



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**District Office – Council Chambers**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**June 12, 2023**

Present:           Acting Mayor Tashana Winnicky  
                  Councillor Kelly Miller  
                  Councillor Debbie Beattie  
                  Councillor James Cryderman  
                  Councillor Tina Jeffrey

Staff:             Chief Administrative Officer, Mokles Rahman  
                  Director of Protective Services, Fred Burrows  
                  Directory of Public Works, Robert Dauphinee  
                  Corporate Officer, Andrea Martin

Other:             1 community member in the gallery

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Acting Mayor Winnicky presiding.

**1. DEDICATION PAGE**

**2. DELEGATIONS**

**3. NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS**

Acting Mayor's Additions:	NB1 – RCLC Update - Acting Mayor Winnicky
Councillor's Additions:	NB2 – PRRD Meeting Update - Councillor Miller
	NB3 – Solid Waste Management Transfer Station
	Councillor Miller
	NB4 – BC Hydro Maintenance of Lucas Subdivision Lots -
	Councillor Miller
	NB5 – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Update –
	Councillor Jeffrey
	NB6 – Offering Free Camping within Hudson's Hope
	Campgrounds during the Fire Evacuation - Acting Mayor
	Winnicky
CAO's Additions:	None

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS**

**5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

## 6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### M1 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 29, 2023

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 114 / 2023**

**M/S Councillors Miller / Jeffery**

***THAT the minutes of the May 29, 2023, Special Council Meeting be adopted.***  
**CARRIED**

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### SR9 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER REMUNERATION

Acting Mayor Winnicky requested Director of Protective Services, Fred Burrows, to advise the council on the timeline for this report. Fred says it will be a couple of months, but it is a priority over the Wildfire Risk Assessment.

### SR9 WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Acting Mayor Winnicky requested Director of Protective Services, Fred Burrows to advise the council on the timeline for this report. Fred advised that he reached out to other agencies on this and the expected return response is predicted to be a few months.

### NB6 MoTI SIGNAGE ON CANYON DRIVE NEAR OSBORNE INTERSECTION

Councillor Miller requested an update on the additional sign that MOTI was supposed to place on Canyon Drive at Osborne Street. He also enquired why we put a "no left turn sign" on Canyon Drive which was not Council's wish. Also, added if the administration contacted MoTI on their plan of putting signed on the Canyon Drive. CAO Mokles Rahman replied that he will check the council motion and get back to the council and did add that he has contacted MoTI Field Manager and that they have not responded to him yet.

### NB1 GATES ON BERM

Councillor Jeffrey provided an update, she has spoken to BC Hydro and they have no claim or use to the gates that they can be removed. Further discussion on controlling vehicle access to the berm by way of retractable bollards, this could pose a problem with emergency vehicle access as the bollard tends to stick going up or down. Further research into a solution is needed.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING

## 9. STAFF REPORTS

### SR1 2022 DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE ANNUAL REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 115 /2023**

**M/S Councillors Winnicky/ Jeffrey**

**THAT Council approve the 2022 Annual Municipal Report.**

**CARRIED**

### SR2 FINANCIAL GRANT IN AID REQUESTS 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 116 /2023**

**M/S Councillors Miller / Beattie**

**THAT Council approve a grant-in-aid to the Hudson's Hope Minor Soccer in the amount of \$550.00.**

**CARRIED**

## 10. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

## 11. BYLAWS

### B1 COUNCIL REMUNERATION & REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES BYLAW NO. 939, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 117 / 2023**

**M/S Councillors Beattie / Jeffrey**

**THAT Council give three readings to Bylaw 939, 2023, a bylaw to provide for the remuneration of the Council and for the reimbursement of expenses.**

**CARRIED**

Needs to go back to the Remuneration Committee to be amended to include special circumstances for when there is no mayor and the acting councillors are not acting they are the actual mayor and there needs to be compensation recognized for this.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

### C1 MAYORS FOR PEACE NEWS FLASH

For Information

### C2 NORTHERN HEALTH – FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE

For Information

### C3 COALITION OF CHILD CARE ADVOCATES OF BC – UBCM CHILD CARE RESOLUTION

For Information

### C4 UBCM – HOUSING

For Information

**C5 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE – AMENDMENT ASSESSMENT  
REPORT FOR BC HYDRO'S SITE C TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AMENDMENT**

Direction to staff to draft a letter from Acting Mayor Winnicky expressing concern that the retaining structure containing hardware and cables at locations 3 and 4 may pose a risk to recreational users.

**C6 CARIBOO RECOVERY – INVITATION FOR QUARTERLY UPDATE TO  
STAKEHOLDERS**  
For Information

**C7 MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP – NE  
ROUNDTABLE**  
For Information

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

**14. OLD BUSINESS**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1 – RCLC – REGIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE – ACTING MAYOR WINNICKY**

The Site C lodge will be decommissioned once the project is complete. They will be accepting bids from communities and organizations. The buildings can be moved but there is the potential for them to stay in place. Received a tour of the facilities and the Site C dam. It didn't appear that anything would be overly suited to Hudson's Hope. There is interest that the facility be turned into social housing or an addictions and mental support facility.

**NB2 – PRRD MEETING – COUNCILLOR MILLER**

Councillor Miller provided an update on the meeting. The meeting was based on the PRRD proposal to a Treaty Land Sharing Network which would allow indigenous people limited access to private land on a volunteer basis. The landowners were not well informed and were there to protest this proposal. The PRRD rescinded the letter. The meeting was eventually closed because the amount of people was too large for the venue and its fire codes, police and fire were there to facilitate closure of the meeting.

**NB3 – GARRETT LACY – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - COUNCILLOR MILLER**

Discussion with Councillor Miller and Mr. Lacy regarding Hudson's Hope residents not being allowed to put furniture items at the local transfer station unless it is cut in thirds. Councillor Miller passed on pictures that a concerned citizen provided showing large waste items in the wooded areas that had been set on fire as an attempt to burn the garbage.

Mr. Lacy informed Councillor Miller that Hudson's Hope is scheduled to receive a significant upgrade to its transfer station within the next year.

We will continue to accumulate larger items such as appliances, tires, wood and scrap metal and clear these items when necessary.

#### **NB4 – LUCAS SUBDIVISION VACANT LOT MAINTENANCE – COUNCILLOR MILLER**

Councillor Miller inquired as to the arrangement regarding grass maintenance on the lots in Lucas Subdivision.

#### **NB5 – ELECTRIC CAR CHARGER LOCATIONS – UPDATE**

Councillor Jeffrey updated the status of her communication with BC Hydro staff on EV Charging station and asked Director of Protective Services, Fred Burrows, to provide his opinion on the previous directors' concerns that the vehicles are at high risk of catching fire. Chief Fred Burrows states that there is nothing in the fire code that indicates that the electrical cars historically burn any more than those at gas stations and that the desired location of Beattie Park is allowed. This decision is left up to the local government to make.

**RESOLUTION NO. 118 / 2023**

**M/S Councillors Miller / Beattie**

**THAT Council adopt the motion that Electric Car Location be that of Beattie Park.  
CARRIED**

#### **NB6 – OFFERING FREE CAMPING WITHIN HUDSON'S HOPE CAMPGROUNDS DURING FIRE EVACUATION - ACTING MAYOR WINNICKY**

Acting Mayor Winnicky started the discussion on how to accommodate surrounding communities Orders to Evacuate by way of offering free camping at our local site given availability and current reservation schedule. Discussion included the following:

- Waive all camping fees while the Order to Evacuate is in effect for any neighbouring community.
- Fees are waived only while the Order to Evacuate is in place with a grace period while evacuees transition back to their community.
- Direct those evacuated to the non-reservable sites.
- Direct those evacuated to sites closer to the community, so they have services, King Gething, Alwin Holland and Dinosaur Lake.
- While on evacuation the current policy states that campers have to move every 7 days this provision will be waived while the Order is in effect while camped in the non-reservable spots.

Direction to staff: Staff to bring a revised policy with the proposed changes.

#### **16. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

#### **17. IN-CAMERA SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 119 / 2023**

**M/S Councillors Beattie / Miller**

**THAT Council move to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following items:**

- **Community Charter Section 97 (1) (b):**
  - (b) all minutes of Council meetings, other than a meeting or part of a meeting that is closed to the public
    - Closed Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

- **Community Charter Section 90 (1) (g):**
  - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality
    - Summer Road – Blocked Access – verbal update
    - Water Treatment Plant – Future direction
    - Personnel

**CARRIED**

## 18. RISE AND REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. IC034/23**

**M/S Councillors Miller/ Cryderman**

**THAT** Council approve establishing an ad-hoc committee for the recruitment of a new CAO. The committee members are Councillors Winnicky and Jeffrey who will be working with the Interim CAO, Chris Cvik, and report back to the council.

**CARRIED**

## 19. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Mayor Tashana Winnicky declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

## DIARY

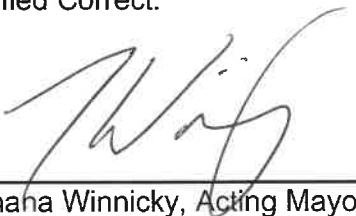
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### Conventions/Conferences/Holidays

Commercial Water Rate Increase-annual budget  
Consideration  
ATV Campground – Naming / Memorial Plaque  
Council Remuneration Policy

08/04/19  
2022  
2023

Certified Correct:

  
Tashana Winnicky, Acting Mayor

  
Andrea Martin, Corporate Officer