



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of May 11, 2009

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

Leora Mackinnon
Brenda Burrige
Grant Mott
Louis Beloin
Jim Ahn
Paul Marinus
Mary Campbell

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:

Director of Parks and Recreation

Christine Westerveld

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday May 11, 2009 to order at 6:31 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

To remove item 4 (a) RCMP Delegation, and add 8 (a) Operations Meeting Minutes May 8th, 2009.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

130-09 To accept the Agenda for the May 11, 2009 Meeting of the Fox Creek Town Council, with item 4(a) deferred, and addition of Operations Meeting Minutes May 8, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting April 22, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Mott

131-09 To accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting April 22, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Minutes of the Public Hearing April 27, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

132-09 To accept the Minutes of the Public Hearing April 27, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council April 27, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

133-09 To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 27, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Youth Council

Dolton Iampen, Co President
Brandon Ahn, Vice President
Kristena Burkin, Secretary

Youth Council's Co-President Dolton Iampen, Vice President Brandon Ahn, and Secretary Kristena Burkin presented the Terms and Reference to the Town Council. Co-president Dolton Iampen informed Council that the formation of the Youth Council will be a first for the Town of Fox Creek. Vice president, Brandon Ahn advised Council the Youth Council will be a multi-faced group focusing on youth issues and introducing youth as community citizens who have a desire to make the community a better place to live.

The Youth Council will be involved with several community projects such as supporting school endeavors, offering alternatives to children and youth who are engaged in undesirable behaviors, and to make training and skill development opportunities available for the youth. The Youth Council will be tied directly to the Director of Community Services who will advise and act as a liaison between the youth and the elected Council and CAO. The Youth Council will also be recognized as a key contact by Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services (CFSA) for the purpose of input into regional and provincial business and strategic plans.

(b) RCMP - DEFERRED

Rodney Koscielny

5. BY-LAWS

(a) Request for Decision – Amendments 2009 Operating Budget

Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance

Director of Finance, Florrie MacLeod presented the 2009 Operating Budget amendments to Council, which Council approved on January 26, 2009 based on the 2008 Municipal tax revenue. Based on the 2009 taxable assessment increase and the 2008 Municipal millrates, additional revenue of \$443,300.00 would be realized by the town. Discussions at the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held April

22, 2009, indicated the need to reduce Municipal millrates. With a reduction of 1 mill to residential and a reduction of 1.5 mill to commercial/industrial/linear as recommended by the Committee the Town will realize additional revenue of \$162,957.00.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

134-09	Council approves the following amendments to the 2009 operating budget: Community Enhancement, Contract Services, additional \$5000.00 bringing total budget amount to \$20,000.00; Contingency Fund, \$2,245.00; Contribution to Capital, Water Administration Department, \$155,712.00; Bringing the total 2009 operating budget to \$5,786,559
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

(b) Rates of Taxation By-Law
Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance

135-09	First reading of ByLaw No. 676-2009 moved by Councilor P. Marinus.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

136-09	Second reading of ByLaw No. 676-2009 moved by B .Burrige.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

137-09	Councilor L .Beloin moved that ByLaw No. 676-2009 be presented for third reading and final reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

138-09	Third and final reading of ByLaw No. 676-2009 moved by Councilor G. Mott.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

6. OLD BUSINESS

NIL

7. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Levels of Fire Service Delivery
Deputy Chief Paul,
Ian Fox, MD of Greenview

Deputy Fire Chief, Les Paul presented to Council the Fox Creek Fire Department, Levels of Service 2009 slideshow. Les Paul informed Council that wildland and industrial firefighting, dangerous goods response, and technical rescue are the following areas that will require extra budgeting dollars over and above that of Structural firefighting and motor vehicle collisions. Les Paul advised the Council that the Fox Creek Firefighters are very well trained, however there should be additional courses provided to all members at the cost of the department. The information provided by the deputy chief will be incorporated into the new Fire Protection ByLaw.

- (b) Request for Decision, Waste Disposal
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

CAO, Dennis Egyedy presented to Council the Sun Rise Disposal Ltd, Garbage Collection Agreement. The last contract for garbage collection and disposal between the Town of Fox Creek and Sun Rise Disposal was signed in September 2003 for the term July 1st 2003 to June 30, 2008. The contractor has agreed to provide bins to businesses for cardboard recycling, and will ensure that the cardboard is delivered to the Town's recycling/compacting building. There is no cost to the Town for the cardboard pickup. Schedule "B" of the contract refers to the current Landfill which will be closed when the Transfer Site is operational; however, the Town will operate another landfill outside of Town for C&D (construction and demolish) material, cars, and mobile homes. The Department of Transportation is sending a permit approval to develop the Transfer Site. The new contract is for 5 (five) years from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013. According to the Letter of Understanding, the residential rate is \$7.00 per household with an annual increase of 3%. The contractor would also like to introduce organic composting for grass and leaves. Pick up will be once per week for residential. There will be a flat monthly charge to the Town at \$1.00 per household based on 696 residential units for a monthly fee of \$696.00 per month.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

139-09 To approve the Memorandum of Agreement and Letter of Understanding for the Town of Fox Creek Garbage Services for the period January 1st, 2009 to December 31st, 2013 as provided by Sun Rise Disposal Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

140-09 To approve Sun Rise Disposal Ltd to provide a seasonal collection service from April – October for a monthly fee of \$696.00 plus an additional charge of \$1.00 per residential pickup of composting material on a weekly schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MAYOR'S CORNER / COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

- (a) Operations Committee Meeting Minutes, April 17 & May 8, 2009
Councilor Beloin

Councilor Beloin presented highlights from the Operation meeting held April 17th and May 8th. Topics discussed were repairing the senior's roof, Owen Farnel will be receiving an estimate from Little Bear Roofing for repairs using a polyurethane membrane.

Public works will be clearing the trees from the new Skateboard Park site. Director of Parks and Recreation, Christine Westerveld will be marking any mature healthy trees that could be left on the site.

CAO, Dennis Egyedy informed Council that Vice President of the Legion, Lorne MacKinnon advised Dennis that there were ongoing plumbing problems in the Community Hall. Director of Operations, Owen Farnel will be contacting a plumber to install new polyurethane piping throughout the whole building for hot water return.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

141-09 Council accepts the Minutes of the April 17 and May 8, 2009 meeting of the Operations Committee as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Committee of the Whole, Finance Minutes April 22, 2009
Jim Ahn, Chairperson

Chairperson, Jim Ahn reviewed the highlights of the Committee of the Whole, held April 22, 2009. Director of Finance, Florrie MacLeod asked Council what projects they would like for submission on the MSI Operating Funds. The Town has approximately \$93,000 in MSI Operating Grant Funding. Mrs. MacLeod provided Council with a Briefing Note regarding the summary of the 2009 Assessment and Millrate Comparisons.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

142-09 Council accepts the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Finance Committee as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

143-09 To approve the allocation of 2009 MSI Operating Funds to be used for Storm Retention Pond, enhancing Walking Trails, Skateboard Park, Downtown Playground, and the Seniors Roof Repairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (c) GAER Board of Directors Meeting
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon reviewed the Quick Notes from the GAER Board of Directors Meeting held on May 4 at the Seniors Centre in Fox Creek. Guest speaker Len Flint, project manager from Alter NRG discussed Fox Creek's coal to liquids project. The Fox Creek coal resource specifically suited for gasification and contains enough coal to produce 40,000 bbl/d for 50 years. The project location is in close proximity to major light oilfields for CO² sequestration and to infrastructure, refineries and end markets.

- (d) Youth Council – Grant Funding

The Fox Creek Youth Council advised Council that during their initial development phase, administrative support and associated costs were covered by Family and Community Support Services in the Town of Fox Creek, through the Director of Community Services, Catherine Cole. The Youth Council respectfully asked Council to approve a \$1000 grant to assist with the start up and promotional costs.



Moved by: Councilor Beloin

144-09 To approve the grant for \$1000.00 from Legislative Grants for Groups to the Fox Creek Youth Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(e) Fire Chief Pratt Resignation

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

145-09 To accept the resignation of Fire Chief Tim Pratt, and appoint Deputy Chief, Les Paul as Acting Fire Chief until such time suitable candidate names are brought forward for Council to appoint a new Town Fire Chief.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(f) AUMA, Presidents Summit, May 2

Mayor MacKinnon and CAO, Dennis Egyedy attended the AUMA Presidents Summit in Red Deer on May 2, 2009. Municipal officials from across Alberta are contemplating what to do about their shrinking communities. 275 representatives from urban municipals across the province gather in Red Deer to discuss whether there are better ways to run their communities. A number of international experts were brought in for the two-day conference to discuss how to handle local governance issues.

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE OR INFORMATION

D. Egyedy presented highlights from correspondence received. On May 1st the Alberta Health Services employees were honored at a Staff Recognition Gala in Grande Prairie. A total of four employees from Fox Creek Jean Wolney, Jan Cox, Lyne Parent, and Michelle Williscroft are among those being honored for their service.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

146-09 To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 9:07 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 9:40 p.m

9. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

147-09 To go "In Camera" at 9:40 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Moved by: Councilor Campbell

148-09 To leave "In Camera" at 10:05 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

149-09 To approve the a pay increment from Step 1 to Step 3 on the Town of Fox Creek pay grid for the Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy effective May 11, 2009.

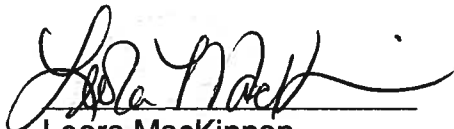
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

150-09 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:06 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Leora MacKinnon
Mayor


Dennis Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer

May 25, 2009
Date Approved