
Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 28, 2008

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

PRESENT	Mayor:	Leora MacKinnon
	Councillors:	Paul Marinus
		Mary Campbell
		Louis Beloin
		Jim Ahn
		Brenda Burridge

Director of Operations:	Owen Farnel
Director of Finance:	Florrie MacLeod
Executive Secretary:	Leslie Thorn

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:
Councillor: Kim Palmer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, January 28, 2008 to order at 6:37 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.

- Delegate – GAER deleted from this agenda.
- 6.12 Land Sale Policy – Discussion to be added to this agenda.

013-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the Agenda for the January 28, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATES

3.1 The scheduled delegate was cancelled.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked for amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 14, 2008.

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

014-08 Councillor L. Beloin moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 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 Request for Resolution – Monthly Cash Statement, November 30, 2007

Director of Finance F. MacLeod explained to Council that the monthly cash statement was presented as information at the January 14, 2007, Council meeting and was accepted as information but no motion was made.

015-08 Councillor B. Burridge moved to accept the monthly cash statement for the period ending November 30, 2007 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Resolution Request, Priorities for Land Purchase

Director of Finance F. MacLeod explained to Council at the January 14, 2007 Council meeting a request was brought forward for a priority list for the land purchase. Council advised administration on the priority list but there was no motion made.

- 016-08** Councillor J. Ahn moved that the following be forwarded to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development as the first priorities for appraisal: M2, M3, M7, & R1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Cash Statement for period ending December 31,2007

- 017-08** Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the monthly cash statement for period ending December 31, 2007 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Accounts Payable – Period ending January 25, 2008

Director of Finance F. MacLeod informed Council that in previous years, a member of the Finance, Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Portfolio would review the Accounts Payable listing prior to the Council meeting. Director of Finance F. MacLeod will bring this up at her next portfolio meeting.

- 018-08** Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the accounts payable for the period ending January 25, 2008 as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 Highway Sign Rental Price Increase

Mayor L. MacKinnon attended the Chamber of Commerce general meeting where there was discussion on increasing the sign rental fee to help offset the upkeep of the signs. Council discussed the Towns sign which has been removed and Council has decided not to erect a new one at this time.

- 019-08** Councillor M. Campbell moved that Council direct Administration to send a letter to advise the Chamber that the Town of Fox Creek discontinue participation in the Highway Sign Rental.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 SEMCAMS Proposal, Fox Creek Communications Tower

Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council that SEMCAMS has been waiting for approval on this proposal for over six months. Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson has been working with SemCams on this proposal. Director of Operations O. Farnel advised Council that he had discussed with F. O'Malley that the Town of Fox Creek is being invoiced for road use for our well sites, even though we are not using these wells at the present time. Mr. Farnel suggested to Council that if we are entering into a Land Lease Agreement for the tower, could we request dismissing the road use fees being billed to the Town of Fox Creek. Mayor L. MacKinnon advised Administration to further investigate with SemCams regarding this agreement and possibly include it into the draft agreement with SemCams.

- 020-08** Councillor J. Ahn moved that Council accept the SemCams Proposal, Fox Creek Communications Tower.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.7 Enhanced Policing Agreement – Extension of Term

Mayor L. MacKinnon and Council discussed the Enhanced Policing Agreement and agreed the community needed the extra RCMP member and if we terminated this agreement we would lose our Sergeant.

Councillor P. Marinus arrived at 6:54 P.M.

- 021-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved that Council extend the term of the present Enhanced Policing Agreement to April 1, 2012, with the suggested amendment to Clause 7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.8 Amendment to the Report “Proposal to increase user fees”

Finance Director F. MacLeod advised Council there had been a typing error in the report that was brought to Council at the January 14, 2008 meeting. The typing error was in the “longer than a week” fine, it should have read \$150.00 per week instead of \$140.00.

- 022-08** Councillor B. Burridge moved that Council approve the proposed amendment to change the monetary amount for “longer than a week” a weekly fine from \$140.00 to \$150.00

6.9 2008 Operating Budget

Director of Finance F. MacLeod presented Council with the 2008 Operating Budget. Ms. MacLeod explained that through the process of budget meetings and working papers presented to Council for review and discussion, Administration was able to achieve a balance operating budget for 2008. Ms. MacLeod reviewed the amendments as per the report.

- 023-08** Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council accept the 2008 operating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,274,222.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.10 Request for extension from Gary Brar – Days Inn Development

Mayor L. MacKinnon explained to Council that she had advised Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson to forward the Days Inn land sale agreement to Reynolds Mirth for review along with the Land Sale Policy P035-2004. Councillor J. Ahn voiced his concern with the effects this might have on future commercial development. Mayor L. MacKinnon would like the contract reviewed by the lawyers for consistency purposes

- 024-08** Councillor P. Marinus moved to defer the request for Extension for Gary Brar to the next council meeting on February 11, 2008 once legal has reviewed the agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.11 Letter from 1321268 AB Ltd. – requesting an extension

Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council that she had spoke to Mr. Davidson before the meeting and showed him the policy regarding Land purchases. Council agreed to send to legal and that consistency needs to be enforced.

- 025-08** Councillor M. Campbell moved to defer the request for extension from 1321268 AB Ltd. to the next council meeting on February 11, 2008 once legal has reviewed the agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.12 Land Sale Policy – Discussion

Mayor L. MacKinnon briefed Council on the Land Sale Policy P035-2004 and suggested this policy be forwarded to Reynolds Mirth for review. It was decided to hold off until a new CAO was in place. There was discussion regarding section “E”-Consolidation of Two Lots, and the revenues from taxes lost with consolidation. Mayor L. MacKinnon requested Administration to write letters to both parties explaining the agreements were being sent to our legal department and are being reviewed.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Whitecourt Regional Forestry Advisory Committee

Mayor L. MacKinnon informed Council that she was unaware that she was on the Whitecourt Regional Forestry Advisory Committee. After further investigation, Mayor L. MacKinnon found a request from Millar Western to sit

on their Public Advisory Committee. Councillor J. Ahn voiced an interest in sitting on either one or both of these committees.

026-08 Mayor L. MacKinnon moved to proceed with obtaining background information on the Whitecourt Regional Forestry Advisory Committee and check to see if we could still sit on the Millar Western Public Advisory Committee and bring back to the February 11, 2008 Council meeting for further review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Mayor's Corner

Nothing to report.

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE FOR INFORMATION

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked Council if there was any discussion on the reports and correspondence for information. There was discussion regarding the Pipeline Set Back Information., Councillor P. Marinus suggested purchasing as green space, at a \$1.00 per acre it could be a worthwhile investment.

10. IN CAMERA SESSION

There was no In Camera Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

027-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 28, 2008 at 8:03 P.M

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leora MacKinnon,
Mayor

Florrie MacLeod
Acting Town Manager