



**Committee of the Whole
June 11th 2018
6:00 P.M.
Beryl Prairie Fire Hall**

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

Absent: Councillor Kelly Miller

Staff: Director of Public Works, John Simcock
Director Of Protective Services, Robert Norton
Safety/Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Wallace Roach
Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown

Other: 10 in gallery

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The meeting called to order at 6:56 p.m. with Mayor Gwen Johansson presiding.

2. **DELEGATIONS:**

3. **NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayors Additions:
Councillors Additions:
Staff Additions:

4. **DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

Topic 2 **Rural Roads:**
Hudson's Hope Municipal Roads:
The District has done quite a bit of road improvements in the last few years. (eg: Drew Road & the Beryl Prairie subdivision) We don't want to see it wrecked if we can help it. The District has a policy that industries planning to operate within the municipality are expected to identify themselves and tell us what their plans, schedules etc. are.

Drew Road -As you know, a lot of pipe stored up Drew Road. We've been in touch with Trans Canada about the recent pavement and we don't want that to be ruined. (Nova Gas). The Mayor called them last week and they brought it up -said they recognized the road issue on Drew Road. But we do have to make sure that not only Calgary recognizes that, but that whoever the trucking company that's doing it recognizes that the pavement has to be protected.

Beryl Prairie Subdivision -same thing -but there, we don't know who might be going to use it. Not just the oil companies

Beckman Road - into the old Lynx Creek subdivision along the creek. Saturday -going past on highway 29. At Beckman turnoff, the Mayor saw a sign on Beckman that says Danger: KEEP OUT Active Construction Site, so went to investigate. Coming down Beckman Road towards her, was an excavator on tracks with lugs. Not helping the road any. It was one of BC Hydro contractors, falling danger trees and digging holes to check for gravel. The Mayor called and talked to their field supervisor and mentioned that they had no right to close off municipal roads nor to drive down the middle of them with tracked vehicles with lugs etc. The Mayor noticed today there is a different sign and there is a pile of tires they are using to move their cleated excavator.

We have the policy about notification and talking to us but we probably will have to pass something stronger and we need to get the word out. To be fair, the contractors probably don't know what's in the District boundaries and what' outside. So we have plans to put signs on all the roads coming into the municipality so contractors and operators know when they are coming into the District of Hudson's Hope.

Provincial Roads: Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure:

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) formed a Rural Roads Committee last year. I'm on that committee. We started off looking at 30 rural roads that needed fixing. Then started comparing. After months of consulting with Ministry officials, driving around, and prioritizing, we got down to 5. Beryl Prairie Road and Farrell Creek were both in the top five. WE are now down to two top priorities, one being Farrell Creek Road. (Other is out at Baldonnel, near FSJ.) **Jack Kjos**, who worked on the Rural Road Task Force that existed in the 1990's, and got a lot of work on roads done, is the consultant. Bruce McKay, who was with Ministry of Highways as regional manager etc., is sub-contracting as a consultant and they are a very strong team.

Where We're At:

We are trying to get the Minister to come up to tour the regional roads. Failing that, we are trying to get an appointment with her in order to get some funds to fix the Farrell Creek Hill and Baldonnel Road.

Note: The highest priced sale of sub-surface rights in 2017 was up Farrell Creek Road. WE have industry support for improvements to the Farrell Creek Hill. That is a fairly good indicator of where activity is going to be going. We would be working to have an industry representative on the delegation to the Minister. Increased activity could be an incentive for getting them to spend some money on the road.

The Mayor is meeting with local MOTi a week from Friday.

Topic 1 **Update on Industry within the District of Hudson's Hope**

PIPELINES:

North Montney Mainline gathers gas in the Sikanni Chief/ Pink Mountain area & transports it to the Groundbirch area, where it connects up with other pipelines with connections to all parts of North America.

It crosses the Peace River between Pecks (Farrell Creek) and Ardill's Ranch driveway.

Originally permitted contingent on the Petronas LNG proposal for Prince Rupert going ahead. So when that failed, the permits for the North Montney pipeline also became invalid.

11 companies decided they could use that line even if the Petronas LNG didn't proceed so they applied for a variance to the NEB. NEB has recommended that the variance be granted, but it has to go to the federal government Cabinet for approval. TransCanada is saying it could take from 3 to 6 months for that approval to come through.

The word is construction could start this fall.

Company Activities:

Petronas: (Progress) Three Big Developments for Progress recently:

1. North Montney Mainline Pipeline which we just talked about. Progress is the anchor shipper.
2. They purchased a 25% interest in LNG Canada, so they dropped their own proposal for a plant in Kitimat and instead are going in with Shell. Expect the papers on that 25% ownership to be finished by end of July. Expect the Final Investment decision by the end of the year. LNG plant will take 4-5 years to build, and the first gas to go into it will come out of those northern gas wells in the Sikanni / Pink Mountain area and a lot of those wells are already drilled and capped, so they don't anticipate a great boom in activity all of a sudden. More like very little for about 18 months and then gradually increasing.
3. They have a firm 25 year transportation delivery commitment on the Empress Pipeline to Eastern Canada. (So that means that they aren't held hostage to the United States market - they can get gas through to eastern Canada, even without the Canada East line going through.)

Beryl Prairie has time to get ready if you choose to.

1. **Water wells** - get water tested (quality & quantity)
2. **Farmington** - if you know people over there, talk to them about the issues they are having with 20 wells to a pad, noise, lights, traffic, etc.

A Role for the District:

- District has no control over crown land (since about 2003 or so? Gordon Campbell's government)

- Been encouraging scientists to work here (eg Migration of methane through soil - wet & dry) so that if there is a leak, they will have an idea of how far it will go and how fast.)
- Have some ability to do some things through zoning. This area mostly RU 2 - Rural Agriculture (no coal mines. Sub-surface already sold so probably wouldn't affect gas. Some were RU 3 - Rural Resource which includes all resource development (mines, wind farms etc)

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

7. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**

Request for clarification in regard to ownership of Beryl Prairie Rd: The road belongs to the Ministry of Transportation and is serviced by Yellowhead Road and Bridge. Traffic is a concern with the possible changes to Farrell Creek Road and the Highway 29 re-alignment.

Beryl Prairie Playground: Councillor Middleton explained that the playground had been identified by the Recreation Committee as a top priority item. The Director of Public Works stated that the soil sampling will be submitted next week and that a location needs to be set. There is a concern that the playground may not be able to be installed on this site due to contamination. If we are able to use this site, volunteers from the community will be requested to assist with the playground set up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved back to Regular Council meeting at 7:24pm

DIARY

Conventions/Conferences/Holidays

Beryl Prairie Septic Field


School Gymnasium agreement

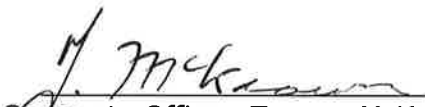
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Certified Correct:


Chair/Mayor Gwen Johansson


Corporate Officer, Tammy McKeown