

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Inaugural Council Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Out-going Deputy Mayor Thorne
Mayor-elect Fielding, Councillors-elect Jean Fraser, Ernie Hurd, Lindsay Bell,
Vern Moberg, Peter Schierbeck

CAO Elsie Lemke
Corporate Officer Polly Palmer
Director of Finance Doug Pryde
Director of Operations Doug Allin
Director of Planning Dave Smith
Engineering Technician Mirjam Glass

Members of the Public
Members of the Media

ABSENT: Councillor – elect Terry Condon

CALL TO ORDER: Out-going Deputy Mayor Thorne called the Inaugural Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCIL

OATH OF OFFICE Corporate Officer Polly Palmer conducted the Oath of Office:

Mayor Keith Fielding
Councillor Jean Fraser
Councillor Ernie Hurd
Councillor Lindsay Bell
Councillor Vern Moberg
Councillor Peter Schierbeck

CHAIN OF OFFICE Past Deputy Mayor Thorne presented the Chain of Office to Mayor Fielding.

PRAYER FOR NEW COUNCIL Lay Minister Lillian McLeod conducted a prayer

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

COUNCILLOR SCHIERBECK Thanked the voters of Peachland for voting and stated he was looking forward to the next three years on Council and watching Peachland progress

COUNCILLOR FRASER Thanked the voter of Peachland and all her supporters and stated she will endeavour to fulfill her election promises.

COUNCILLOR HURD Thanked the voters of Peachland for voting and stated that he will listen to the people and looks forward to Peachland moving forward

COUNCILLOR BELL Thanked the voters of Peachland for voting for her and stated that she is happy to represent young families of Peachland. Councillor

Bell stated that she will be open and honest and look forward to hearing from the people of Peachland.

**COUNCILLOR
MOBERG**

Thanked the voters for voting for him and stated that he looks forward to being back on Council and working with Council and the Mayor

**MAYOR
FIELDING**

Thanked the people of Peachland for the trust and confidence they shown by electing him Mayor. Mayor Fielding paid tribute to all the candidates that put their name forward in the election and he congratulated the new Council. Mayor Fielding stated he was pleased with the continuity of the past Council in the form of Councillor Fraser and Councillor Condon, and that a further depth of experience will be added by Councillor Hurd and Councillor Moberg, both of whom have served on previous Peachland councils.

Mayor Fielding stated that this Council is a group of strong minded people whom he has faith in, that will listen to one another, respect each other's points of view and seek to work together collaboratively in the best interest of the community.

Mayor Fielding wants to lead a Council that is open, that is respectful, that listens to the people who elected it, and which reflects the community's will in its decision making. He believes this is a commitment that is made by all who has been elected and as Peachland's Mayor, he will strive to ensure that they live up to these expectations. It is the Mayor's commitment that on all matters of major importance that public communications, consultation with the community and the decision-making processes are designed so as to build consensus rather than to divide and to polarize. Periodic town hall meetings will be an important component in the effort to keep Council accountable and keep them close to the community and he will be bringing forward specific proposals on this at a later date.

Mayor Fielding identified issues that are important to pursue:

- New Official Community Plan
- Re-examine the Water Master Plan
- Examining Capital Works priorities with a view to finding ways to accelerate improvements to sidewalks, trails, open space and traffic calming measures
- Completing the non profit seniors housing project
- Creating social and recreational opportunities for Peachland's youth
- Developing affordable housing policies to encourage the settlement of younger families
- Examining options for saving the primary school
- Opposition to the prospect of gravel pit operations in proximity to residential neighbourhoods
- Support for the work of the Highway 97 task force and the goal for creating a high line by-pass in preference to a 4 lane highway through the middle of Peachland.

Mayor Fielding stated that public participation is an essential part of a healthy system of local government. Some of Council's action plans will include the creation of task groups and advisory committees to help engage the various issues that need to be address. Mayor Fielding looks forward to creating opportunities for Council to draw upon the remarkable array of community groups and organizations with rich base knowledge and expertise.

Mayor Fielding thanked his family, friends and supporters who encourage him to seek election and who have helped him in his campaign. They can be counted on to help him stay focused on the big picture tasks ahead, which include working with his council colleagues to help Peachland reach a consensus about the kind of future it wants for itself, and to then seek ways to create that future.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR FIELDING

MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Council adopts the Standing Committees as distributed;

AND THAT Council adopts the 2008 – 2009 Committee and Board appointments as distributed:

Business Development Committee	All Council Members
Environment & Land Use committee	All Council Members
Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee	All Council Members
Public Safety & Security Committee	All Council Members
Regional District Director & any Regional District Committees	Mayor Keith Fielding Alternate Councillor Fraser
Okanagan Regional Library Board	Councillor Schierbeck Alternate Councillor Bell
School District No. 23	Councillor Bell Alternate Councillor Schierbeck
Kelowna International Airport Advisory Committee	Councillor Moberg Alternate Councillor Hurd
Peachland District Retirement Society Liason	Councillor Condon Alternate Councillor Moberg
Peachland Seniors' support Society Directors	Mayor fielding (existing) Councillor Hurd CAO Elsie Lemke (existing) Gordon Harris (existing)

The Mayor is an ex officio member of all committees or task forces established by Council, the Mayor or a committee of Council.

CARRIED.

**SCHEDULE OF
REGULAR MEETINGS
& DEPUTY MAYOR**

MOVED by Councillor Moberg, SECONDED by Councillor Bell:

THAT Council adopts the schedule of Regular Council Meetings and Deputy Mayor for 2009:

January 13 & 27 (Bell)
February 10 & 24 (Condon)
March 10 & 24 (Fraser)
April 14 & 28(Hurd)
May 12 & 26 (Moberg)
June 9 & 23 (Schierbeck)

July 14 (Bell)
August 11 (Condon)
September 8 & 22 (Fraser)
October 13 & 27 (Hurd)
November 10 & 24 (Moberg)
December 8 (Schierbeck)

CARRIED.

Mayor Fielding thanked Minister Lillian McLeod, the Peachland Piper, Deputy Mayor Thorne and staff for their efforts in this Inaugural Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the Inaugural Council Meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor Fielding invited all in attendance to join the new Council for a coffee reception in the Banquet Room.

(original are signed by the Corporate Officer and Mayor)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Dated at Peachland, B.C.
This 9th day of December , 2008.