

Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of April 28, 2008

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek, scheduled for Monday April 28, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the following being present:

PRESENT	Mayor:	Leora MacKinnon
	Councillors:	Louis Beloin
		Jim Ahn
		Paul Marinus
		Mary Campbell
	Director of Finance:	Florrie MacLeod
	Director of Operations:	Owen Farnel
	Director of Parks & Recreation:	Carol Dunnigan
	Assistant Development Officer:	Cindy Nielson
	Executive Secretary:	Leslie Thorn

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:
Councillor: B. Burridge

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, April 28, 2008 to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked if there were any Amendments to the Agenda.

There was one (1) Addition to the Agenda.

- Request from 0711320 B.C. Ltd.

089-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the Agenda for the April 28, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATES

3.1 Mr. Bob Marple – Seniors Committee

Mr. Marple addressed Council regarding the Seniors Affordable Housing Project and what was happening with it. Mr. Marple attended a seniors meeting in Edmonton on April 17th and met Mary-Anne Jablonski, the new Minister of Seniors and Support Facilities, who informed Mr. Marple that there had been money allocated to 15 municipalities in Northern Alberta. Mr. Marple would like to know why Fox Creek was turned down. Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Mr. Marple that to date we have not received an answer as to what criteria we missed or why we were turned down. Mayor L. MacKinnon suggested that the residents in the community need to write to the Minister, as we need to lobby collectively as a community. Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Mr. Marple that the Town has set aside \$200,000.00 in the budget to pursue another grant application in partnership with Heart River Housing. Mr. Marple asked that Council give written approval to the seniors for the clearing and cleaning of the land. Mayor L. MacKinnon emphasized that the land is designated to the seniors. Mr. Marple would like to get the land cleared so as it could dry up naturally which will take time and to show the government that we are serious and ready to go. The clearing of this land, labour and equipment, has been donated by community businesses and will not cost the town. Council members had a concern with liabilities and would like our legal counsel to review as to the best way to proceed.

3.2 Glenda Farnden- Stars

Ms. Farnden presented Council with a slide presentation of the history of Stars. Stars is a registered charitable organization which relies on funds from the Stars Lottery and Calendars. There are four pillars of Stars; finding the patient, care & transportation of the patient, Stars Centre, and the Stars

Foundation, which is the funding leg. Ms. Farnden also discussed the need for a heli-pad at the hospital in Fox Creek and explained the benefit of rural heli-pads. Stars is requesting a \$2.00 per capita obligation over a 3 year term to help offset the costs of running this organization.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked if there were any amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 14, 2008.

There were no amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 14, 2008.

090-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 14, 2008 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

6.1 Accounts Payable for the period ending April 28, 2008

091-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved to accept the accounts payable for the period ending April 28, 2008 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Monthly Cash Statement for period ending March 31, 2008

092-08 Councillor J. Ahn moved to accept the monthly cash statement for the period ending March 31, 2008 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 2007 Year-End Budget Variance Report

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod presented Council with the 2007 Year-End Budget Variance Report as information.

093-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved to accept the 2007 Year-End Budget Variance Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Letter of Appointment – Evelyn Rogers

094-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to appoint Evelyn Rogers to the Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Letter of Request from O'Malley Locker Investment Group

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented a report to Council regarding a letter received from Brian A. Locher with the O'Malley Locher Investment Group requesting that Council allow the three (3) lots; 20, 21 & 22; Block 23; Plan 832-0579, be consolidated into one (1) lot and subsequently subdivided into two (2) lots.

095-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved that Council agrees to the consolidation and subsequent subdivision of Lots 20, 21 & 22; Block 23; Plan 832-0579.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. MacKinnon called for a short recess at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:00 p.m.

6.6 Offer to Purchase from Maple Leaf Developments

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented a report to Council regarding a letter received from Dhanda Law Office on behalf of Maple Leaf Developments Ltd. with an offer to purchase Lot 31, Block 36; Plan 832-0579.

- 096-08** Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council accepts this report as information as well as requesting that Administration request additional information from Maple Leaf Developments with regard to their planned intentions for development on the lot.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 Approval to submit a CFEP Grant

Director of Parks & Recreation C. Dunnigan presented a report to Council to respectfully request Council to approve the submission of a CFEP Grant for retrofitting projects at the arena and propose funding options.

- 097-08** Councillor M. Campbell moved that Council approve the submission of a CFEP grant application for the Arena Retrofitting Projects and approve the immediate expenditure of \$35,942.00 + GST to repair the flat portion of the arena roof with funds to be derived from Arena Reserve. Councillor M. Campbell moved that we wait until the grant receives approval before the other components of this project, such as the lighting and ice resurfer be completed. The amount remaining for Town Council to contribute to the arena project if the CFEP grant is approved is \$39,362.25 to be derived from arena reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.8 Purchase and Installation of a new Pool Boiler

Director of Parks & Recreation C. Dunnigan presented a report to Council to respectfully request approval of the purchase and installation of a new Laars Mighty Therm Pool Boiler. Director of Parks & Recreation C. Dunnigan has a tentative date of June 2nd for the pool opening.

- 098-08** Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council approves the purchase and installation of a new boiler at the pool for a cost of \$15,769.00 + GST. The money to purchase the new boiler will be taken from Pool Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.9 Approval to submit a Community Initiative Program Grant

Director of Parks & Recreation C. Dunnigan presented a report to Council to respectfully request approval to submit a CIP grant for playground equipment and base upgrades to Alberta Lottery Fund. Included is a proposal on how to fund the project.

- 099-08** Councillor J. Ahn moved that Council approve administration to submit a grant application for the Fox Creek Playground Revitalization Project and wait to see the outcome of the grant to proceed with the Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.10 Request for Extension on closing date

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented a report to Council regarding a letter received from Dhanda Law Office on behalf of 0711320 B.C. Ltd. with a request to extend the closing date for the Days Inn lot from April 30, 2008 to May 10, 2008.

- 100-08** Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council grants an extension from April 30, 2008 to May 10, 2008, with no exceptions and no extensions to the closing date for 1711320 B.C. Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.11 Term for Library Appointments

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod presented Council with a report to respectfully request that Council review the terms of the Library Appointments for Danielle Marinus and Cindy Tillapaugh. At the April 14th meeting of Council, letters from each of these individuals were presented to Council. Councillor Campbell will speak to Ms. Marinus and Ms. Tillapaugh to clarify the length of terms each would like to serve.

- 101-08** Councillor J. Ahn moved that Council defer this matter to the next Council

meeting on May 12, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.12 Request from 0711320 B.C. Ltd.

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented Council with a report for a request from 0711320 B.C. Ltd. to purchase only lots 3 & 4 now and part of Lot 2A for the parking lot at a later date. Mayor L. MacKinnon mentioned that the Days Inn need to review their contract and come up to speed with the requirements. Council is concerned with the subdivision application and the time that is needed to complete.

102-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved that this request be forwarded to our Legal Counsel and be dealt from today on by our legal department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Councillor L. Beloin would like to discuss the complaints regarding quads ripping up lawns. Mayor L. MacKinnon asked if Councillor Beloin would like to discuss this matter at the Protective Services meeting then bring back recommendations to Council.

8. Mayor's Corner

Mayor L. MacKinnon mentioned the Pine Beetle Presentation on Wednesday April 30th at the community hall with two (2) presentations at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Shop Fox Creek" contest from April 29th through to May 29th, 2008. On May 29th from 4-9 the Commercial Court area will be barricaded off, closing the parking lot for the Summer Fiesta. Mayor L. MacKinnon also announced that effective May 1st, 2008, Councillor J. Ahn assumes the role of Deputy Mayor.

103-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved that Administration contact Public Works, the Fire Department and EMS regarding the closure of the Commercial Court.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

104-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved that Council accept the Reports and Correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. IN CAMERA SESSION

There was no In Camera Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

105-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, April 28, 2008 at 9:10 P.M

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leora MacKinnon,
Mayor

Florrie MacLeod
Acting Town Manager