

**THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 12:00 noon
Council Chambers**

Present: Deputy Mayor Terry Coray
Councillor Paul Bailey
Councillor Jackie Dube
Councillor Gordon Frenz
Councillor Tony McCormick
Carolyn Ferraby, Chief Financial Officer
Tara Wignes, Community Development Officer
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Mayor Louise Krewusik
Councillor Vic Beland
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer

Delegates:

Mr. Tony Knutson, Manager, Maxim Power Corp.
Mr. Tim Rokos, Manager, Milner Power
Mr. Tom Mercik, Consultants
Mr. Tim Robillard, Consultants

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Coray called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by Councillor Dube and seconded by Councillor Bailey
14/07 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda is adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

3.1 Milner Power, #14 Mine Presentation

Deputy Mayor Coray welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending this meeting. The delegates and Council introduced themselves.

Mr. Knutson gave a verbal summary of the activities Milner Power is currently involved with. He provided Council with #14 Mine Project maps and information. He explained the project Milner Power and their consultants are working on, and the process they will be following.

Mr. Knutson asked if Council was considering a by-pass route for large trucks. Councillor Frenz said that Council does not want to divert any traffic away from the Town.

Mr. Knutson provided a summary of the traffic study completed for Highway 40. Deputy Mayor Coray asked if the study identified the blue bridge north of Grande Cache as a concern. He said this bridge is old and narrow, and increased truck traffic may present traffic flow issues. He added that the province has not been replacing any bridges on Highway 40. Mr. Knutson told Council he will discuss this issue with his manager and see if there is anything they can do, such as lobby the provincial government.

Mr. Knutson continued by discussing issues residents have expressed with the new project:

- Dust source management
- Truck/wheel wash systems for coal hauling vehicles
- Enclosed/covered conveyor systems
- Tarps/covers for coal hauling trailers

He explained the water system for the project, including:

- Primary water sources
- Area impact study
- Sediment ponds/recycling water for fire suppressant system and mine operations

Mr. Knutson said they want to emphasize their desire to continue to work with local groups in the area, including:

- Death race organizers
- Golf course
- Town trail system
- Hunters
- Dinosaur tracks society

Mr. Robillard said that the application for the project is nearly complete and will be submitted soon. They met with local aboriginal groups, such as the Metis Local 1994, AWN and the Mount Louis group. The company is planning to work with them to set up training programs and employment opportunities, as well as discussing issues with the environment and traditional practices.

Councillor Bailey asked at what point would the company decide that this project is no longer viable on a financial level. Mr. Knutson said different scenarios were reviewed, and they anticipate the project will progress in a positive manner for some time.

Councillor Frenz said that this project will have a positive impact on the Town's economy, and they have support from Council. He said there are oilfield trucks hauling equipment and unknown dangerous goods through Town now, so he feels the effort the company is making to minimize the impact is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Robillard asked Council what topics they would like to see included at their upcoming Open House. Councillor McCormick said the biggest concern will be with dust from the coal hauling trailers. He asked if the company could provide examples of the truck wash systems and sealing of loads. Mr. Knutson said they are trying to arrange for a truck/trailer display. Councillor Frenz agreed that bringing in a unit and demonstrating how it operates would be beneficial.

Mr. Knutson said one concern the company has at this time, is finding qualified employees for the expansion. He asked Council if the Town's future plans would accommodate an increase in population; such as school enrolment capacities, available land for residential development and increased use and expansion of infrastructure. Ms. Wignes said that the Town expects an increase, as DFI has expressed their plans of relocating approximately ten families to Grande Cache. Councillor McCormick said the Town is being proactive by hiring additional staff in all departments, and will also implement more youth activities and programs.

Mr. Robillard asked Council if they would like to meet prior to their application submission. Deputy Mayor Coray said Council would like to meet briefly with the company before the Open House to discuss any additional information or updates. The company will contact Ms. Wignes to make arrangements.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor McCormick and seconded by Councillor Dube
15/07 WHEREAS** the business of this meeting has now been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:05 pm.

Terry Coray
Deputy Mayor

Darren Ottaway
Chief Administrative Officer