



**COUNCIL MINUTES – TOWN OF FOX CREEK**  
**Regular Meeting of November 9, 2009**  
**6:30pm Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor

Councilors

Leora MacKinnon

Mary Campbell

Brenda Burridge

Louis Beloin

Jim Ahn

Grant Mott

Paul Marinus

Chief Administrative Officer

Director of Operations

Director of Community Services

Director of Parks & Recreation

Executive Secretary

Dennis Egyedy

Owen Farnel

Catherine Cole

Carol Dunnigan

Katlynn Bennett

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:**

Director of Finance

Florrie MacLeod

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 9, 2009 to order at 6:30 P.M.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

To add items 6(a) Regional Sustainability

7(d) Golden Triangle Support

(e) Letter of Support – Expo 2017

8(d) Millar Western Update

(e) AUMA Convention

Moved by: Councilor Mott

**308-09**

To accept the Agenda for the November 9, 2009 meeting of Council for the Town of Fox Creek, as amended with additions.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

(a) Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Council October 26, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

**309-09**

To accept the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Council held October 26, 2009 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(b) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council October 26, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

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| <b>310-09</b> | To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 26, 2009 as presented. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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(c) Minutes of the Joint Public Hearing October 28, 2009

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

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| <b>311-09</b> | To accept the Minutes of the Joint Public Hearing held October 28, 2009 as presented. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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**4. DELEGATES**

(a) Multi-Purpose Facility Steering Committee  
Mike Davidson, Chairperson

Mike Davidson, Chairperson for the Multi-Plex Society reported to Council the information he collected regarding the construction of a multiplex facility in Fox Creek. M. Davidson reviewed several quotes he received for a new multiplex building which had a range of cost starting at \$8 to \$66 million. M. Davidson also had quotes regarding renovations to the arena costing \$8 million.

M. Davidson informed Council that the Multi-Plex Committee has lost their status as a society due to non-reporting. Mayor MacKinnon thanked Mike Davidson for all his hard work, and advised him that Council will be discussing the multiplex and arena upgrades during the 2010 budget meeting.

(b) Arnie Mostowich  
Sno Goers Association

Arnie Mostowich, President and member Harold Bellwood of the Sno Goers Association reported to Council regarding a reconstruction project of the snowmobile trail through the north end of Fox Creek. Arnie Mostowich informed Council that since a fire in 1998 the fire killed trees have fallen onto the trail making it impassable. The damaged portion of the trail is approximately 12 km long near Eagle Tower. Arnie Mostowich provided Council with a detailed expense budget which included equipment rental, operators, and project supervisor for an estimated cost of the project is \$46,084.50.

Mayor MacKinnon thanked Arnie Mostowich and Harold Bellwood for their presentation and invited them to stay for the discussion later in the meeting.

**5. BYLAWS**

- (a) Intermunicipal Development Plan 681-2009  
Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

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| <b>312-09</b> | To approve the Second reading of the Intermunicipal Development Plan ByLaw 681-2009. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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Moved by: Councilor Beloin

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| <b>313 -09</b> | To approve the Third, and Final reading of the Intermunicipal Development Plan ByLaw 681-2009. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) Regional Sustainability

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

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| <b>314-09</b> | To repeal motion # 106-2009 the appointment of Catherine Cole as the Municipal Sustainability Coordinator. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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Moved by: Councilor Beloin

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| <b>315 -09</b> | To appoint the Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy as the Municipal Sustainability Coordinator. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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**7. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer provided a memorandum to Council regarding interested community members for the Municipal Planning Commission and the Extreme Makeover Committee.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

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| <b>316-09</b> | To appoint Brad Peavoy, Kevin Thesen, and Mike Pasula as members of the Municipal Planning Commission for a one (1) year term. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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Moved by: Councilor Ahn

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| <b>317-09</b>              | To appoint Cindy Tilapaugh and Kim Doll as members of the Extreme Makeover Committee for a one year term. |
| <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |                                                                                                           |

- (b) Request for Decision – Staff Christmas Functions  
Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy

Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy brought to Council a Request for Decision regarding financial support for the Staff Christmas functions. Each year the Town plans two holiday functions, a Staff Christmas party, and a family skate at the arena. Administration is asking Council for financial support in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with the expense of the two functions.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

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| <b>318-09</b>              | To approve financial support in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with the costs of the Town Staff Holiday Functions by way of a cheque processed and deposited to the Town of Fox Creek Staff Fund. |
| <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

- (c) Request for Decision – Holiday Hours for Town Departments  
Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy

Chief Administrative Officer, Dennis Egyedy presented a Request for Decision to Council regarding the holiday hours for Town Departments. As per Section 6, in the Personnel Policy all departments are entitled to a floater holiday to be used with the statutory holidays for Christmas or New Year's Day. During a Town Staff meeting all departments agreed with the 4<sup>th</sup> of January as the floater holiday, giving the staff two four day weekends.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

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| <b>319-09</b>              | To approve the Floater Holiday for January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 and the office closure of 1:00 PM on December 24 <sup>th</sup> , and December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009. |
| <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |                                                                                                                                                                          |

- (d) Golden Triangle Support

Mayor MacKinnon reviewed with Council letters of support regarding the reconstruction of the Golden Triangle Trail. The Town received three letters of support, one from the Town of Whitecourt, Woodlands County, and the Town of Swan Hills. Each Community believes that the Golden Triangle Trail is a great tourism opportunity that could bring riders and tourists to the three connecting communities.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell



**320-09** To provide \$50,000 from the General Reserve for the Town of Fox Creek's portion of the Golden Triangle Trail reconstruction project of 12 km's east of Eagle Tower;

and furthermore, that the Fox Creek Northland Sno Goers enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Fox Creek on the distribution of the funds;

and furthermore, that a final budget report be presented to the Town upon completion of the reconstruction project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(e) Letter of Support – World Expo 2017

Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that while attending the Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves Caucus in October, the City of Edmonton advised that they will be putting a bid forward for the 2017 World Expo. The World Expo 2017 will create significant interest and economic benefits for Alberta's tourism industry.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

**321-09** To support the City of Edmonton's bid on the 2017 World Expo.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. MAYOR'S CORNER / COUNCILOR'S REPORTS**

(a) GAER Quick Notes – November 2, 2009  
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon reviewed highlights from the Board of Directors meeting she attended in Onoway on November 2, 2009. Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that there will be a strategic planning meeting in Jasper on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. GAER has invited CAO's, Board Alternates, EDO's and other resource personnel such as a Community Futures Executive Directors. The GAER Board of Directors approved the recommendation to invite a influential person from their community; the member municipality will pay for accommodations. Mayor MacKinnon suggested Tom Gislason a member of the Fox Creek Municipal Sustainability Task Force.

Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that the Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County were piloting a Regional Billboard Initiative project. The project concept is to advertise member's community events. The cost of two billboards for the Town of Fox Creek is \$18,000 plus yearly upkeep. Council decided not to support the Billboard Initiative at this time.

The next GAER Board of Directors meeting will be held in Edson on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn



**322-09**

To accept the GAER Quick Notes for November 2, 2009 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- a) Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2009  
Councilor Campbell

Councilor Campbell reviewed highlights from the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Highlights included lighting upgrades to the arena, graveling of the RV Campground, and the preparation of a CFEP grant for the COP's and Lion's playgrounds. Director of Parks and Recreation, Carol Dunnigan will be meeting with interested citizens in regards to the cemetery on November 18, 2009 at 7:00pm at the TIC.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting is December 1, 2009.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

**323-09**

To accept the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2009 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- a) Librarian's Report October 20, 2009  
Councilor Campbell

Councilor Campbell reviewed highlights from the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Librarian's Report.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

**324-09**

To accept the Librarian's Report for October 20, 2009 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- (d) Millar Western Update  
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon confirmed with Council that Millar Western Forest Products Ltd purchased a Mill in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and will be shipping it to Fox Creek. Millar Western plans to store the mill in Fox Creek, until economic conditions improve.

- (e) AUMA Conference  
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon reviewed highlights of the AUMA conference held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in Calgary. Mayor MacKinnon, CAO, Dennis Egyedy, and Councilors Burrige and Ahn also attended the conference. Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that



she attended a dinner meeting with Atco Electric with Mel Beaudette, the District Manager for High Prairie. Mel Beaudette has offered sponsoring for the Fox Creek Christmas Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, by providing hot chocolate for the event.

Mayor MacKinnon, Councilor Burridge, and Dennis Egyedy, CAO met with the RCMP K Division discussing the shortage of members across the province. Mayor MacKinnon was advised that a replacement member for Cst. Seidemann should be arriving within the next month.

Mayor MacKinnon met with Yvonne Fritz from Alberta Housing and Urban Affairs on November 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Town's Senior Housing application.

**8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE OR INFORMATION**

Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer reviewed highlights from correspondence received, and thanked Council for the financial support for the Town's Christmas functions.

D. Egyedy reviewed a letter received from Trilogy Energy Ltd. regarding the meeting held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 discussing a proposed pipeline through Fox Creek. Councilor Beloin felt that the question of EPZ zoning was not fully answered by Trilogy and would like further information. Councilor Beloin will be sending a letter of questions to Dennis Egyedy for follow up with Trilogy.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

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| <b>325-09</b> | To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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**Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:06 p.m.**

**Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m.**

**9. IN CAMERA**

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

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| <b>326-09</b> | To go "In Camera" at 8:18 PM. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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Moved by: Councilor Beloin

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| <b>327-09</b> | To leave "In Camera" at 9:00 PM. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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Moved by: Councilor Marinus

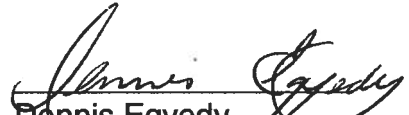
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| <b>328-09</b> | That Administration will investigate the purchase of a Town of Fox Creek residence. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

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| <b>329-09</b> | To adjourn at 9:01 P.M. | <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b> |
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Leora MacKinnon  
Mayor

  
Dennis Egyedy  
Chief Administrative Officer

November 23, 2009  
Date Approved

