



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of February 22, 2010

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

Leora MacKinnon
Grant Mott
Brenda Burrige
Louis Beloin
Paul Marinus
Jim Ahn

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

Dennis Egyedy
Owen Farnel
Catherine Cole
Al Carroll
Katlynn Bennett

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councilor
Director of Finance

Mary Campbell
Florrie MacLeod

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE:

Fire Chief

Les Paul

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 22, 2010 to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

50-10 To accept the Agenda for the February 22, 2010 Meeting of the Fox Creek Town Council, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council February 8, 2010

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

51-10 To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 8, 2010 as amended to clarify motion #36-10.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Fox Creek RCMP
Cpl. Loo

Cpl. Loo informed Council that Cst. Slade was unable to attend the meeting because he was on a call. Cpl. Loo presented an incident report for the month of February. Councilor Ahn asked Cpl. Loo if Fox Creek was comparable in crime statistics to Valleyview. Al Carroll, Community Peace Officer said the statistic were similar.

Cpl. Loo expressed his concern with safety issues regarding unnumbered homes and buildings in town. Cpl. Loo suggested that Administration have a ByLaw written to enforce all buildings to be clearly numbered. Cpl Loo provided Council with a copy of Whitecourt’s numbering ByLaw.

Cpl. Loo advised Council that there should be a sign posted to indicate where the 30km cross walk area ends, which is in front of the Town office. It is displayed on the right hand side going up Kaybob Drive, but not on the left side of the road.

5. STAFF REPORTS

(a) Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Egyedy

D. Egyedy presented his monthly report for February, which included highlights of the Class III Landfill, hiring for Land/Economic Development Officer, MSP updates, and training courses. On February 16th, the CAO and F. MacLeod, Director of Finance, interviewed three individuals for the Land/Economic Development Officer, and anticipate having the position filled by the end of March.

D. Egyedy reported that all the vacant town lots are advertised for sale in the newspaper for two weeks prior to promoting outside Fox Creek. Once the survey and prices are established for the new commercial lots across from the storm retention pond, they will be advertised as well.

D. Egyedy submitted the “Integrated Community Sustainability Plan” (ICSP) and has received an approval from Transportation to receive our allocation of the gas tax. The ICSP will be a part of the Municipal Sustainability Plan which in turn will become part of the “Regional Sustainability Plan” for the 12 GAER communities.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

52-10 To accept the Chief Administrative Officer’s Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Community Peace Officer’s Report
Al Carroll, Peace Officer

A. Carroll presented his monthly report for February to Council. Three abandoned vehicles were towed and the owners were advised where to reclaim them. There were two complaints of loud music during late hours at one residence, the home owner was contacted and appraised of the complaints as well as the consequences of continuing to offend.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

53-10 To accept the Community Peace Officer's report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Fire Chief Report
Les Paul, Fire Chief

No report submitted.

(d) Community Resource Centre
Catherine Cole, Director of Community Services

Mayor MacKinnon thanked C. Cole and the CRC staff for another excellent job organizing this year's Family Day Celebration held on February 15, 2010.

C. Cole presented her monthly report for February to Council. C. Cole reported that there was a great turn out for the Family Day celebration, and thanked Councilor Mott for being an excellent MC for the event.

C. Cole, M. Murphy, and S. Bray will be participating in training provided by the Canadian Red Cross on March 1, 2010 in Fox Creek. The CRC partnered with the Fox Creek School, COPS, RCMP and other local agencies to bring this training to the community. These training courses will help address social issues in Fox Creek such as helping youth deal with abusive situations, bullying and harassment for both youths and adults, promoting healthy relationships, and helping adults create safer environments through an increased understanding of abuse, neglect, and the effects on children.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

54-10 To accept the Director of Community Service report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(a) Monthly Cash Statement – January 31, 2010

D. Egyedy reported that Administration will be contacting Kelly Robinson at CIBC regarding alternate reporting on investments.

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

55-10 To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for January 31, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending February 22, 2010

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

56-10 To accept the Accounts Payable Report for the period ending, February 22, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Residential Water Metering Project
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councilor Mott

57-10	To table the Request for Decision regarding the Residential Water Metering Project.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Alberta Permit Pro
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

On March 17th, 2003, the Town of Fox Creek and Alberta Permit Pro signed an agreement to provide inspection services for the town. Alberta Permit Pro provides a number of Safety Codes Officers for building inspections during and after construction, qualified inspectors for buildings, electrical, fire, plumbing and gas inspections and investigations. Alberta Permit Pro services fulfill the Town's obligation to ensure inspections are completed in compliance with the Municipal Safety Codes Council Approved Quality Management Plan. There is an insufficient work load for the Town to have a fulltime building inspector or to have an individual qualified in all areas of inspection. A new agreement with Alberta Permit Pro will include the same fee schedules as 2003 with no increases; they receive 80% of the permit fees and the remaining 20% to the Town. Alberta Permit Pro will work with Town staff to provide Council with monthly inspection reports.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

58-10	To approve the five (5) year Agreement between Alberta Permit Pro Inc. and the Town of Fox Creek for Services pursuant to the Safety Codes Act of Alberta for the period commencing January 01, 2010 until December 31, 2014.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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9. MAYOR'S CORNER / COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

- (a) GAER Quick Notes February 8, 2010
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon reviewed highlights from the GAER Boards of Directors meeting held in Edson on February 8, 2010. Highlights included regional sustainability planning, economic diversification business plans, GAER website, and organizational evolution and role functions. The next GAER meeting will be held in Edson on March 1st, 2010.

Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that Kai So from GAER will be meeting again with the MSP Task Force on March 29, 2010 to provide a copy of the Municipal Sustainability Plan draft for review.

(b) Enhanced Policing Agreement
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon provided a copy of a "Compliance Review of Enhanced Policing MOU's" for RCMP Detachment and Community. MacKinnon asked Council for comments and questions regarding the position. Council would like more reporting every quarter in order to be more informed on current and upcoming projects that Cst. Slade is working on. Councilor Ahn stated he thought Cst. Slade was very visible in Town by participating in many activities making himself well known in the community, and trustworthy to children. D. Egyedy stated that Cst. Slade should start recording when he covers for other members at the detachment in order for the town to be compensated for that time.

(c) Other Meeting Reports
Mayor MacKinnon

MacKinnon reported to Council a number of issues from the AUMA Mayors Caucus meeting held in Edmonton on February 10, 2010. Issues included 2010 budget review, assessment review board training, and Bill 203 election funding. MacKinnon provided Council with AUMA's key initiatives for 2010.

On February 9th MacKinnon and Councilor Ahn attended an Elected Officials Emergency meeting in Valleyview, and commended Administration on a well written and organized Emergency Response Plan.

MacKinnon reported on the meeting with Honorable Rob Merrifield held on February 19th and stated she was pleased that he took the time to meet with Council. R. Merrifield attended the Library's 40th celebration and made a presentation.

10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE OR INFORMATION

Chief Administrative Officer, D. Egyedy reviewed highlights from the correspondence received. D. Egyedy reported that the grant for Federal Gas Tax Fund was approved, and the Town will be receiving \$120,127.00, this represents the full amount of the 2009 installment payment under this program.

D. Egyedy reported that the 2010 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital and operating allocations are now available. Fox Creek MSI allocation will be in the amount of \$584,187.00, which includes capital project funding of \$470,570.00, and conditional operating funding of \$113,617.00. All MSI funding amounts for each municipality will be posted on the Municipal Affairs website.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

59-10 To accept the following Reports and Correspondence as information.

- Insight February 5th & 12th, 2010
- Alberta Transportation, Wayne Franklin
- Alberta Municipal Affairs, Hector Goureau
- 1st Fox Creek Beavers, Nicole Cross
- Alberta Transportation, Luke Ouellette

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

10. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

60-10	To go "In Camera" at 8:31 PM.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Burrige

61-10	To leave "In Camera" at 9:06 PM.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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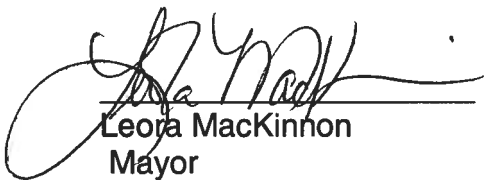
Moved by: Councilor Ahn

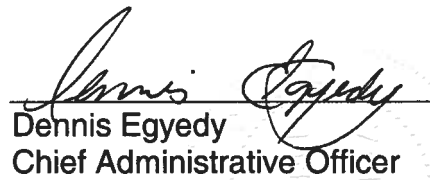
62-10	To offer a position to Renee Fenwick as a campground employee with work until October 31 st , 2010, and Furthermore, in the absence of the Director of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Renee Fenwick will fill in as Acting Director with compensation at Step 1 for the position until the Director returns to work.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

63-10	To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:10 PM.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Leora MacKinnon
Mayor


Dennis Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer

March 8, 2010
Date Approved