

COUNCIL MINUTES – TOWN OF FOX CREEK

Regular Meeting of July 21, 2008

PRESENT:

Mayor	Leora MacKinnon
Councilors	Mary Campbell
	Brenda Burridge
	Jim Ahn
	Paul Marinus
	Grant Mott

Director of Operations	Owen Farnel
Director of Finance	Florrie MacLeod
Director of Community Services	Catherine Cole
Director of Parks & Recreation	Carol Dunnigan
Assistant Development Officer	Cindy Nielson
Executive Secretary	Leslie Thorn

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Chief Administrative Officer	Dennis Egyedy
Councilor	Louis Beloin

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, July 21, 2008 to order at 6:28 P.M.
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
Moved by: Councilor Campbell

157-08	To accept the agenda for the July 21, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as presented.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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3. DELEGATES

GUEST – KRISTENA BURKIN

Mayor L. MacKinnon welcomed Kristena Burkin, the recipient of the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award. The Community Resource Centre chooses a volunteer of the year, in recognition for their time, hard work and commitment to the community. The volunteer of the year receives the Arne Vaadeland award who was a long time resident of Fox Creek. Mr. Vaadeland and his wife Margaret moved to Fox Creek in 1972 and raised four children. In 1994, Mr. Vaadeland joined the Community Services Board where he served until he passed away in March of 1996. The volunteer of the year award is presented in his memory.

Kristena received the "Great Kids Award" from the Alberta Government on June 22, 2008. The award recognizes young adults from the age of 5-18 who have demonstrated generosity, compassion, courage, and a strong spirit to the community. Kristena has collected items for children less fortunate in other countries for over eight years. This past Christmas, Kristena travelled to Argentina to distribute 600 shoe boxes and make the wishes of hundreds of children come true. Kristena has already set a goal of 1000 shoe boxes this year as her tenth and final year of Operation Christmas Child.

GUEST – MR. & MRS GREIG

Mayor MacKinnon introduced Mr. & Mrs. Greig as two very special people in our community who have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mayor MacKinnon congratulated the Grieg's, and presented them with a framed print in recognition of their milestone.

ALTER NRG RESOURCES

Mayor MacKinnon welcomed Alter NRG to the Town of Fox Creek Council meeting. Mr. Mark Montemurro introduced himself as the President and CEO of Alter NRG, Mr. Ken Shipley as the Senior Engagement Advisor, and Mr. Len Flint as the Project Leader. These gentlemen explained the proposed project as the "Fox Creek Coal Gasification Project" which would be located approximately 27 kilometers northeast of the Town of Fox Creek on the company's existing lease. They explained gasification and how coal is gasified to "synthesis gas" and converted to diesel or naphtha in a specialized process.

The project will proceed in two stages with completion in 2014. When fully operational, there will be approximately 250 full time employees in the mining operations, and 150-200 full time employees in the CTL plant. Alter NRG plans to release its Public Disclosure Document (PDD) and hold an information meeting in the fall of 2008.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

158-08	To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 23, 2008 as presented.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

a) Monthly Cash Statement – June 30, 2008

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

159-08	To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for the period ending June 30, 2008 as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending July 21, 2008

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

160-08	To accept the Accounts Payable – Period Ending July 21, 2008 as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- c) Quarterly Statement – Period Ending June 30, 2008

Moved by: Councilor Mott

161-08	To accept the Quarterly Statement – Period Ending June 30, 2008 as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- d) Audit of Metered Utility Accounts

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

162-08	To accept the report of Audit Metered Utility Accounts as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Request for Review – RCM Condominium

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented a report for review of a secondary entrance and exit for the RCM Condominium development.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

163-08	To accept the request for review of secondary entrance and exit for the RCM Condominium development as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- b) Request from Jang Hoon Kim

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented Council with a request from Jang Hoon Kim asking the Town of Fox Creek if we are interested in repurchasing Lot 40; Block 22; Plan 832-0579.

Moved by: Councilor Burrige

164-08	To accept the repurchase of Lot 40, block 22, Plan 832-0579 from Mr. Kim for the sum of \$26,244.90 plus \$1,312.25 GST less \$2,000.00 for legal and transfer fees as per agreement; total cost for property \$25,557.15.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- c) Receipt of Resignation from Ron Mostowich

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented Council with a letter of resignation from Ron Mostowich from the Municipal Planning Commission.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

165-08	To accept the Resignation of Ron Mostowich and to direct Administration to advertise for a replacement volunteer member to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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d) Request for Refund - RCM Condo's

Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson presented a request for a refund to RCM Condos for \$37,450.00, the cost of services installed by RCM Condos for a waterline to connect at 4th Avenue, and extend water/sewer services to the corner of 2nd Street and 6th Avenue.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

166-08 Council referred the request back to staff for more information such as receipts and invoices actually paid by RCM Condos. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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e) Request for Decision – Additional Funding

Director of Parks & Recreation C. Dunnigan presented a report requesting additional funding of \$2000.00 for the Green with Envy contract for landscaping. The projects to be completed with this additional funding are to supply new mulch in all town flower beds, utilizing the mulch from the Fire Smart project. Green with Envy would complete the work by September 30, 2008.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

167-08 Council approves the additional funding of \$2000.00 to be taken from the Materials and Supplies code under Community Enhancement 2-62-60-522. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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f) Request for Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Director of Operations O. Farnel presented a report requesting an additional piece of equipment be added to the Surplus Equipment Disposal list.

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

168-08 That Council declares the John Deere 950 Tractor Serial #13750 as surplus equipment for disposal by local tendering. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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g) Report for Information - RCMP Lot

Director of Operations O. Farnel presented a report updating Council on the test hole drilling at the RCMP lot.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

169-08 That Council accepts this report as information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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8. MAYOR'S CORNER

Mayor MacKinnon received a call from a local oilfield company wishing to donate, a 12' pump jack, (sandblasted, painted, and on a pad for display). Mayor MacKinnon recommended an area beside the Museum. Mayor MacKinnon directed Administration to contact the Historical Society for their input.

On July 4th, 2008, Mayor MacKinnon and Councilor Campbell attended the

Fallen Four Memorial in Mayerthorpe, which was an emotionally rewarding experience.

On July 8th, 2008, Mayor MacKinnon and Assistant Development Officer C. Nielson met with the Provincial Appraisers (Canadian Resource Valuation Group) Robert McDonald and John Wasmuth regarding the appraisals on the Crown land. The appraisals need to be completed and submitted to the Crown by July 25, 2008.

On July 10th, the Community Resource Centre held a Seniors Luncheon with Mayor MacKinnon, Councilors Campbell, Mott and Burridge, and Director of Community Services C. Cole in attendance. Mayor MacKinnon informed Council that we will be proceeding with the Provincial grant application for Affordable Housing. John Murray Architect will have the draft Housing Design plans ready by July 23, 2008 for this project.

On July 9th, Mayor MacKinnon and Councilor Campbell met with Fire Chief Tim Pratt and Deputy Chief Les Paul. They discussed items that have been ongoing over the last couple of years, which include a new fire hall as a top priority and communication. Once the Community Enhancement Grant is in place they will review priorities. A new Inter-municipal Agreement with the M.D. of Greenview will include funding.

A meeting was held with the Northern Gateway School Board, Mayor MacKinnon, Councilor Burridge, Councilor Mott, Anne Nicole from Valleyview, Dale Gervais from the M.D. and Kim Priest in attendance. The school board was not receptive to a recreation plan, but was in favour of a new library. Mayor MacKinnon suggested a roof over the swimming pool. Kim Priest will contact the School Board for clarification on whether the Board will agree to a roof. A tentative meeting is set for September 11, 2008, to discuss funding of this project.

9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

170-08	To accept the Council correspondence as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: Councilor Mott

171-08	To adjourn the July 21st, Council meeting at 8:04 P.M.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

Leora MacKinnon
Mayor

Dennis M. Egyedy
Chief Administrative Officer

Date Approved