



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of January 25, 2010

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

Leora MacKinnon
Grant Mott
Mary Campbell
Louis Beloin
Paul Marinus
Jim Ahn

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

Dennis Egyedy
Florrie MacLeod
Owen Farnel
Catherine Cole
Al Carroll
Les Paul
Katlynn Bennett

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Brenda Burridge

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, January 25, 2010 to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Two additions: 7(b) 2008 Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements
9 (c) Fox Creek Community Diversification Plan

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

11-10 To accept the Agenda for the January 25, 2010 Meeting of the Fox Creek Town Council, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council January 11, 2010

Correction: Motion 10-10

“To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at **8:55 P.M.**”

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

12-10 To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 11, 2010 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

- (a) Minor Hockey
Nicole Kelly, President

Nicole Kelly, President of Minor Sports came to Council to request that the fee for the arena sound booth of \$10.00 be included in their arena ice time fee of \$45,000.00. N. Kelly informed Council that the children and spectators really enjoy having music during games, and would like to be able to use the sound booth free of charge.

Council had concerns regarding too many people in the sound room at once, tidiness, and the security of the sound equipment. N. Kelly informed Council that Minor Sports will solely be responsible for all sound equipment, keeping the room clean, and monitoring who will be in the booth.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

13-10	To exempt Minor Sports from the \$10.00 fee for the Arena Sound Booth for the remainder of the 2010 Hockey Season.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Egyedy

CAO, Dennis Egyedy reviewed highlights of his monthly report for Council. Egyedy informed Council that the Lift Station Forcemain tenders will go out in April 2010, and construction will begin in May 2010.

On January 26th the first meeting of the Disaster Services Committee will meet with Wayne Morris from Pennwest regarding the follow-up of the Mock Disaster exercise held last fall. There will be an Elected Officials Emergency Training available in Valleyview on February 9th, from 8:30am to noon, Councilors received a copy of the registration form.

Dennis Egyedy informed Council that he will be meeting with provincial staff in regards of promoting and improving the two campgrounds, Iosegun and Smoke Lake.

Egyedy, and Owen Farnel, Director of Operations attended a Hydrogeological meeting in Edmonton on January 21, 2010 to discuss water wells for the new water treatment plant. They received four options, one is to reopen well #3-80, however, it has high fluoride levels which must be mixed with other water wells. The second option is to takeover water rights from the Pennwest well #10-13. Third option is to drill a new well costing \$70,000.00 next to the plant. A final option is to drill new water wells, and apply for water licenses and land leases.

Egyedy informed Council that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference is in Toronto from May 28 to 31st, 2010. If any Councilors are interested in attending please let Katlynn Bennett know to ensure travel arrangements are made. Immediately after the FCM conference, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators conference is being held from May 31st to June 2nd, 2010, the CAO will be attending both events. Mr. Egyedy asked Council for time off prior to the conferences from May 20th to 27th, 2010. Council acknowledges his request and had no concerns.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

14-10 To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Community Peace Officer, Al Carroll reported to Council his monthly report for January, 2010. A. Carroll reported that he received one report of a dog being neglected. The owner left town and the dog was left outside with no food, water, or shelter from the cold. The report was turned over to the RCMP and SPCA, who seized the animal and took necessary steps to correct the problem.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

15-10 To accept the Community Peace Officer's report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Fire Chief Report
Les Paul, Fire Chief

Les Paul, Fire Chief reported to Council his monthly update for January, 2010. Eight members have just completed one module, and Les Paul will be working on the 2010 training schedule. L. Paul informed Council that each business is required under the Alberta Building Codes to have a lock box on the premises, and a few businesses in town are missing this box.

CAO, Dennis Egyedy and the Fire Chief will be working on the Fire Pit and Burning ByLaw to be completed for the coming season.

Mayor MacKinnon thanked Les Paul for his hard work on the Fire Departments 2010 operating budget, and submitting it to administration.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

16-10 To accept the Fire Chief's Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Catherine Cole, Director of Community Services reviewed highlights from her monthly report for January, 2010. C. Cole reported that Early Intervention Coordinator, Shannon Bray has a Column in the Fox Creek Times called "Parent 2 Parent" where she answers questions that local residents send in looking for parenting advice. Shannon is also working on "Mom's Morning Out", family and children programs for the year.

Catherine Cole reported that she is currently working on the Family Day celebrations for February 15th, 2010. The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the dinner, there will be a family skate and sleigh rides in addition to the dinner and dance in the evening.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

17-10 To accept the Director of Community Service report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(a) Monthly Cash Statement – December 31, 2009

Current calculations on investment reporting is not consistent with the new funds, although the return was significant in December we are unable to determine the exact interest on a month to month basis. CAO, Dennis Egyedy and Director of Finance, Florrie MacLeod will meet with CIBC to identify a reliable method of reporting the interest earned at the next Council meeting.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

18-10 To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for December 31, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending January 25, 2010

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

19-10 To accept the Accounts Payable Report for the period ending, January 25, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OLD BUSINESS

(a) STARS Air Ambulance
Mayor MacKinnon

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

20-10 To provide the STARS Air Ambulance funding request for a \$2.00 per capita in the amount of \$4,560.00 for the year 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements
Tom Gislason, President Chamber of Commerce

President of the Chamber of Commerce, Tom Gislason provided Council with a copy of the Chambers 2008 Financial statements. T. Gislason informed Council that once the Chambers have finish their yearend reports he will present Council a copy of the 2009 Financial Statements. Council had a few questions regarding the \$3,320.31 Write Off Account, and the \$2,531.58 Prior Year Expenses, and requested that Tom bring the information to the next Council meeting if available.



Moved by: Councilor Beloin

21-10	Council approves the Chamber of Commerce 2008 Financial Statements as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Finance COW Meeting Minutes & 2010 Operating Budget
Council Campbell, Chairperson

Chairperson, Mary Campbell reviewed with Council the highlights from the Finance Committee of a Whole meeting held on January 20th, 2010.

It was recommended that the contingency fund in the amount of \$3,212.00 to be moved to the Economic Development budget in order not to exceed travel expenditures.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

22-10	To amend the Contingency fund in the amount of \$3212.00 to be allocated to the Economic Development budget.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Campbell

23-10	To approve the 2010 Operating Budget with the following amendments: <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Heart River Requisition \$6000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> To decrease the contribution to campground reserve \$20,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> To remove the contribution of \$25,000.00 to the Recreation Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> To include \$20,000.00 as other revenue for the Medical clinic.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Ahn

24-10	To proceed with the residential water metering project, and to fund the project from Water Reserve Account and; Furthermore to submit an application under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Grant program for amounts exceeding \$150,000.00.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Marinus

25-10	To fund the purchase of the Doctor's residence from the General Reserve.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Mott

26-10	To accept the Finance COW Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2010 as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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9. MAYOR'S CORNER / COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

- (a) GAER Jasper – January 14, 2010
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon reported highlights from the Board of Directors meeting held on January 14 and 15th, 2010 in Jasper. MacKinnon informed Council that GAER has approved the redesign of their website, there will be a Tourism Operators Business Directory available. This directory will assist GAER's Tourism Development Specialist in their effort to develop tourism product in the GAER Region. This database will have the ability to extend the Tourism Operators information for Travel Alberta directories.

- (b) Heart River Housing January 21, 2010
Mayor MacKinnon

The Community of Ridgevalley has a Seniors Home that accommodates 15 residents, and is at it's maximum capacity with five clients on the waiting list. The Province of Alberta will be introducing a "Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act", which will be effective April, 2010. The new standards and regulations that are required under this act are increasing operation costs for the Seniors Home. The Ridgevalley Seniors Assistance Society will not be able to sustain these costs without other municipalities support. The support and contributions from the Town of Fox Creek would be greatly appreciated.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

27-10	To approve any additional financial assistance to Heart River Housing for the Ridgevalley Seniors Home.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- (c) Fox Creek Community Diversification Plan
Mayor MacKinnon

D'Arcy Vane, from Strategic Summit in Edmonton prepared a draft Community Diversification Plan draft for the Town, which Council reviewed and were very pleased. Councilor Mott noted that the plan was well written and identified the key priorities for Fox Creek. Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that the purpose of creating a plan is to benefit the residents of Fox Creek for 2010 and the future.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

28-10	To approve the Fox Creek Community Diversification Plan 2010 – 2015 with the following amendments: - The population growth be 3500 - Average increase of population at 100 persons per year	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- (d) Community Futures West Yellowhead
Councilor Ahn

Councilor Ahn informed Council that they held an election for Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. Darryl Yagos, from Woodlands County was elected Chairperson, Lynda West was elected as Treasurer, and Councilor Ahn was elected as Vice Chair.

Currently the organization has approved 21 loans, in the amount of \$881,000.00.



10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE OR INFORMATION

Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy reviewed highlights from the correspondence received. D. Egyedy reported to Council that the MD of Greenview Council has approved an agreement with Fox Creek to provide funding of \$12,000.00 to offset the net operating cost of the Fox Creek Medical Clinic.

D. Egyedy informed Council there is a Community Advisory Board meeting, for Northern Gateway Pipeline on February 23rd, in Grande Prairie or February 24th, in Edmonton. There will be an Elected Officials Workshop for emergency planning in Valleyview on February 9th, if any Councilors would like to attend either programs please inform Executive Secretary, Katlynn Bennett.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

29-10	To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:32 p.m.

10. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

30-10	To go "In Camera" at 8:33 PM.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Marinus

31-10	To leave "In Camera" at 8:45 PM.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councilor Beloin

32-10	Council approves Lot 2A, Block 36, Plan 012-3149 be divided and surveyed into five (5) equal lots for the purpose of providing municipal services.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

33-10 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:46 PM. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
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Leora MacKinnon
Mayor



Dennis Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer

February 8th, 2010
Date Approved