



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of November 23, 2009

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

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

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance
Director of Operations
Director of Parks & Recreation
Director of Community Resources
Community Peace Officer
Fire Chief
Executive Secretary
Assistant Development Officer

Dennis Egyedy
Florrie MacLeod
Owen Farnel
Carol Dunnigan
Catherine Cole
Al Carroll
Les Paul
Katlynn Bennett
Cindy Nielson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

330-09 To accept the Agenda for the November 23, 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 9, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Mott

331-09 To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 9, 2009 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Cemetery Committee
Bernie Hornby, Chairperson

Bernie Hornby made a presentation to Council regarding the re-establishment of the Cemetery Committee, after years of non-reporting. The Committee's goal is

to beautify and to complete the upkeep of the Fox Creek Cemetery. Bernie Hornby asked Council if there were any discretionary funds that could be put forward for cemetery enhancements, Mayor MacKinnon advised him that the 2010 budget review is coming up and it will be addressed at that time.

(b) Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Burridge

Councillor Burridge informed Council that she attended the last Chamber of Commerce meeting and the highlights were the upcoming election in December and their 10th annual Community Business Christmas party on November 28th, 2009.

Council requested that Dennis Egyedy, CAO contact Allison Sharpe, President of the Chamber of Commerce to set up a meeting regarding budgeting.

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

332-09 To accept the Chamber of Commerce Report as information.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) GAER Presentation
Mayor Moe Hamdon

Mayor Moe Hamdon, from Drayton Valley and Tammy Powell Manager for Grande Alberta Economic Region made a presentation to Council regarding the benefits of being a member of GAER. Mayor Hamdon explained to Council that there are 12 municipal members and 1 associate member which is Jasper National Park. GAER is an advocate for support and funding for various projects such as tourism strategies. Being a member of GAER gives the community a chance to network with other municipalities, and promote economic growth.

Mayor MacKinnon thanked Mayor Hamdon and Tammy Powell for taking the time to present to Council, and informed them that she is a proud supporter and has been very busy with GAER over the past few months.

Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 7:38 p.m.

5. STAFF REPORTS

(a) Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Egyedy

CAO, Dennis Egyedy reviewed highlights of his monthly report for Council. D. Egyedy reported to Council that he has been busy with GAER meetings regarding such projects as Municipal Sustainability, Community Diversification Strategy and Tourism Development.

D. Egyedy made some organizational changes to the Director of Parks and Recreation job description which include the responsibility of Tourism. The Director will be responsible for capital and planning of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

D. Egyedy informed Council that negotiations continue with Sustainable

Resource Development to attain the land outside of Town for a Class III Landfill.

A Finance Committee of a Whole meeting is planned for Wednesday, December 9th, 2009 to discuss the 2010 budget, each Director will present Council with a review of their department.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

333-09 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 November, 2009. Highlights included barking dog complaints, a number of vehicles ticketed along Hammond Drive, and clean-up orders.

A. Carroll reported that he had received a number of complaints regarding oilfield x-ray trucks parking in the residential area and is investigating this matter with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

334-09 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 November, 2009. At this time the Fire Department has 18 members plus 4 recruits that began training on November 4th. The members completed a Vehicle Extrication course in October, and the Fire Chief completed Part 1 of the Level 1 Instructors course.

Les Paul informed Council that after speaking with other communities and the CAO, the Fire Department will no longer be issuing "Burn Permits" for waste wood burning. Waste wood products are to be hauled to the landfill.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

335-09 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 November, 2009. Bob Marple, a member of the Alberta Cowboy Poetry Association is currently working with the Community Resource Centre to organize an event on March 20 and 21, 2010 for "Puttin Fox Creek on the Map". All proceeds from the event will go to the Fox Creek Youth Council.

The CRC was pleased to announce that the Early Intervention Coordinator position has been filled by Shannon Bray.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

336-09 To accept the Director of Community Service report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

Council decided to move up this item as Troy DeCiccio was in the audience.

- (a) Request for Decision – Consolidation of Lots
Cindy Nielson, Assistant Development Officer

Assistant Development Officer, Cindy Nielson brought to Council a Request for Decision regarding the consolidation of lots 801 and 705 - 10th Street in order to construct one house on both lots.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

337-09 Council agrees to sell Lots 8 & 9, Block 42, Plan 832-0579 to Troy and Sarah DeCiccio, and permits the consolidation of Lot 8, Block 42, Plan 832-0579 and Lot 9, Block 42, Plan 832-0579 into one legal land description to allow for the construction of a single family dwelling on the consolidated lot in accordance with Land Sale Policy P035-2004.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- (a) Monthly Cash Statement – October 31, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Mott

338-09 To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for October 31, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending November 23, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

339-09 To accept the Accounts Payable Report for the period ending, November 23, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Memorandum – Committee Appointments
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Dennis Egyedy, CAO brought to Council a Memorandum to appoint Tom Gislason as the Public Member on the Municipal Sustainability Planning

Sessions and as the “Influential” for the Strategic Planning Sessions of GAER on January 14th and 15th, 2010.

The Memorandum included the request to appoint Cathy Wiltse to the Extreme Makeover Committee for a one year term, and Danielle Marinus for the Municipal Library Board for a two year term.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

340-09 To appoint Tom Gislason as the Public Member on the Municipal Sustainability Planning Sessions, and as the “Influential” at the Strategic Planning Sessions of GAER on January 14th and 15th 2010 in Jasper, Alberta with all costs of travel and accommodation at the Town’s expense;

Furthermore, to appoint Cathy Wiltse as a member of the Extreme Makeover Committee for a one (1) year term;

And furthermore, to appoint Danielle Marinus as a member of the Municipal Library Board for a two (2) year term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Request for Decision – Petro Canada
Cindy Nielson, Assistant Development Officer

Cindy Nielson, Assistant Development Officer brought to Council a Request for Decision regarding the original request to review the permit refusal submitted by Mr. Kim for a Security Suite. Council advised Mr. Kim to contact the Fire Department to conduct an appropriate safety inspection of the suite, and once completed report back to Council.

Fire Chief, Les Paul completed an inspection of the suite and a subsequently letter was issued to Mr. Kim to advise him of the necessary conditions for Alberta Fire Code. Mr. Kim has contacted Alberta Permit Pro to conduct a building inspection of the suite to determine if it is safe for occupancy. Mr. Kim was advised by Alberta Permit Pro that they could not complete a building inspection until he had an approved development permit.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

341-09 Council approves Development Permit Application 008-2009 for a security suite at Lot 46, Block 1, Plan 922-2784 with the following conditions;

That the Security Suite is inspected by an Alberta Certified Building Inspector, and

Furthermore, the Security Suite must meet the requirements of the Alberta Building and Safety Codes Act prior to occupancy of the Suite, and

Furthermore, the Suite must comply with the Fire Department’s Letter of Inspection.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Request for Decision – Adult Ice Rental Fees
Carol Dunnigan, Director of Parks and Recreation

A letter from Mike Davidson was submitted to the Town requesting a reduced Ice Rental Fees of \$60.00/hr for the Fox Creek Chiefs Hockey Club second Annual Men's Hockey Tournament in March 2010.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

342-09	To approve the requested rate of \$60.00/hr + G.S.T. Adult Ice Rental for the Chief's Men's Hockey Tournament in March, 2010, provided the tournament is before March 15 th , 2010.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MAYOR'S CORNER / COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Community Futures Yellowhead East

Councilor Ahn reported highlights of the Community Futures meeting held on Thursday, November 19th. The Chairman Adolph Bablitz will no longer be Chairman after 20 years of working with Community Futures; there will be an election held on January 21, 2010.

Heart River Housing

Mayor MacKinnon reported highlights from the Heart River meeting held on Thursday, November 19th. Mayor MacKinnon advised Council that Heart River voted to give financial support to the Ridge Valley senior's facility; the facility was built by community donations.

Chamber of Commerce

Councilor Burrige reported highlights from the Chamber of Commerce last meeting. Highlights included were the upcoming Community Business Christmas party, and the election in December.

10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE OR INFORMATION

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

CAO, Dennis Egyedy received an email from the Alberta Assessment Services Branch in regards to an Administration Law Course. In accordance with legislation regarding the new assessment complaint process, training sessions for assessment review board clerks and members will begin in mid November 2009 and run until the end of March 2010. Municipalities that receive few assessment complaints may benefit from establishing a joint assessment review board with surrounding municipalities, the CAO will be in contact with Valleyview and the MD to establish a joint review board.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

343-09	Council approves all expenses and a daily per diem of \$250.00 for the Assessment Review Board members to attend a five (5) day training course as required by the Assessment Services Branch.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The CAO brought to Council a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs to request that he attend a session on the approach to grant delivery, on December 15th, 2009 in Edmonton.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

344-09 Council approves that the CAO attend the Administrators meeting on the review of grant delivery to be held on December 15th, 2009 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

345-09 To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 9:03 p.m.

10. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

346-09 To go "In Camera" at 9:04 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

347-09 To leave "In Camera" at 9:40 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

348-09 Council approves the funding application for a new outdoor swimming pool at a cost of 1.3 million.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

349-09 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council at 9:42 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Leora MacKinnon
Mayor


Dennis Egedy
Chief Administrative Officer

December 14th, 2009
Date Approved