
Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 11, 2008

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek, scheduled for Monday February 11, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the following being present:

PRESENT:	Deputy Mayor:	Paul Marinus
	Councillors:	Mary Campbell Louis Beloin Jim Ahn Brenda Burridge Kim Palmer
Director of Operations:		Owen Farnel
Director of Finance:		Florrie MacLeod
Executive Secretary:		Leslie Thorn
Assistant Development Officer:		Cindy Nielson

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:		
Mayor:		Leora MacKinnon
Director of Community Services:		Catherine Cole
Director of Parks & Recreation		Carol Dunnigan

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor P. Marinus called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 11, 2008 to order at 6:30P.M.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor P. Marinus asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda.

028-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the agenda for the February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

029-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved that the Minutes of the January 28, 2008 Regular Meeting of Council of the Town of Fox Creek be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATES

3.1 Bylaw Officer Al Carroll

Bylaw Officer Al Carroll provided Council with an update on the activities over the last month. Mr. Carroll has been working with the operators parked improperly on Highway Avenue. Bylaw Officer A. Carroll has given out 12 warning tickets in a two week period in January and approximately 20 so far in February. Today alone he handed out 12 more and just as many verbal warnings. There has not been any second warnings to the same drivers but Mr. Carroll has noticed that the trucking companies are familiar. Council instructed Mr. Carroll as of March 1, 2008 to start issuing tickets.

Bylaw Officer A. Carroll had 3 abandoned vehicles removed from local streets with either expired plates or no plates at all. Councillor Ahn asked for clarification of an abandoned vehicle. Mr. Carroll explained any vehicle that is sitting on the highway for more than 72 consecutive hours is considered abandoned. There had been 2 dog complaints, one was an aggressive dog attacking another dog, that has since been settled with the owner paying the

veterinarian bills. Mr. Carroll has been monitoring the school zone regularly. Councillor Ahn commented on the speeding on 2nd Ave. Mr. Carroll will discuss this issue with Sgt. Koscielny and set up a speed blitz.

4. STANDING COMMITTEES

4.1 Community Services

4.1.1 Portfolio Chair Report

Councillor J. Ahn and Councillor M. Campbell attended the portfolio meeting on February 5, 2008. Councillor Campbell informed Council that the CRC had been busy with the Family Day Frolic activities. They discussed the Heart River Housing complaints. Councillor Palmer mentioned that it is very hard to monitor and the inspections help to determine who should be there and who should not.

4.1.2 Heart River Foundation

There have been no meetings in January or February. Councillor Palmer has been in contact with Pat Billings who is working on a draft for the Seniors Housing.

4.1.3 Municipal Library Board

There was no meeting in January, the next meeting is February 20, 2008.

4.1.4 Peace Library Board

There was no meeting in January, the next meeting is April 15, 2008.

4.1.5 Director of Community Services Update

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod presented Director of Community Services C. Cole's report. Ms. MacLeod verbally informed Council that Ms. Cole had received a resignation from Tammy Roe who is the Early Intervention Coordinator.

030-08 Councillor K. Palmer moved to accept this report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.6 Request from Peace Library

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod presented the request from Peace Library to contact our MLAs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Premier, to stress the importance of the library service and the need for increased funding.

031-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to direct administration to send a letter in support of the Peace Library System.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Finance, Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs

4.2.1 Portfolio Chair Report

The next meeting is February 20, 2008.

4.2.2 Yellowhead East Community Futures

Councillor J. Ahn attended the meeting in January, the main topic of discussion was the interest rate that Yellowhead East charges. It has always been very high and they have not been competitive. The rates have come down significantly and they now are competitive. Councillor Ahn mentioned that he has not received the advertising information that we will put in our

monthly newsletter, when he receives it he will submit it to administration.

4.2.3 Chamber of Commerce

Mayor L. MacKinnon attended the elections held January 21, 2008 but was unable to update Council as she was absent.

4.2.4 GAER

Councillor Beloin and Mayor L. MacKinnon were both unable to attend the meeting on February 4th.

4.2.5 Request for City of Grande Prairie

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod discussed the request from Grande Prairie for a letter of support from our community. This Aquatics and Wellness Multiplex will be a great asset for our lying communities, not just Grande Prairie.

032-08

Councillor Burrige moved to direct administration to draft a letter of support to the City of Grande Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2.6 Whitecourt/Millar Western Forestry Advisory Committee

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod submitted a report to Council on the Millar Western Forestry Advisory Committee, the next meeting is April 15, 2008 in Whitecourt. Councillor Ahn will attend this meeting. Ms. MacLeod informed Council that Mayor MacKinnon is updated on the Whitecourt Forestry Advisory Committee and would know the next meeting date.

4.3 Protective Services

4.3.1 Portfolio Chair Report

Acting Town Managers F. MacLeod and O. Farnel informed Council that there had not been any meetings. They would like to have an internal meeting to go over the draft. It was decided that the Protective Services Committee would meet on the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be March 3, 2008. Administration will inform the fire department and the EMS of the meeting.

4.3.2 Disaster Services Committee

Acting Town Manager O. Farnel spoke about the draft that Assistant Development Officer C. Neilson has been working on. Mr. Farnel informed Council that a grant has been made available for training, Director of Parks and Recreation C. Dunnigan felt that it was a little advanced right now for us to participate as we have a lot of work to complete before we would be ready.

4.3.3 Fire Smart Committee

Fire Smart has not had a meeting but there was information about free courses being held in Grande Prairie in March. Councillor Burrige voiced her interest in attending. Acting Town Manager O. Farnel informed Council that Director of Parks and Recreation C. Dunnigan was looking after the registration.

4.4 Property Services

4.4.1 Portfolio Chair Report

Councillor L. Beloin attended this meeting and informed Council that it was a very short meeting, they just discussed the need for a new loader.

4.4.2 Municipal Planning Commission

The MPC met on February 4, 2008. There were two (2) “as built” permits for

discussion. Deputy Mayor P. Marinus reported that both were given conditions to be met before being approved. The conditions need to be completed by August 31, 2008.

4.4.3 Greenview Regional Waste Management

Councillors Burridge and Campbell attended the meeting on February 7, 2008 in Valleyview. Councillor Burridge informed Council that the 2008 budget was discussed; the bobcat has come in and is now at the Landfill, and there will be an audit done on the books so we will know exactly how much money is available. Acting Town Manager O. Farnel suggested sending a letter regarding our transfer site. We are looking into the status of the land

- 033-08** Councillor Burridge moved to direct administration to have a letter drafted to the Alberta Government regarding the status of the land.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4.4 Use of Smoke Lake Campground to Host Scouts Jamboree

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod presented the Director of Recreation and Parks report to Council. The Fox Creek Scouts have requested the use of Smoke Lake Campground upper loops (sites 14-47) for their Jamboree June 6, 7, & 8, 2008. Councillor B. Burridge inquired as to why the Scouts were not using their own land out at Iosegun Lake. There was discussion on Pine Point, the Scouts were not interested at first but now are considering Pine Point. Acting Town Manager O. Farnel has also offered them space out at the airport. This is the same weekend as the Beer Fest in town and Council was curious as to how busy Smoke Lake would be. Acting Town Manager O. Farnel informed Council that Smoke Lake Campground may be the last option for the Jamboree but felt Council should decide in case this is the option they choose to go with.

- 034-08** Councillor Beloin moved that Town Council approve the use of Smoke Lake Campground upper loops for the Fox Creek Scouts Jamboree on June 6, 7, & 8, 2008 and offer the 1st Fox Creek Beavers, Cubs and Scouts a reduced group use rate of \$500.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4.5 Recommendation from RMRF – re extension from Gary Brar – Days Inn

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented Council with the recommendation from Sheila McNaughtan regarding the request for an extension from Gary Brar of Days Inn. Ms. McNaughtan recommends that the Town agree to extend the date for payment to the end of April 2008, but require that interest at the rate set out in the agreement be payable from November 30, 2007 until the funds are received by the Town.

- 035-08** Councillor J. Ahn moved that Council approves an extension for the final payment of the lot until April 30, 2008 at the applicable interest rate as per the Town of Fox Creek Legal Counsel's recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4.6 Recommendation from RMRF – re letter from 1321268 AB Ltd.

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented Council with the recommendation from Sheila McNaughtan regarding the request for an extension from 1321268 AB. Ltd. Ms. McNaughtan recommends that since the purchaser has not demonstrated a commitment to perform under the agreement and in fact has failed to meet either of the performance

obligations specified in the agreement they recommend that the Town advise the purchaser that it will not grant an extension and that it will return the deposit of \$2,485.73 less the \$2,000.00 which under the agreement is to be retained by the Town.

- 036-08** Councillor K Palmer moved that Council refuse the extension request and return the deposit paid less the \$2,000.00 to 1321268 Alberta Ltd., as per the Town of Fox Creek Legal Counsel's recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.4.7 Report from Director of Operations – Equipment

Director of Operations O. Farnel informed Council that our loader is on the small size and will not handle a new snow blower. He is looking at 5 different models and evaluating sizes, horsepower, options, services and warranties. Director of Operations O. Farnel would like Council to approve the purchase of a new loader.

- 037-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved that Council allow Public Works to proceed with the acquisition of a new front end loader, with the manufacturer model and price to be ratified at the February 25, 2008 regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Mayor's Corner

5.1 Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

5.2 Correspondence for Council information

Deputy Mayor P. Marinus asked Council if there was any discussion or questions on the correspondence for information. There was discussion on the Water For Life Program from the Town of Whitecourt. Acting Town Manager O. Farnel would like to explore this further, he believes it is about 10-15kms shorter, but there are a few obstacles such as a couple of deep valleys and creek crossings. This matter will be brought back to the February 25, 2008 Council meeting.

Council discussed the letter from B.G. Olivier Professional Corporation regarding the work that needs be done on the Doctors Residence. Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod informed Council that we have budgeted funds for the shingling of the roof and painting the outside of the residence. Acting Town Manager O. Farnel would get quotes on the additional work that needs to be done.

6. IN CAMERA SESSION

There was no In Camera Session.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

- 038-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Paul Marinus
Deputy Mayor

Florrie MacLeod
Acting Town Manager