

**THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 12:00 noon
Tourism Centre**

Present: Mayor Louise Krewusik
Councillor Paul Bailey
Councillor Terry Coray
Councillor Jackie Dube
Councillor Gordon Frentz
Councillor Tony McCormick
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer
Carolyn Ferraby, Chief Financial Officer
Tara Wignes, Community Development Officer
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Councillor Vic Beland

Delegates: Rebecca McElhoes, Community Relations Advisor
Heather Bishop, Senior Environmental Advisor
Steven Leong, Project Manager
Armand Cardinal, Community/Aboriginal Liaison

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krewusik called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by Councillor Dube and seconded by Councillor Bailey
156/07 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda is adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Krewusik thanked the delegation for attending the meeting, and asked each attendee to introduce themselves and state their title.

3.1 Trans Canada Pipelines

Ms. McElhoes thanked Council for arranging to meet with the company. She said the company is hosting an Open House at the Rec Centre later this evening, and invited Council and staff to attend.

Mr. Leong explained the proposed pipeline project in the Grande Cache area.

Ms. McElhoes asked what future communications would be expected by Council from the company. Mayor Krewusik said that municipal elections are this fall, and it may be appropriate for the company to arrange to meet with the new Council some time in the new year to provide project updates.

Councillor Frentz asked for the location of the proposed construction site. Mr. Leong explained where the proposed pipeline will be constructed.

Mayor Krewusik asked about the reclamation requirements after construction is complete. Ms. Bishop explained the application and reclamation process that is involved with Alberta Sustainable Resources Department.

Councillor Frentz asked how much of an impact the construction will have on traditional trails in this area. He said that after previous construction, trailheads were blocked off. He asked that only the pipeline right-of-way should be blocked,

not any trails. Mr. Leong said the company appreciates this type of feedback. Ms. Bishop said the company tries not to block any trails, and usually most places that do get blocked are part of erosion control practices, especially on steep slopes.

Councillor Coray asked if the company cuts parallel to an existing cutline. Ms. Bishop said the company tries to use as much of an existing cutline as is feasible, thus leaving less of an environmental footprint.

Mr. Leong explained the proposed work crew camp location, adding that anywhere from 200 to 400 workers could be in the camp during the construction.

Mayor Krewusik said the Town of Grande Cache has been asking the provincial government for improvements on Highway 40 with the increased activity in this region. She said the Town has asked to widen the highway, increase the number of pull-out areas and repair the blue bridge north of Grande Cache. She asked if the company would consider submitting a letter of support to Alberta Infrastructure regarding this matter, as the company's proposed activity will have a direct effect on increasing highway usage.

Ms. Bishop further explained the route selection for the proposed pipeline.

Councillor Coray asked if the company policy for caribou protection included anything for the mountain pine beetle infestation. Ms. Bishop said that both the company and SRD is aware that this particular area was identified as having infestation. Councillor Coray asked if the workers surveying for the pipeline would recognize beetle infestation, and would they report it to the company. Ms. Bishop said that most of the surveyors the company uses have experience as foresters, and would probably report any findings.

Councillor Frentz asked what would happen, if after all the planning for the project is complete, that the company is not allowed to cross a waterway. Ms. Bishop explained the application process to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for waterway crossings.

Councillor Dube asked for clarification on the company statement, "Early In/Early Out". Ms. Bishop explained the impact of activity in this area on the local caribou population.

Ms. McElhoes explained the company's policy for public consultation for the proposed project. She said to date the company has not received any significant issues or concerns from local residents. She said they have been asked questions, and are in the process of assessing impacts of the project. The company will continue to consult and inform the public of their projects in this area.

Mayor Krewusik asked if the company would provide Council with a brief summary of the information gathered from the Open House later today. She added that a meeting in seven or eight months to update Council on the company's progress would be appreciated.

Mayor Krewusik thanked the group for attending the meeting and providing Council with information on the proposed project.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

None

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

None

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dube and seconded by Councillor Coray

157/07 WHEREAS the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:30 pm.

Louise Krewusik,
Mayor

Darren Ottaway,
Chief Administrative Officer