National Energy Board.</li></ul>	0400-20
C3	<b>Community Energy Workshop</b> FOR INFORMATION	7500-01
C4	<b>UBCM BC Hydro meeting</b>	0400-01



Heiberg and Councillor Miller are Council representatives on the CEC; Council urges the community to contact them with their concerns.

### **North Montney Pipeline**

0400-20

The 206 kilometer North Montney Mainline pipeline project would gather gas from the Sikanni / Buckinghorse area on the Alaska Highway and carry it south to a hub north of Groundbirch, where it would connect to a network of pipelines into Alberta and other parts of North America. The project is owned by Nova Gas, a subsidiary of Trans Canada. The line would cross the Peace River between Farrell Creek Road and Ardills' ranch, so is close to Hudson's Hope. It should generate considerable business within the community, unless Nova Gas applies the same rule as Progress Energy and requires that all workers stay in camps.

The line was originally approved in 2015 when it was tied to Petronas' proposal for an LNG plant in Prince Rupert. When that project was cancelled, the pipeline's National Energy Board's (NEB) approval was also cancelled. However, other companies indicated an interest in using the line and applied Nova Gas applied for a variance which was granted on May 23. The federal government still must issue approvals, but assuming those come through, construction is anticipated to begin later this year. A big portion of the 42" pipe needed for construction is stored in a field in Beryl Prairie. You might remember when it came in: three pipe lengths per truck, and they had to have traffic control to get around the post-office corner!

### **Disposal Well**

0400-20

About 30 people attended the OGC meeting in which they went over the history of the well and the reasons for deciding to re-permit it, after withdrawing the permit last year. Ben Jones, president of Canada Energy Partners Inc., has indicated that he intends to comply with the additional conditions imposed by the OGC and re-open the well as soon as practicable.

### **Petronas**

0400-20

*Business in Vancouver (BIV)* magazine, reports that Petronas, the Malaysian state-owned company which planned and then last year dropped their proposed LNG plant in Prince Rupert, has purchased an interest in LNG Canada. Shell and three other partners currently own LNG Canada and have indicated that they will soon make a final investment decision on whether to go ahead with their LNG plant in Kitimat.

If the LNG Canada plant in Kitimat does proceed, and if Petronas is indeed a partner, then we can expect increased activity in this area. Progress Energy is a subsidiary of Petronas, and Progress has huge sub-surface rights on our northern border. Progress would be supplying the gas to fill whatever percentage of the gas their partnership entitles them and that would come from just north of us. One problem for Hudson's Hope, though, is that Progress requires that their employees and their contractors' employees, must live in their camp. That cuts out the Hudson's Hope hotels, restaurants, RV parks etc. The Mayor has argued with Progress operations people about that rule because it hurts Hudson's Hope a lot, but so far they are sticking to their position.



The Mayor just hopes Nova Gas doesn't follow the same policy for their pipeline.

**Kwadacha and Tsay Keh Villages**

0390-01

The Mayor had an opportunity to visit Kwadacha and Tsay Key villages at the north end of Williston Reservoir. Kwadacha (Fort Ware) is on the Finlay River and is aggressively pursuing a policy of self-sufficiency.

They have a bio-mass generating system, burning chips from beetle-killed pine trees to create steam. They use the waste heat to heat three large greenhouses which supply vegetables, berries and fruit. They plan to heat one greenhouse year-round in order to supply food for all 12 months.

They have a cement truck and two small lumber mills, which supply building materials for housing and public buildings. Their 6-unit seniors' center is heated by hot water piped underground from a wood-fired boiler system located outside. Some of the buildings are heated by geo-heat exchange. Their school is K-12, the same as Hudson's Hope.

Tsay Keh is on the banks of Williston Reservoir where the annual draw-down exposes miles and miles of sand beaches which sometimes creates massive dust storms. It's a health hazard and they have spent enormous effort to try to understand and control the dust. It's a daunting task and although they have gathered an enormous amount of data, there's no a solution in sight. Despite the dust problem, Tsay Keh has improved living conditions of their people, with a new school, store, housing and seniors' center, sewer system, and programs.

The focus on self-sufficiency makes a lot of sense, given that it's about a six hour drive north of Mackenzie. Both communities have made enormous progress since I was there about 12 years ago. The Mayor wishes them well in their efforts.

13. **OLD BUSINESS:**

14. **NEW BUSINESS:**

15. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**

**Steve Metzger:** Requested clarification in regard to Powell Rd. Director of Public Works clarified that the work will be done at the lower end of Powell Rd.

0530-01

- Requested clarification in regard to the medical cannabis producers/ distributors. Corporate Officer explained that this is federal jurisdiction and as such municipalities have no say in regard to locations whereas local government can restrict locations of recreational cannabis producers/distributors.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
**8:10 pm Motion to move in-camera**

0560-00

**RESOLUTION NO.092/18**

M/S Councillors Miller/Gibbs

THAT:

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

Carried

Mayor Johansson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

**DIARY**

**Conventions/Conferences/Holidays**

Beryl Prairie Septic Field

School Gymnasium agreement

**Diarized**

07/25/16

02/26/18

Certified Correct:



Chair/Mayor Gwen Johansson



Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown