



Regular meeting held on August 3rd, 2015

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town of Hudson Council, held at the Community Centre, on August 3rd, 2015.

ARE PRESENT

Ed Prévost	-	Mayor
Robert Spencer	-	Councillor / Electoral District #1
Ron Goldenberg	-	Councillor / Electoral District #2
Nicole Durand	-	Councillor / Electoral District #3
Barbara Robinson	-	Councillor / Electoral District #4
Deborah Woodhead	-	Councillor / Electoral District #5

Duncan E. Campbell, Director General
Vincent Maranda, Town Clerk

ABSENT

Natalie Best	-	Councillor / Electoral District #6
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1. OPENING AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Quorum was reached and Mayor Ed Prévost calls the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No: R3871-2015

**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

That the Town of Hudson Council adopt the agenda of the August 3rd, 2015, regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No: R3872-2015

CONSIDERING Council has reviewed the minutes of the July 6th, 2015 regular Council meeting;

**It is proposed by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the minutes of the July 6th, 2015 Council meeting.

CARRIED

4. WORD FROM MAYOR

5. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

5.1. Mrs. Jane Wright – 387 Main Road

- Representing Artiste Hudson Artist Association, mentions there was no advertising or media attention as promised by the Town for their “vernissage”, asks how much money the Town committed to this project; Community Centre lights had to be replaced by artists, disappointed by the lack of support from Town.

Mayor Prévost will get back to her with specifics concerning the money. Director General Duncan Campbell was not aware of the “vernissage” and apologizes. As the presentation is on for a full month, he will make sure that the Town does its utmost to make the event known to its residents.

5.2. Mr. Andre Bourassa – 374 Woodcroft

- Les résidents de son secteur ont subi de nombreux désagréments depuis le début de l'été à cause de chats en liberté, il suggère au conseil de vérifier le règlement de la



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Ville de Calgary concernant les chats: «*promoting responsible cat ownership*» et de possiblement appliquer ce genre de règlement à la Ville d'Hudson. Monsieur le maire Prévost répond qu'il regardera le règlement ainsi que ceux d'autres villes, le conseil est en processus de réviser le règlement en vigueur.

- 5.3. **Mr. Frank Hicks – 46 Quarry Point**
- Congratulations to Town on the Street Fair, asks about repair of potholes. Mayor Prévost advises that Director General Mr. Campbell will report on this issue later.
- 5.4. **Mr. Bill Driver – 104 Elm**
- Mentions that some sections of Main Road becoming impassable. A plan needs to be presented to citizens.
- 5.5. **Mrs. Diane Piacente – 692A Main Road**
- Asks for news on the employees' Collective Agreement. Director General Mr. Duncan Campbell answers that he will address this issue in his report.
- 5.6. **Mrs. Eva McCartney – 97 Mullan**
- Asks about the status of the conservation plan. Director General Mr. Campbell replies that the Town has gone out to invitation to tender which is closing on August 12th. Six firms have been invited to bid. A selection committee will be set up to evaluate the bids and a recommendation will be made to Council on September 8th. The Town should have a conservation plan by the end of the year.
- 5.7. **Madame Hélène Éthier – Como est**
- Questions the tree policy in Hudson, states that it is non-existent. Asks where the Town stands with regards to the PMAD and the ash disease issue; suggests that the Town and professionals get together to propose a tree policy and make sure that they are helped with any tree issue that they have especially with the emerald ash borer.
Mayor Prévost answers traps were purchased for the ash borer; Director General Mr. Campbell adds that Hudson is getting into the issue of the emerald ash borer as it is now a CMM issue, Hudson's problem is there is no inventory of the number of trees. Mayor Prévost concludes that her suggestions are duly noted.
- 5.8. **Mr. David Vance – 157 Windcrest**
- Complains about the condition of roads in Hudson. Mayor Prévost answers that his concerns will be addressed.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1. **Deposit of the list of correspondence for the month for July 2015**

7. **ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

8. **URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- 8.1. **Deposit of the list of permits for the month of July 2015**
8.2. **Resolution – Agricultural Advisory Committee member**

No: R3873-2015

WHEREAS Chapter V.1 of the Act respecting land and use planning and development (R.S.Q., c. A-19.1) empowers the Council to constitute an agricultural advisory committee;

WHEREAS the Committee is composed of seven (7) persons appointed by Council and one (1) member must be from the "Société de Développement Commercial (SDC)";

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson would like to appoint a new member to the AAC that is already a member of the SDC;

Therefore,



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**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT Mr. Pat O'Grady, member of the SDC, be appointed as a member of the AAC from August 3rd, 2015 to their first meeting in November 2015.

CARRIED

9. **TREASURY**

9.1. **Approval of disbursements**

No: R3874-2015

CONSIDERING Council has examined the disbursements made and to be made for accounts payables and salaries as of July 23rd, 2015;

**Therefore,
It is moved by Councillor Robert Spencer
Seconded by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
And unanimously resolved:**

TO APPROVE the following disbursements as of June 26, 2015:

i) Disbursements: \$555,353.95

CARRIED

10. **MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESSOURCES**

10.1. **Resolution – hiring of a Treasurer & Director of Finance**

No: R3875-2015

CONSIDERING that under the authority of the Director General of the Town, the Treasurer and Director of Finance has the principal mandate of overseeing and preparing financial statements, budgets and daily functioning of the finance department.

CONSIDERING that potential candidates were met by management and Council members and decided that Mr. Serge Raymond was the best candidate to occupy this position and that he be hired to occupy this position within the Town.

**It is moved by Councillor Nicole Durand
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT Mr. Serge Raymond be hired as Treasurer and Director of Finance for the Town of Hudson in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the budget and policies in effect.

CARRIED

11. **PUBLIC WORKS**

There is no report to submit at this sitting

12. **ENVIRONMENT**

12.1. **Resolution – water ban**

No: R3876- 2015

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has been experiencing large fluctuations in its supply of potable water;

WHEREAS By-Law N° 631 provides that the use of potable water can be prohibited for



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the purposes provided in this by-law upon an order by the Director General;

WHEREAS in order to protect our water reserves and ensure the security of citizens and essential services, the Town of Hudson, through its Director General, has made the decision, as of July 17th, 2015, to completely ban the use of water supplied by its municipal water systems for the watering of lawns;

WHEREAS when a ban is decreed by the Director General, it must be sanctioned by Council resolution at the first Council meeting following the ban;

**THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:**

THAT the Council of the Town of Hudson sanctions the decision of the Director General forbidding the watering of all lawns until such a ban is lifted by the Director General.

CARRIED

13. **PARKS & RECREATION**

There is no report to submit at this sitting

14. **CULTURE & TOURISM**

14.1. **Resolution – support for the filming of “La petite séduction”**

PARTICIPATION OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON IN THE RADIO-CANADA TELEVISION SHOW ‘La petite séduction’

No: R3877- 2015

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson has received a request in July 2015, to verify our interest in a possible participation in the filming of the TV show "La Petite Seduction" that would be broadcast twice across Canada allowing one million viewers to discover the Town of Hudson in the company of a well-known personality;

WHEREAS one of the objectives of the Town is to attract and encourage thousands of visitors and tourists to come to the Town and participate in the economic development of our region;

WHEREAS this coveted show will be a great showcase for promoting the Town and its attractions raising awareness of its natural environment and outdoor spaces so sought after by visitors and tourists as well as discovering the cultural and artistic face of the Town of Hudson;

WHEREAS the entire population will be mobilized for this project and this will have a positive effect bringing people together and creating pride in our community;

WHEREAS the Town of Hudson agrees to bear the possible costs of building or procuring items, if any, including technical assistance and lending equipment by the Town, the costs of which would not exceed \$10,000 to allow for the film shooting of “La petite séduction”;

**THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Deborah Woodhead
Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand
And unanimously resolved:**

TO give our support to the participation of the Town of Hudson to the realization of the television program "La Petite Séduction" with its central theme being the Town of Hudson while authorizing possible expenses of up to \$10,000 for the preparation and implementation of activities undertaken by the Town related to the film shooting and that the Director General be authorized to sign the documents related to this event.

CARRIED



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15. **PUBLIC SECURITY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

15.1. **Resolution – Hudson Firefighters Association Annual softball tournament**

No: R3878- 2015

Authorisation for the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages:

WHEREAS at the July 11th, 1994 meeting, the Town adopted a By-Law bearing N^o 313, which prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages, without authorization, in the Town's public areas;

WHEREAS a request dated July 23rd, 2015 was received from Mr. Corey Bowen, president of the Hudson Firefighters Association to hold an outdoor fundraising event at Benson Park, on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2015 and to have a concession stand for the sale of beer;

WHEREAS a part of this event will be the sale and consumption of beer;

THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Robert Spencer
And unanimously resolved:

THAT in accordance with Article B.20.1 of By-Law N^o 313, the Town of Hudson authorizes the sale and consumption of beer at Benson Park during the mixed softball tournament to be held by the Hudson Firefighters Association on August 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2015. All proceeds of sales from the tournament will go directly to the James Ratcliffe Scholarship Fund.

CARRIED

16. **BY-LAW / ADOPTION**

16.1. **By-Law N^o 665-2015 modifying By-Law N^o 634 concerning the Budget Control and Monitoring Policy**

No: R3879- 2015

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend By-Law N^o 634 concerning the Budget Control Monitoring Policy in order to change the authorized personnel of the Town and amounts they can approve for incurring Town expenditures;

WHEREAS the notice of motion has been given at the July 6th, 2015 council meeting;

WHEREAS the requirements of Article 356 of the *Cities and Towns Act* have been met and the Council members declare having read By-Law N^o 665-2015 and relinquish its reading;

THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg
Seconded by Councillor Barbara Robinson
And unanimously resolved:

THAT By-Law N^o 665-2015 be and is hereby adopted.

CARRIED

16.2. **By-Law N^o 666-2015 modifying By-Law N^o 650 concerning Pets**

No: R3880- 2015

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend by-Law N^o 650 on pets to permit the walking of dogs in certain locations and during certain hours without a leash;



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WHEREAS by-Law N° 493 concerning dogs, which was repealed by by-Law N° 650, allowed locations and hours for walking dogs without a leash and it is appropriate to re-introduce in by-Law N° 650 the same conditions that were provided for in by-Law N° 493;

WHEREAS Notice of Motion was duly given at the regular Council meeting held on July 6th, 2015;

WHEREAS the requirements of Article 356 of the *Cities and Towns Act* have been met and that all council members declare having read By-Law N° 666-2015 and relinquish its reading;

THEREFORE,
It is moved by Councillor Barbara Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Robert Spencer
And unanimously resolved:

THAT By-Law N° 666-2015 be and is hereby adopted.

CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

18.1. Mrs. Helen Kurgansky – 22 Quarry Point

- Asks about the progress on the water situation.

Director General Mr. Duncan Campbell points out the water ban is in effect, it has been since July 16th and will be in place until further notice. A call for tender is being issued for technical and professional services to drill a secondary well at the Bradbury station since a secondary well is needed. This will take one year to be approved by the Ministry of Environment. Another source of well water needs to be looked at. As a short term solution the Town is asking people to respect the water ban.

18.2. Mrs. Diane Piacente – 692 A Main Road

- Asks if the Town has an Environment Committee and does it meet.

Councillor Barbara Robinson answers not yet.

- Suggests the creation of a committee and points out that the previous committee had 3 scientists on board that may agree to come back, this would be important with regards to issues such as tree selection on properties, golf courses, ash tree borer, etc.

18.3. Mrs. Chloe Hutchison – 59 Mount Pleasant

- Raises question about upcoming urban plans and scheduling; asks to add some items to the TPAC agenda.

Councillor Deborah Woodhead answers that she will be meeting with the Urban Planning Director, Mrs. Nathalie Lavoie, and will discuss the agenda items with her.

18.4. Mr. David Vance – 157 Windcrest

- Asks how much road repairs can be done with \$10,000; points out that the Town pays half a million dollars to the AMT for 14 people taking the train of which only half live in Hudson, would \$510,000 be enough to repair Hudson's streets?

Director General Duncan Campbell answers that he can't talk about the AMT but thinks a master plan should be developed for road repair. Mayor Ed Prévost suggests that Mr. Vance attend the presentation scheduled on the 19th as road infrastructure will be an important part of the program.

18.5. Mrs. Cynthia Maher – 126 Cameron

- Asks if Council has results on the soil testing which was done three weeks ago.

Director General Duncan Campbell answers that he is waiting for results.

18.6. Mr. Peter Robinson – 36 Main

- Asks if Town has final figures for 2014 and if there is a list of unpaid taxes.

Director General Mr. Duncan Campbell answers that there is a list of 60 addresses for non-payment of taxes since 2013, those people are being notified and a report will be made to council as early as September 8th at which time council will move by resolution



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to put those properties for sale by auction. With regards to the 2014 audit, 2014 needs to be closed, the Town has been without a Treasurer since February, the Town has a state of execution from the Ministry.

19. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

No: R3881-2015

It is moved by Councillor Ron Goldenberg

Seconded by Councillor Nicole Durand

And unanimously resolved:

THAT this meeting of the Hudson Town Council be adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Ed Prévost
Mayor**

**Vincent Maranda
Town Clerk**