

# COUNCIL MINUTES – TOWN OF FOX CREEK

## Regular Meeting of August 25, 2008

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor

Councilors

Leora MacKinnon

Mary Campbell

Brenda Burridge

Jim Ahn

Paul Marinus

Grant Mott

Louis Beloin

Chief Administrative Officer

Director of Operations

Director of Finance

Director of Community Services

Assistant Development Officer

Executive Secretary

Dennis Egyedy

Owen Farnel

Florrie MacLeod

Catherine Cole

Cindy Nielson

Leslie Thorn

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, August 25, 2008 to order at 6:31 P.M.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There were three (3) Amendments to the Agenda as follows:

- #7(a)(i) - Name should be Arnie not Erin
- #10 (f) - Add discussion on AUMA conference
- #11 - Remove "In Camera Session"

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

**172-08**

To accept the agenda for the August 25, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Councilor Mott

**173-08**

To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 21, 2008 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. DELEGATES**

Mayor L. MacKinnon welcomed Troy Waye, President of the Fox Creek Bandits. The Fox Creek Bandits Senior Hockey Club in conjunction with Fox Creek Minor Sports requests Council's approval to erect an 8' x 24' sign on the Derald Memorial Arena. Mr. Waye explained that they have two options for placement of the sign; either location would be acceptable to the Bandits. The first option was outside between the two dressing room doors and the second option was up top in the oval area. The Fox Creek Minor Sports prefer the second option to deter vandals from damaging the sign. Both the Bandits and Minor Sports will incur the cost for building and installing the

sign.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

(a) Community Peace Officer – Al Carroll

A report was submitted by Peace Officer Al Carroll outlining activities for the months of June and July, 2008.

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

<b>174-08</b>	To accept the Community Peace Officer's report as information. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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(a) Chief Administrative Officer – Dennis Egyedy

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>175-08</b>	To accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report as information. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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**6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

a) Monthly Cash Statement – July 31, 2008  
Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>176-08</b>	To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for the period ending July 31, 2008 as information. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending August 25, 2008  
Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>177-08</b>	To accept the Accounts Payable – Period Ending August 25, 2008 as information. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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**7. BY-LAWS**

a) 2008 Assessment Review Board  
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Council discussed the names presented for the Assessment Review Board. Administration was directed to contact the individuals listed and explain the duties of a board member.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

<b>178-08</b>	First reading of Assessment Review Board Bylaw No. 673-2008 to appoint Brenda Burridge, Irvin Bignell, Sheila Beloin, Arnie Mostowich, and Mark Petch as members of the board and; furthermore Cindy Nielson is appointed as clerk of the Assessment Review Board. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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Moved by: Councilor Mott

<b>179-08</b>	Second reading of Assessment Review Board Bylaw No. 673-2008 to appoint Brenda Burrridge, Irvin Bignell, Sheila Beloin, Arnie Mostowich and Mark Petch as members of the board and; furthermore Cindy Nielson is appointed as Clerk of the Assessment Review Board. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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Moved by: Councilor Beloin

<b>180-08</b>	Present Assessment Review Board Bylaw No. 673-2008 for Third and Final Reading. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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Moved by: Councilor Ahn

<b>181-08</b>	Third and Final reading of Assessment Review Board Bylaw No. 673-2008 to appoint Brenda Burrridge, Irvin Bignell, Sheila Beloin, Arnie Mostowich and Mark Petch as members of the board and; furthermore Cindy Nielson is appointed as Clerk of the Assessment Review Board. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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- b) Proposed Fees and Charges Amendment  
Florrie MacLeod, Director of Finance

Florrie MacLeod presented a report requesting to amend Schedule “A” of the Fees and Charges Bylaw 559-2000 to invoice commercial and industrial users for pick up of waste bins based on average monthly costs of \$7400.00 paid to the Greenview Regional Waste Management Facility.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

<b>182-08</b>	To approve a bin fee of \$8.00 per pickup to be levied to business owners with an amendment to the Schedule “A” of the Fees and Charges Bylaw 559-2000 and furthermore; an amendment shall be brought forward to the September 8, 2008 meeting of Council; and furthermore; staff shall provide each affected business owner with a letter of this charge by September 5, 2008. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Request for Decision – CFEP Arena Grant  
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

D. Egyedy presented a request for decision to amend Council motion #097-08 regarding the submission of a CFEP Grant for Arena Renovations.

Moved by: Councilor Burrridge

<b>183-08</b>	To approve an additional \$1000.00 be taken from Arena reserves allotted to the Ted’s Roofing quote as this project is not dependent on the CFEP Grant and approve an additional \$360.50 will have to be taken from arena reserves if the Town is successful in securing a true matching CFEP Grant of \$76,667.75. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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- (b) Request for Decision – Commission Appointment  
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>184-08</b>	To appoint Mr. Mike Pasula as a voting member of the Municipal Planning Commission effective immediately.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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- (c) Request for Decision – Land Purchase  
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>185-08</b>	To approve a Legal Survey and Purchase of the Lands identified for the Fox Creek Waste Transfer Station and Class III Landfill be purchased from the Government of Alberta for a \$1.00 after approval from the Municipal District of Greenview to use this land in their municipal boundary.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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- (d) Request for Decision – Mission, Vision and Values  
Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>186-08</b>	To approve our <b>Mission Statement:</b> “We are a playground of opportunity, enhancing the quality of life by improving the economic and social well being for all generations ...the future is now.” <b>Our Vision:</b> “Fox Creek will be a preferred community with stability, prosperity and family values.” <b>Our Values:</b> “We value family, growth, environment, stability and teamwork.”	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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- (e) Subdivide & Consolidate #907, 905 & 909 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Cindy Nielson, Assistant Development Officer

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>187-08</b>	Approve the sale of lots #905, 907 & 909 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to Quantum Developments and furthermore, to allow Quantum Developments to subdivide and consolidate lot #907 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue with #905 and 909 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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**9. MAYOR’S CORNER/COUNCILOR’S REPORTS**

On July 31, 2008, Mayor MacKinnon and our Chief Administrative Officer attended a round table discussion with the Premier Ed Stelmach, Minister Mel Knight and MLA Wayne Drysdale. Also in attendance; the Reeve for the MD of Greenview Tony Yelnik, Mayor from Grande Prairie, Mayor from Hythe, Mayor from Beaverlodge, Reeve from the County of Grande Prairie, and Councilor representing the Town of Wembly.

Each Municipality was asked to submit three important topics of which, the Premier’s office directed discussion. The number one topic was “Water”. Mayor MacKinnon stated the cost of a pipeline versus a standalone facility was too high and no way the Town of Fox Creek could participate in the 60/40 split. Mr. Stelmach understood the desperate need for funds and there

are a lot of municipalities in the same position. he assured the group that a better formula would be devised.

There was a discussion regarding the new regional medical board which will facilitate information sharing and reduce duplication of services.

Mayor MacKinnon addressed the purchase of Crown Land, and expressed concern on appraisals versus market value. The Town of Fox Creek cannot afford to grow as a community if we have to purchase land at market value.

Mayor MacKinnon received a survey to complete and mentioned that the AUMA is now taking a leading role in helping municipalities to purchase crown land. At the upcoming 2008 AUMA Convention, there will be discussion on purchasing crown lands.

Deputy Mayor Ahn and Chief Administrative Officer D. Egyedy attended a presentation in Grande Prairie on Municipal Sustainability Initiative grants. Deputy Mayor Ahn informed Council that grants are available. He was surprised to discover that the Town of Fox Creek is not unique; every municipality has funding issues. Minister Ray Danyluk went around the table with 50% of the municipalities on water issues and 50% on funding.

Mayor MacKinnon asked Council to spend some time thinking on projects that need to be prioritized. A Committee of the Whole will be held in September to discuss financial strategies.

Councilor Beloin, Chief Administrative Officer, Egyedy, Assistant Development Officer, C. Nielson, Director of Community Resources, C. Cole, Bylaw Officer, A. Carroll, two members from the RCMP, and L. Paul from the fire department attended a meeting with Penn West regarding the Emergency Response Plan. Penn West provided an insight into what we need in our Emergency Plan. There will be a Public Information Session this fall and a tabletop early next year.

## 10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE FOR INFORMATION

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>188-08</b>	To approve the Fox Creek Bandits Senior Hockey Club along with the Fox Creek Minor Sports to proceed with the sign on Derald Palmer Memorial Arena.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>189-08</b>	To approve our Chief Administrative Officer, D. Egyedy to attend the AUMA Conference and Town business from September 28 <sup>th</sup> to October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2008 with all expenses paid.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councilor Beloin

<b>190-08</b>	To adjourn the August 25th, Council meeting at 8:42 P.M.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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Leora MacKinnon  
Mayor

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Dennis M. Egyedy  
Chief Administrative Officer

September 8, 2008  
Date Approved