

# COUNCIL MINUTES – TOWN OF FOX CREEK

## Regular Meeting of June 23, 2008

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PRESENT: Mayor: Leora MacKinnon  
Councillors: Mary Campbell  
Louis Beloin  
Brenda Burridge  
Jim Ahn  
Paul Marinus  
Grant Mott  
Chief Administrative Officer: Dennis Egyedy  
Director of Operations: Owen Farnel  
Director of Finance: Florrie MacLeod  
Executive Secretary: Leslie Thorn

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, June 23, 2008 to order at 6:31P.M.

#### 1. GRANT MOTT – OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor L. MacKinnon officially welcomed Councilor Grant Mott after he took the Oath of Office.

#### GUEST – MEL BEAUDETTE

Mayor L. MacKinnon welcomed Mr. Mel Beaudette to the Council meeting for the Town of Fox Creek. Mr. Beaudette is the High Prairie District Manager with Atco Electric for Fox Creek, Swan Hills, Valleyview and High Prairie.

Mr. Beaudette stated that Atco Electric is considering the purchase of land to construct a new office and warehouse facility. In their 5 Year Plan, Atco Electric will be hiring another person for Fox Creek. The company is currently short 16 staff in the area and they are recruiting from Ontario and Newfoundland. They are attempting to hire local apprentice's so employees will be able to stay in their home communities.

Overall, Atco Electric is losing 55 Journeymen due to retirement. The company presently employs 890 people and this will double to 1780 employees by 2010. A majority of these positions will be north of High Prairie.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

**145-08**

To accept the agenda for the June 23, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 3. DELEGATES

b) Horne & Co. – George Horne

Mr. George Horne presented the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Financial Statements to Council. He explained that Financial Statements are basically a scorecard

of the Town's performance at year end. He identified the paving grants which were funded over a two year period but were completed in one year. This was done as a means to save money by bringing in the Pavers into Town in one year.

Mr. Horne explained that Capital Assets are indentified on page 13. The Town has Capital Assets valued over \$23 million; however, according to new government reporting, Capital Assets will be depreciated on an annual basis. In addition, Towns will need to report on their road lengths, water lines, sidewalks, etc. In the future, Towns will need to be run like a business.

A few years ago, a Loss Control Consultant compiled a record of Town buildings and conditions. This document needs to be updated as it will provide current information on the Town's Capital Assets.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>146-08</b>	To accept the Financial Statement for the year Ended December 31, 2007 as presented.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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a) Whynott Holdings Ltd. – Larry Davidson

Mr. Larry Davidson arrived late for the meeting and continued after the Auditor's report. He agreed to refrain from any discussion regarding his Tax Assessment as his Solicitor has submitted a Notice of Appeals.

Mr. Davidson inquired if there was any intention to pave in front of the BP Building; secondly, he would like to payout for local improvements on a couple of his properties. Mayor MacKinnon informed Mr. Davidson that paving is completed according to a ten year "Roads Plan" and he should contact the Director of Finance, F. MacLeod for the exact payout of local improvements.

Mr. Davidson expressed that he thinks the Town lacks operating funds and should consider reverting to Hamlet status. Mayor MacKinnon agreed that funds are tight, and she advised Mr. Davison that Council is presently negotiating a new funding agreement with the Municipal District of Greenview. Mayor MacKinnon also commented that this new Council is forward thinking and investigating additional funding opportunities.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>147-08</b>	To accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 9, 2008 as presented.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION**

a) Monthly Cash Statement – May 31, 2008

Moved by: Councilor Ahn

<b>148-08</b>	To accept the Monthly Cash Statement for the period ending May 31, 2008 as information.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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b) Accounts Payable – Period Ending June 23, 2008

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

<b>149-08</b>	To accept the Accounts Payable – Period Ending June 23, 2008 as information.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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**7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Request for Decision, Development Permit #021-2008

Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer presented a request from “Blanchett Neon” to erect the Lakeview Inns and Suites pillar sign adjacent to the driveway corner on Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The sign will be within the height limitation of 29.5’ and maintain 2’ setbacks from the property line according to the requirements set out in the land use bylaw.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>150-08</b>	To approve Development Permit Application no. 021-2008 for the installation of Pillar Sign on the corner of Main Street and 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue on Lot 2a; Block 36; Plan 012-3143 providing it is compliant with the land use bylaw.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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b) Request for Decision, Pentecostal Church Property

Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer presented Council with a request from the Pentecostal Church, offering the Town of Fox Creek the “first right of refusal” to repurchasing Lot 1; block 11; Plan 052-5714 from the Church. The property was originally purchased as Church parking and later for a Rector residence. After reconsideration, the Church will not proceed with either plan and has no future need for the property.

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>151-08</b>	To decline the Town of Fox Creek’s option for First Right of Refusal for repurchase of Lot 1; Block 11; Plan 052-5714, this will give the Pentecostal Church the right to vend the property to another party.	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
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**8. MAYOR’S CORNER**

Mayor MacKinnon, Councilor Ahn, and the Chief Administrative Officer met with Pat Billings of Heart River Housing, Don Gourley from the MD of Greenview, as well as, Cliff Murray from John Murray Architects regarding the Senior Affordable Housing. The architect will revise the drawings according to the provincial funding guidelines. A new grant application will be

submitted prior to September 19<sup>th</sup> cutoff date for provincial funds. Mayor MacKinnon and the Director of Community Services will sponsor a luncheon on July 10, 2008 with town senior's to determine the need for affordable housing.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Mayor MacKinnon, Councilor Ahn, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Development Officer, Dorothy Church, and Allison Sharpe attended an Extreme Makeover Committee meeting. A spruce tree will be planted in the downtown court between Scribblings and the Drug store. The Chevron sign will be relocated to the front of the parking lot. Sarah Kulmatycki, from EDS Group will be meeting with the Committee on June 25<sup>th</sup> to review the future design plans. Contractor Kim Doll has been hired to maintain Town flower beds

Mayor MacKinnon attended a full day session to develop a "Three Year Business Plan" for Heart River Housing on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in High Prairie.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor MacKinnon, Councilor Beloin, and Councilor Burridge, the Chief Administrative Officer, Kim Priest, and Dale Gervias attended a meeting with the Northern Gateway School to discuss the capital projects for Trustee funds. The committee agreed to review the possibility of a new library or a park behind the arena. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1 p.m.

Mayor MacKinnon, Councilor Burridge, Councilor Beloin, Councilor Ahn, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Director of Operations met with Alberta Transportation Regional Director, Wayne Franklin, ADI Consultant, Don Good, and their staff on June 16<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed Highway Interchange for Fox Creek. It was agreed at the meeting that the Town of Fox Creek requires two exits out of Town due to the threat of sour gas and the evacuation of residents. The consultant will be providing alternative plans for Council and Public review in September 2008.

Mayor MacKinnon, the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Director of Operations, met with Ken Zurfluh from Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation & Culture regarding Iosegun Campground. The Province would consider taking back operation of the campground from the Town. Council will need to provide the Province with a "Letter of Intent" to turn over Iosegun Park. A decision will be deferred until the August Council meeting. The Director of Parks and Recreation will provide an inventory of Iosegun park equipment and land at the August meeting.

Mayor MacKinnon was in Drayton Valley on June 18<sup>th</sup> for the GAER Annual General Meeting and Awards night. Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce business of the Year winners, Chris & James McKennit from 3 Boys Trucking were presented with an outstanding achievement award from GAER.

Long time residents, Muriel and Bill Greig will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. and Mrs. Greig will be presented with a framed print in recognition of this milestone from the Town of Fox Creek at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Seniors' luncheon.

Mayor MacKinnon and the Chief Administrative Officer will be attending the opening ceremonies of the Vet Clinic on June 25<sup>th</sup> in Valleyview.

**Mayor L. MacKinnon called a short recess at 7:53 p.m.**

**Mayor L. MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m.**

**9. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

Chief Administrative Officer, Egyedy provided highlights of the Council Correspondence.

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>152-08</b>	To accept the Council correspondence as information.
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>	

**10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

The Chief Administrative Officer, Egyedy advised Council that the 10 year road improvement plan is nearing completion and should be updated. Director of Operations, Farnel will contact DCL Siemens to review a new 10 year road improvement plan. The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed his Project Activity Status report with a brief explanation on the current job opportunities for Town employees.

Moved by: Councilor Marinus

<b>153-08</b>	Moved to accept the Chief Administrative Officer’s report as information.
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>	

**11. IN CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by: Councilor Burridge

<b>154-08</b>	To go “In Camera” at 8:30 p.m.
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>	

Moved by: Councilor Campbell

<b>155-08</b>	To come out of “In Camera” at 9:24 p.m.
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>	

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by: Councilor Mott

<b>156-08</b>	To adjourn the June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Council meeting at 9:25 P.M.
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>	

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Leora MacKinnon  
Mayor

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Dennis M. Egyedy  
Chief Administrative Officer

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