



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of March 23, 2009

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

Leora Mackinnon
Brenda Burridge
Grant Mott
Louis Beloin
Jim Ahn (Late 6:54 P.M.)

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance
Director of Operations
Director of Parks and Recreation
Executive Secretary
Community Peace Officer

Dennis Egyedy
Florrie MacLeod
Owen Farnel
Christine Westerveld
Katlynn Bennett
Al Caroll

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councilors

Director of Community Resources

Paul Marinus
Mary Campbell
Catherine Cole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 23, 2009 to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add to agenda item 9(a) Operations Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

66-09	To accept the Agenda for the March 23, 2009 Meeting of the Fox Creek Town Council with one addition.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council March 9, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

67-09	To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 9, 2009 as presented.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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4. DELEGATIONS

Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce
Allison Sharpe, President

President of the Chamber of Commerce, Allison Sharpe brought forth to Council a proposal for an Ice Cream Service located in the Tourist Information Centre. Council discussed with A. Sharpe concerns with the limited space in the T.I.C, high amounts of heat from ice cream coolers

and large windows, accessing a food handling permit, renovation permit, and a business license. Council thanked Allison for the presentation, and they will be making a decision later in the meeting and get back to her with a response.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- (a) Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Egyedy

D. Egyedy spoke to Council regarding the great progress in all areas of the Town's operations. The MD Council will be reviewing our Intermunicipal Funding Agreements on Friday March 27th, a decision should follow in April.

Administration has completed the Tender documents for the new Town Fire Pumper, an "Invitation to Bid" was sent to three prospective contractors and posted on "Alberta Purchasing Connection". The Tenders will close on March 31st at 4:00 p.m and details of the successful supplier will be provided at the April 14th Council meeting for approval.

D.Egyedy informed Council that the application for an Outdoor Swimming Pool has been rejected as it does not qualify as a Building Canada Fund Project. However, the Pool project was referred to the Western Economic Diversification program for funding.

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

68-09	To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as information.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Community Peace Officer
Al Carroll

Al Carroll provided Council with his report for the Month of February 2009. Mr. Carroll assisted Public Works identify 16 abandoned vehicles, these vehicles were stickered and required to move within 72 hours. Two of these vehicles were towed and the owners informed.

Al Carroll informed Council that one property owner was sent a clean-up order, since the time it was sent the residence (rental) became abandoned. Mr. Carroll was unable to contact the owner and as the property in its current state creates a possible risk to the public, he contacted a local company to secure the property.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

69-09	To accept the Community Peace Officer's Report as information.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Catherine cole was absent due to a course she was attending in Banff; therefore the CAO presented the report. In the past month, the Community Resource Centre has been setting up a Youth Advisory Committee, and will be coming to Council in April. The Community Resource Centre received verbal approval from "Alberta Employment and Immigration Employment Services" for a \$20,000.00 grant. The Community Access program application for new computers, software,

and media display unit was approved, and delivered to the CRC. This program allows access to training, career counseling and job search in the community.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

70-09	To accept the Community Resource Services Report as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(a) Monthly Cash Statement – February 28, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

71-09	To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for February 28, 2009 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

(b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending March 23, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

72-09	To accept the Accounts Payable Report for the period ending March 23, 2009 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

7. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Reconsideration Motion #294-08 – RV Campground
Councilor Grant Mott

Moved by: Councilor Mott

73-09	Council approves the reconsideration of Motion #294-08 – RV Campground.
AGREE	Councilor Mott, Councilor Ahn, Mayor Leora MacKinnon
OPPOSED	Councilor Beloin
CARRIED	

According to "Robert's Rules of Order" Councilor Burridge was prohibited from voting because she opposed the original motion on December 8, 2008. CAO, Dennis Egyedy ask for direction from Council on the RV Campground, for Administration to provide research. Administration will provide operational expenses, cost of maintaining the campground, possible increase of site fees, alternative locations for a industrial campground, or privately run campground.

D.Egyedy informed Council that records show there was no motion to keep open the campground during the winter months from October 1st to May 1st.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

74-09

The Reconsideration of Motion #294-08 RV Campground to be discussed April 14, and Administration to prepare a report with recommendations for the campground.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Multi Year Capital Plan

Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance

Director of Finance, Florrie MacLeod provided Council with the revised Multi-Year Capital Infrastructure Plan. Council discussed and added more projects such as a RV Campground, Industrial Campsite, Skateboard Park, and paving of the alley ways. Administration will make the changes and bring back to Council for review. Mrs. MacLeod mentions the document must be submitted to MSI in order to receive funding for any projects.

(c) 2009 Street Improvement Plan

Owen Farnel, Director of Operations

Director of Operations, Owen Farnel presented the 2009 Street Improvement Program to Council for the paving of 6th Avenue from Hammond Drive to 7A Street, and 1st Avenue from Kaybob to Main Street, total cost of \$400,274.00 plus GST (\$26,000.00 Skateboard Park). The total S.I.P. funds are \$315,000.00 that was approved by Council Motion #19-09, the project is short funds by \$85,274.00 which may be funded from the General Reserve.

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

75-09

To approve the allocation of \$85,274.00 to the 2009 S.I.P from the General Reserve and;

Furthermore to approve \$26,000 to pave Skateboard Park from General Reserve to be repaid upon sale of present Skateboard Park and/or Grant Funding and;

Furthermore to approve the tender bid from Ruel Bros. Construction of Peace River, Alberta for \$426,274.00 plus GST for the 2009 Street Improvement construction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:22 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Municipal District of Greenview – Regional Water Grant Portion

Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Council discussed a letter from the MD referring to the Regional Water Commission. The MD is applying for a "Regional Partnerships Initiative Grant" of \$75,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study on the regional water supply. The request from the Municipal District of Greenview partners Fox Creek, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, Valleyview, and the MD of Greenview. Each partner will contribute a matching grant of \$6,125.00 for a total of \$25,000.00. Mayor MacKinnon referred to previous Water Commission meetings and noted that the Town of Fox

Creek will not be receiving regional water due to the high cost of a pipeline; therefore, we were adamantly opposed to funding the Commission.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

76-09

Council declines the offer from the MD of Greenview requesting a grant of \$6,125.00 as a matching portion of \$25,000.00 for the Regional Partnerships Initiative Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.

MAYOR'S CORNER/COUNCILORS' REPORTS

(a) Operations Meeting Minutes - Equipment Purchases

Director of Operations, Owen Farnel

Director of Operations presented a Recommendation for Council to approve the purchase of a used Track Loader at a cost no greater than \$35,000.00 to be funded from the Equipment Reserve.

Councilor Mott informed Council that the trees have been cleared from the Transfer Site and the wood was processed into fire wood for the campground. Mr. Farnel believes the site will be operational by September, and the construction of a recycling building may begin next year.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

77-09

Council approved the Director of Operations purchase of a used Track Loader not to exceed \$35,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

78-09

Council accepts the Minutes of the March 20, 2009 meeting of the Operations Committee as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(b) Community Futures Yellowhead East
Councilor, Jim Ahn**

Councilor, J. Ahn presented highlights from the Community Futures meeting held on Thursday March 19. A topic of discussion was a student loan quota for small summer businesses. J. Ahn will forward the information to the Fox Creek School and the Community Resource Centre once it is available. Mr. Ahn informed Council there will be a Green Expo held in Barrhead on May 1, 2009.

J. Ahn spoke of the Mining Exploration Technology Development; Coal Gasification Demonstration Project in Swan Hills. The province is contributing \$8.83 million toward a \$30 million underground coal gasification demonstration project that taps into coal seams that are too deep to be mined economically, and to produce clean, synthesis gas for power generation. The demonstration project, with Calgary's Swan Hills Synfuels LP, is the first of its kind in North America and, at roughly 1,400 metres below the surface, the deepest under-ground coal gasification ever conducted in the world. Mr. Ahn notified Council that Whitecourt's 50th anniversary is this year, information on a celebration are not yet decided.

- (c) Extreme Makeover Committee Minutes
Mayor, Leora MacKinnon

The Extreme Makeover Committee sent out questionnaires on Thursday, March 19th regarding the beautification of the town. The questionnaires must be returned by Tuesday March 31st, and they will be reviewed at the next committee meeting on April 7th, 2009.

Mayor MacKinnon mention to Council she sent a letter to Jason Cole regarding quotes for painting a mural on the side of the Rexall Building, the Committee would like a depiction of the natural oil, gas, forestry, and all the various components of Fox Creek.

- (d) Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer Conference
Councilor Beloin

Councilor Beloin attend a one day Municipal seminar in Grande Prairie. The seminar focused on developing new By-Laws to address noise and lighting. As times change, municipalities must be aware of new conditions to be addressed through By-Laws.

10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

D. Egyedy presented highlights from correspondence received.

Fox Creek School – Grade Four Social Studies Class

The grade four social studies class sent a letter to Town Office requesting that Highway Avenue be renamed to “Merv Zadderey Drive” in memory of Merv Zadderey who was an important member of the community and helped a lot of people until his passing in December 2006. Mayor MacKinnon requested that Administration send a letter to the grade four class informing them of the Naming Advisory Committee and welcoming students to attend and participate in a future committee meeting.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

79-09	To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

11. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

80-09	To go “In Camera” at 8:57 PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

81-09	To leave “In Camera” at 9:37 PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

82-09 To instruct the Town's Solicitor to proceed with the Repurchase of Industrial Lands, identified as:
Plan 012-2985, Block 37, Lot 1,
Plan 012-2985, Block 37, Lot 2,
Plan 012-2985, Block 37, Lot 3
According to the Terms and Conditions set out in the "Agreement for Sale", signed May 18th, 2006 between the "Town of Fox Creek" and "O'Malley Locher Investment Group Inc", and

Furthermore; to instruct the Town's Solicitor proceed with the Repurchase of the Residential Lands, identified as:
Plan 832-5079, Block 23, Lot 21,
Plan 832-5079, Block 23, Lot 22,
Plan 832-5079, Block 23, Lot 23,
According to the Terms and Conditions set out in the "Agreement for Sale", signed October 24th, 2007 between the "Town of Fox Creek" and "O'Malley Locher Investment Group Inc".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

83-09 To deny the Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce proposal for an Ice Cream Service within the Tourist Information Centre as presented

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. ADJOURNMENT

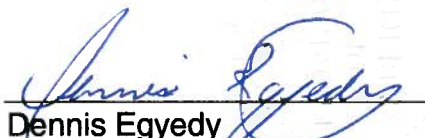
Moved by: Councilor Mott

84-09 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:42 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Leora MacKinnon
Mayor



Dennis Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer

April 14, 2009
Date Approved