



COUNCIL MINUTES – TOWN OF FOX CREEK
Regular Meeting of October 13, 2009
6:30pm Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councilors

Leora MacKinnon
Mary Campbell
Brenda Burridge
Louis Beloin
Jim Ahn
Grant Mott

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Operations
Director of Finance
Director of Parks & Recreation
Executive Secretary

Dennis Egyedy
Owen Farnel
Florrie MacLeod
Carol Dunnigan
Katlynn Bennett

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councilor
Director of Community Services

Paul Marinus
Catherine Cole

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 to order at 6:33 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

To add items 9(i) letter from the Municipal District of Greenview
9(j) letter from the National Energy Board.

Moved by: Councilor Mott

268-09	To accept the Agenda for the October 13, 2009 meeting of Council for the Town of Fox Creek, as amended with two additions. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council September 28, 2009

There were two revisions to the Minutes;

5. (c) "The Youth Council accepted a **donation** from the turnaround staff at SemCAMS KA".

8. (c) "The Chambers is having a silent auction on November 28th to raise money **for the Chamber of Commerce**".

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

269-09	To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 28, 2009 as amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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4.

DELEGATES

- (a) Yvonne Jones
Gibson Energy Partnership

Yvonne Jones, Field Representative for the Fox Creek Truck Transportation asked Council's permission to set up at driving simulator in the Tourist Information Centre parking lot. The driving simulator helps individuals practice driving 18 wheelers in slippery conditions, over hills, wide turns, and more. The second part to the driving simulator is for anyone to practice driving standard size motor vehicles, great for young individuals studying to take their learners license. This will be hosted by Gibson Energy on October 15, 2009 from 9:00am to 5:30pm, with a barbeque lunch as well.

- (b) Sgt. Rodney Koscielny
RCMP

Sgt. Rodney Koscielny reported to Council with highlights of recent RCMP activities. Sgt. Koscielny informed Council that there has not been anymore break and enters since the string of occurrences during late August. He believes the criminals were passing through Fox Creek and have moved on to other towns, the RCMP is still investigating the incidents.

Sgt. Koscielny reported that Cst. Slade has started up the DARE program for this year, and has already made presentations to a few classes at the School.

The Support Staff position will be temporally filled by November and a full time Support Staff member should be in place by March 2010. Sgt. Koscielny just completed reviewing 122 resumes for the position.

Sgt. Koscielny informed Council that he has applied for a position at the Whitecourt Detachment, and has an interview on October 16th, 2009. Sgt. Koscielny reassures Council that there will be someone to take over as Sergeant if he receives the position. He reported that K Division has received Mayor Mackinnon's letter of concern regarding Cst. Seidemann transfer.

- (c) Michael Curtis
Black Gold Emergency Planners Inc.

Michael Curtis, Senior Training Consultant from Black Gold Emergency Planners made a presentation to Council regarding the emergency plan for Trilogy Energy gas pipelines located west of the Fox Creek airport. M. Curtis explained to Council which companies are in the emergency planning zone, the size and location of the gas pipeline, and the other companies that are involved.

5.

OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Finance Committee
Councilor Ahn, Chairperson

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

270-09	Council approves to go into the Finance Committee of a Whole meeting at 7:12 PM, and Councilor Ahn to Chair the meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

271-09	Council approves to leave the Finance Committee of a Whole meeting at 7:22 PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

272-09	<p>Council directs Administration to submit an application under the 2009 Municipal Sustainability Operating Grant for the following projects;</p> <p>Community Hall maintenance funding in the amount of \$36,082.00; and</p> <p>Interior/Exterior repairs to the Doctor's Residence in the amount of \$25,850.00; and</p> <p>Fire Hall repairs in the amount of \$23,700.00; and</p> <p>Furthermore, to defer the remaining 2009 MSI Operating Grant funds in the amount of \$9,573.00 to 2010.</p>
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Fox Creek School Scholarship
Legacy Committee

Every year the Fox Creek Legacy Committee awards a \$2500.00 scholarship to a graduating High School student who exemplifies the qualities of good citizenship at the Fox Creek School and in the community. Councilor Ahn, a Legacy Committee member advised Council that from the three essays received Kristena Burkin's stood out. C. Burkin had several commendations from Fox Creek teachers and pastors, and the Committee agreed that her essay was exceptional.

The Legacy Committee members were Councilor Ahn, Councilor Burrige, and two teachers from the Fox Creek School, Kevin Thesen and Tamara Peavoy.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

273-09	To award Kristena Burkin with the 2009 Legacy Scholarship of \$2,500.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

- (b) Request for Decision – Equipment Disposal
Carol Dunnigan, Director of Parks & Recreation

Carol Dunnigan, Director of Parks and Recreation brought to Council a request to declare the old ice resurfacer as surplus equipment. According to Town Policy equipment that is no longer needed can be sold as surplus equipment, and the sales revenue to be deposited in the appropriate reserves with Council's permission. C. Dunnigan informs Council that the proceeds may be used towards paying the Town's portion of the new Zamboni.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

274-09	That Council declares the Olympia Ice Resurfacer as surplus equipment and directed administration to advertise the sale of this equipment and the revenue from the sale be deposited into Parks and Recreation Reserves.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

7. MAYOR'S CORNER/COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

- (a) GAER Quick Notes – October 5th, 2009
Mayor MacKinnon

Mayor MacKinnon discussed highlights from the GAER meeting held in Mayerthorpe on October 5, 2009 that she and the CAO, Dennis Egyedy attended. Topics discussed were Economic Diversification Business plans, blueprints for Regional Sustainability Initiative, and Grande Cache request for letter of support.

The next GAER meeting will be held in Onaway on November 2, 2009. The Mayor Mackinnon and the CAO will be attending the meeting one their way to the AUMA Conference in Calgary.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

275-09	To accept the GAER Quick Notes for October 5 th , 2009 as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

- (b) Peace Library System – Board Meeting September 19th, 2009
Councilor Burridge

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

276-09	To accept the Peace Library System Board meeting Minutes for September 19 th , 2009 as information. .
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	



(c) Parks and Recreation Committee - Meeting Minutes October 6th, 2009
Councilor Campbell

Councilor Campbell reviewed highlights from the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on October 6, 2009. Councilor Campbell advised Council that Smoke and Iosegun Lake campgrounds have received \$75,000.00 funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments under the Work Canada fund. These funds are to be use for upgrading campsites and fixtures at the campgrounds. The Director of Parks and Recreation, Carol Dunnigan and the CAO, Dennis Egyedy will be meeting with the province to discuss the funding and to review the last camping season on Monday, October 19, 2009.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

277-09 To accept the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting minutes for October 6th, 2009 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On October 13th, 2009 Mayor MacKinnon and the CAO, Dennis Egyedy attended a Minister's Regional Consultation session in Barrhead, AB with Municipal Affairs Minister R. Danyluk as the guest speaker. Topics included grant funding, continued funding for the Municipal Sustainability Incentive program and the Municipal Sponsorship program. Minister Danluk answered questions from municipal leaders on challenges that communities are facing.

8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

D. Egyedy presented highlights from correspondence received. Topics discussed were the Canada-Alberta Infrastructure Stimulus Fund agreement has been signed, the Annual Community Business Christmas party, and our revenue sharing agreement increase due to an outstanding assessment appeal and decision in the MD.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

278-09 To accept the Reports and Correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. Mackinnon called for a short recess at 8:14 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:31 p.m.

9. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

279-09 To go "In Camera" at 8:32 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

280-09

To leave "In Camera" at 8:50 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

281-09

The CAO be granted paid vacation from December 16th to December 31st and furthermore; the CAO be granted 3 days of paid vacation for January 5th to January 7th, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

282-09

To adjourn at 8:52 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Leora MacKinnon
Mayor


Dennis Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer

Date Approved