
Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 25, 2008

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek, scheduled for Monday February 25, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the following being present:

PRESENT	Mayor:	Leora MacKinnon
	Councillors:	Paul Marinus Louis Beloin Jim Ahn Brenda Burridge Kim Palmer

Director of Finance:	Florrie MacLeod
Superintendent of Operations:	Dennis Bellwood
Executive Secretary:	Leslie Thorn

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councillor:	Mary Campbell
Director of Operations:	Owen Farnel

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 25, 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 were two (2) Amendments to the Agenda.

- 6.6 Request from After Grad Committee
- 7.2 Follow up from R.M.R. & F.

039-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved to accept the Agenda for the February 25, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATES**

3.1 Darren Sandbeck, Director of Acute Care Services, Regional EMS & Emergency Preparedness with Peace Country Health along with Mark Woods, EMS Zone Coordinator, provided an updated status report of the emergency services system. Mr. Sandbeck gave a brief history on where they came from and the territory that Peace Country Health services. There are 13 districts in 3 zones. A district is a community where an ambulance is stationed. Mr. Sandbeck briefed Council on Community Operations, Regional Opportunities, Inter-Facility Efficiencies, Regional Communications & Dispatch and the Challenges. Mr. Sandbeck explained about the neighbouring Districts providing cross-coverage and their motto "Any Unit, Any Time, Anywhere". Mr. Sandbeck also discussed that not all transfers require an ambulance, they could transport patients who need tests or procedures done in Grande Prairie, in a vehicle that could hold a stretcher or wheelchair. Councillor Marinus asked about our community not having an ALS (Advanced Life Support) staffing. Mr. Sandbeck mentioned that all communities would be ALS by 2010. Councillor Ahn questioned why the funding from the government has not changed since 2005. Mr. Sandbeck suggested that Council ask the Province that question on behalf of Peace Country Health as they have not been given a satisfactory response.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked if there were any amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 11, 2008.

There were no amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 11, 2008.

- 040-08** Councillor L. Beloin moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 11, 2008 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Councillor Burridge inquired as to whether the water truck that was on Highway Avenue in front of Tops had been removed. Mayor MacKinnon suggested that Administration address this with Bylaw Officer A. Carroll.

6. REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

6.1 Monthly Cash Statement for period ending January 31, 2008

- 041-08** Councillor P. Marinus moved to accept the monthly cash statement for the period ending January 31, 2008 as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Accounts Payable period ending February 25, 2008

- 042-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved to accept the accounts payable for the period ending February 25, 2008 as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 SemCams Communications Tower Site Lease (Draft)

Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council that Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod received comments on this draft from SemCams Legal Counsel. It was suggested it may be a good idea to get the two lawyers together on this draft. There are minor wording and technical terms that our Legal Counsel will review with SemCams Legal Counsel.

- 043-08** Councillor J. Ahn moved to accept the SemCams Communications Tower Site Lease as information and would like to have administration forward to our Legal Counsel to review and finalize the agreement to be brought back to Council for ratification.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Equipment Purchase

Superintendent of Operations D. Bellwood briefed Council on the purchase of the Deere Front End Loader. This model was chosen as it had the best warranty. Public Works will be advertising the old loader in the Heavy Equipment Bargain Hunter for sale.

- 044-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved that Council ratify the purchase of the Deere Model 544 Front End Loader for \$139,140.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Donation of Ice Time

Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod presented this report on behalf of Director of Parks and Recreation C. Dunnigan. Ms. MacLeod informed Council it had been the practice in the past that the Town of Fox Creek donated the ice time.

- 045-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved that Council approve the donation of two hours of ice time on March 7, 2008 from 8:00pm – 10:00PM for the sixth annual Charity Hockey Game between the Fox Creek Cobras Ladies Hockey Team and the Fox Creek Volunteer Fire Department.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Request from After Grad Committee

Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council of a letter received from the After Grad Committee, requesting permission to use the land behind the airport for May 31st, 2008. This land is owned by the Crown. Councillor Ahn will contact the After Grad Committee and inform them to contact the Forestry to request permission to use the land behind the airport.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**7.1 Woodlands County Joint Revenue Sharing Agreement – Verbal**

Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council that there is not an agreement on file with Woodlands County. We are receiving funding based on the old formula ITT (Industrial Tax Transfer). Mayor L. MacKinnon would like to invite Woodlands County to an informal meeting to review and update the formula process.

7.2 Follow-Up from Legal

Mayor L. MacKinnon reviewed the report from Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer (RMRF) in regards to the \$2,000.00 deposit retained by the Town of Fox Creek. RMRF suggests if the Town of Fox Creek receives a request for the return of the \$2,000.00 deposit that the Town may be obligated to return the deposit if they present a letter from their bank stating that financing has not been approved. Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council that as of date the contractor has not requested the return of his deposit, and will accept this report as information.

8. Mayor's Corner

8.1 Mayor L. MacKinnon opened the discussion on the legal recommendations from R.M.R.F. Based upon R.M.R.F's review of the agreements, they believe that there are inconsistencies in the agreement. They would like to review and revise the form of the agreements. The revised form of agreement could be utilized on a go-forward basis. R.M.R.F would like to review with Council the aim and objectives of the Town's policy to be sure that is captured in any revised form of Purchase Agreement.

046-08 Councillor B. Burrige moved that administration send the Purchase Agreements to legal to be reviewed and revised. Each agreement thereafter is to be reviewed by legal for any mistakes or omissions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 AUMA & EII – First Impressions Community Exchange Pilot Project

Mayor L. MacKinnon discussed the First Impressions Community Exchange Pilot Project information. While it is a wonderful project, this may not be the best time for Fox Creek to pursue it.

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

047-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved to accept the Reports and Correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor L. MacKinnon called a short recess at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 7:45 P.M.

10. IN CAMERA SESSION

048-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved that Council go "In Camera" at 7:46 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

049-08 Councillor J. Ahn moved that Council leave the "In Camera" session at 8:35 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. ADJOURNMENT

050-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday February 25, 2008 at 8:36 P.M

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leora MacKinnon,
Mayor

Florrie MacLeod
Acting Town Manager