



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

Leora MacKinnon
Brenda Burridge
Mary Campbell
Jim Ahn
Grant Mott

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance
Director of Operations
Director of Community Resources
Executive Secretary

Dennis Egyedy
Florrie MacLeod
Owen Farnel
Catherine Cole
Katlynn Bennett

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councilors

Louis Beloin
Paul Marinus

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday December 14, 2009 to order at 6:33 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

One deletion 6(a) Monthly Cash Statement
One addition 10(f) C.O.W Finance Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

350-09 To accept the Agenda for the December 14, 2009 Meeting of the Fox Creek Town Council, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council November 23, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

351-09 To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 23, 2009 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Golden Triangle Trail
Arnie Mostowich, Snow Goers

Mayor Mackinnon presented Arnie Mostowich with a \$50,000 cheque to be used for the completion of the Fox Creek portion of the Golden Triangle Snowmobile trail. Arnie Mostowich thanked Mayor and Council for their contribution.

(b) Chamber of Commerce
Allison Sharpe, Deanna Chouinard

Allison Sharpe informed Council that Tom Gislason was elected the new Chamber of Commerce President during the last Chamber meeting held on December 14th, 2009. Allison Sharpe and Deanna Chouinard presented the Chamber's income statements for the year. Mayor Mackinnon requested that the Chamber submit the audited financial statements for the year to receive their 2010 funding from the Town.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

352-09	To accept the Chamber of Commerce Report as information.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) RCMP Detachment
Sgt. Rodney Koscielney, Cpl. Raimo Loo, Staff Sgt. Harold Milroy

Sgt. Rodney Koscielney introduced Cpl. Raimo Loo as the acting supervisor until the Detachment replaces R. Koscielney position. A new sergeant is expected to arrive sometime in the spring, 2010.

Sgt. Koscielney thanked Mayor MacKinnon, Council, and the community for taking the time to establish a close relationship with the RCMP, and said that Fox Creek stands out to K Division because of that excellent relationship. Staff Sgt. Milroy advised Mayor MacKinnon that in the New Year he would be interested with working with her, and Council in order to find the right Sergeant for Fox Creek.

(d) Petroleum Field Laboratories
Christy DeWalt, PFL Division Manager

Christy DeWalt made a presentation to Council regarding her Commercial Business Application for a petroleum field laboratory in Fox Creek. C. DeWalt also made a presentation to the Municipal Planning Commission on December 9th, 2009. Mayor MacKinnon advised C. DeWalt that Council would be discussing her Business License Application later on in the meeting, and she was welcome to stay for the discussion.

5. STAFF REPORTS

(a) Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Egyedy

Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy presented to Council a report for the year. D. Egyedy highlighted the many accomplishments from the past year including downtown improvements, new skateboard park, improved walking trails and playground, and a new waste water lift station.

Additional funding has been offered by the Provincial Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation committed for the Iosegun and Smoke Lake campgrounds.

D. Egyedy informed Council that Bylaw Officer, Al Carroll spoke to the Nuclear Safety Commission regarding X-ray trucks parked on residential roads. He was advised that there are no particular regulatory restrictions as to where radiographers can park their trucks.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

353-09 To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending December 14, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

354-09 To accept the Accounts Payable Report for the period ending, December 14, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BYLAWS

(a) Obsolescence ByLaw
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Council may pass ByLaws providing for the repeal of a ByLaw or a provision of a ByLaw that is inoperative, obsolete, expired, spent or otherwise ineffective pursuant to section 63(2)(b) of the Municipal Government Act, chapter M-26.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

355-09 To approve the 1st reading of ByLaw 682-09 Obsolescence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

356-09 To approve the 2nd reading of ByLaw 682-09 Obsolescence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

357-09 To approve Third and Final reading of ByLaw 682-09 Obsolescence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Mott

358-09 To approve the 3rd and final reading of ByLaw 682-09 Obsolescence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Request for Decision – Petroleum Field Lab
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Dennis Egyedy reported to Council that Christy DeWalt submitted a business license application to open a laboratory for the analysis of petroleum products, waste water, water and sludge. C. Dewalt would like to open the lab in the vacant office at the Zadderey Agencies building, which is located in a C2 – Service Commercial Zone. A laboratory is not listed as a permitted or a discretionary use in the C2 zone, however a Dry Cleaning and Laundry Plant/Depot are considered a discretionary use in this zone. The laboratory would be comparable to the chemicals used in a dry cleaning operation.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

359-09	<p>To approve Business License Application 051-2009 for a laboratory to be located at #61 – Kaybob Drive Fox Creek;</p> <p>Furthermore, that a “similar use” type clause be added to the discretionary uses of all zones in the Land Use ByLaw, and;</p> <p>Furthermore, that the neighboring tenants be advised of the Business License application for a laboratory;</p> <p>Furthermore, that the Business License be advertised in the newspaper with a two week appeal period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
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- (b) Request for Decision – Shared Municipal Equipment
Councilor Mott, Chairperson Operations Committee

Councilor Mott, Chairperson, Operations Committee presented to Council a Request for Decision regarding the Town’s shared agreement of the street sweeper with the Town of Valleyview. The sweeper was purchased with the Town of Valleyview and Fox Creek under a provincial grant. Over the past two years the sharing of the sweeper has become impractical as both Towns need the sweeper at the same time. Dennis Egyedy, CAO has spoken with the CAO of Valleyview and they are interested in purchasing our share of the Hydro vac unit. Valleyview is offering the Town \$100,000 for our share of the Hydro vac, and Fox Creek will buy out the street sweeper for \$70,000 from Valleyview.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

360-09	<p>To accept the offer by the Town of Valleyview to purchase the 2007 Sterling Hydro Vac unit, Serial # FZHATDA97AX34609 for \$100,00, and</p> <p>furthermore, to offer the Town of Valleyview \$70,000 for the 2008 Challenger Street Sweeper, Serial #J8DE5W16487300820.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
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(a) Request for Decision – Municipal Sponsorship Program
Councilor Mott, Chairperson Operations Committee

The Town of Valleyview and Fox Creek purchased a used 2000 model highway tractor to haul garbage back and forth to the transfer site. Director of Operations, Owen Farnel feels that the Town should upgrade, while keeping the older unit for back up. O. Farnel would like to submit an application under the 2009 Municipal Sponsorship Program with the Town of Valleyview to purchase a used highway tractor.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

361-09	To allow Administration to submit a joint application with the Town of Valleyview for the purchase of a used highway tractor, under the Municipal Sponsorship Program at the cost of \$71,321.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

362-09	To approve the participation of the Town of Fox Creek in the Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for Solid Waste Management with the Town of Valleyview.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

9. MAYOR'S CORNER / COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

(a) GAER Quick Notes, December 7, 2009
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon reviewed highlights from the GAER Quick Notes for December 7, 2009 held in Edson, AB.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

363-09	To approve the GAER Quick Notes for December 7, 2009 as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

(b) Greenview Regional Waste Commission
Councilor Ahn, Member

Councilor Ahn reviewed highlights of the GRWMC meeting minutes for December 3rd, 2009. Dale Gervais was reelected as Chairman, and Norm Adolphson was reelected as Vice Chairman. The Commission reviewed the 2010 budget, it was revised and approved. Councilor Ahn informed Council that as of January 1st, 2010 the MD of Greenview will be taking over the managing responsibility of GRWMC.

Moved by: Councilor Jim

364-09	To approve Councilor Campbell as the Town of Fox Creek alternate member of the Greenview Regional Waste Commission.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

365-09 To approve the Greenview Regional Waste Commission Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2009 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Peace Library System
Councilor Mott

Councilor Mott reviewed highlights from the Peace Library meeting he attended in Grande Prairie on November 28th, 2009.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

366-09 To accept the Peace Library System report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(d) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting December 1, 2009
Councilor Campbell

Councilor Campbell reviewed highlights from the Parks and Recreation meeting held on December 1st, 2009. Highlights included repairs to the Zamboni and installation of chrome rims, the completion of the Mountain Pine Beetle grant application, and updating the TIC playground.

Also discussed was funding for the Cemetery Committee. Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance advised Council there is a 2008 unconditional grant amount available to allocate to the Cemetery Committee. F. MacLeod will be contacting the Committee to advise them whenever they would like to make expenditure to contact her.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

367-09 To approve the allocation of the 2008 unconditional grant of \$7,215.00 to the Cemetery Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

368-09 To accept the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2009 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(e) Municipal Planning Commission
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councilor Mott

369-09 To approve the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2009 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(f) C.O.W Finance Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2009
Councilor Campbell, Chairperson

Councilor Campbell reviewed highlights from the Committee of a Whole Finance meeting minutes held on December 9th, 2009. The meeting was based on 2010 budget working papers for all departments. Council will be reviewing the budget on Monday, December 14th, and January 11, 2010 following the regular meeting of Council.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

370-09	To approve the Committee of the Whole Finance Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2009 as information.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE OR INFORMATION

Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy reviewed highlights from the correspondence received.

Council received a letter for funding support from the Fox Creek Historical Association. The Town provides a \$4000.00 subsidy each year for operational cost of the museum. The Fox Creek Historical Association thanked Council for last year's support, and informed them it has been a successful year.

The Fox Creek School sent Council an invitation to the annual Science Fair which will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010. The School is looking for volunteer judges at the fair.

The Fox Creek Municipal Library sent a request to Council for a contribution to their building fund and technology reserve for 2010.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

371-09	To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:35 p.m.

12. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

372-09	To go "In Camera" at 8:36 PM.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

373-09	To leave "In Camera" at 9:40 PM.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

374-09 Council approves the new Job Descriptions for the following positions: "Land Permit and Finance Clerk", "Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism", and "Director of Community Services", and

Furthermore, Council approves the new position of "Land/Economic Development Officer", and

Furthermore, that Motion #238-09 "to hire an Engineering Technologist/Development Officer" is hereby rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Mott

375-09 Council approves the new "Organizational Chart" as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

376-09 Council approves a \$125.00 rent increase on Doctor Olivier's residence at 600 – 3rd Street for a total monthly rent of \$750.00 effective as of April 1st, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

377-09 Council approves the purchase of a second Doctor's residence for a price not to exceed \$250,000 unfurnished, and

Furthermore, the new doctor shall be provided with six (6) months' rent free for accommodation after which rent be calculated according to financial costs, and

Furthermore, the tenant will be responsible for all utility charges as invoiced by the Town.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Mott

378-09 Council approves a new five (5) Step Grid system for all Town employees with a 3% Wages increase for 2010 effective January 1st, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Mott

379-09 Council approves the purchase of a new Town Grader, to be funded from the Equipment Reserve fund, not to exceed \$250,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. ADJOURNMENT

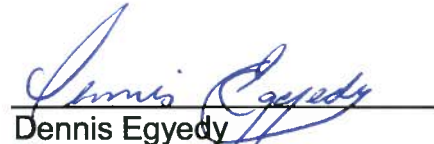
Moved by: Councilor Campbell

380-09 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:55 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Leora MacKinnon
Mayor



Dennis Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer



Date Approved