
Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of March 10, 2008

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek, scheduled for Monday March 10, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the following being present:

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

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councillor:	Kim Palmer
Director of Community Services:	Catherine Cole
Director of Parks & Recreation	Carol Dunnigan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 10, 2008 to order at 6:30P.M.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda. There was one (1) Amendment to the Agenda.

- 4.3.4 Stop Sign Proposal – to be moved up to Bylaw Officer Al Carroll's report.

051-08 Councillor B. Burridge moved to accept the agenda for the March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

052-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved that the Minutes of the February 25, 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 38 warning tickets and just as many verbal warnings. Starting today, March 10, actual written tickets were being handed out. There seems to be somewhat of an improvement in this area. Bylaw Officer A. Carroll had 2 abandoned vehicles removed from local streets. There had been 2 dog complaints about dogs running at large.

4.3.4 Stop Sign Proposal – verbal

At the Protective Services meeting held on March 3rd, 2008 the stop sign proposal was discussed. Originally all the yield signs in town were to be

changed to stop signs. It was decided that the yield signs in the residential area will not be changed at this time. The problem areas are Highway Avenue and Kaybob, 1st Avenue and Kaybob and 3rd Street and Highway Avenue. These are the busiest intersections in town. The Provincial Government is replacing the stop signs on the highway with solar powered led flashing lights. Bylaw Officer A. Carroll will bring a report to the Council meeting on April 14, 2008 for ratification.

3.2 Northern Gateway Presentation

Judy Muir introduced herself, Tim Monds, Anne Nichols and Kim Priest to Council and thanked them for making time on their agenda. Ms. Muir explained that the board had \$500,000.00 set aside from the sale of the teacherages and would like to determine if there is interest from the Town of Fox Creek Council for a tri-party partnership with the board and the M.D. of Greenview. She would like to set up a meeting to start the discussions for a mutually beneficial capital project that will benefit the community.

4. STANDING COMMITTEES

4.1 Community Services

4.1.1 Portfolio Chair Report

There was no meeting March 4, 2008.

4.1.2 Heart River Foundation

There have been no meetings in January or February.

4.1.3 Municipal Library Board

The February 20, 2008 meeting was cancelled.

4.1.4 Peace Library Board

The next meeting is March 15, 2008, unfortunately Councillor Burrige is unable to attend but will receive the minutes from this meeting.

4.2 Finance, Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs

4.2.1 Portfolio Chair Report

There was no meeting on February 21, 2008. The next meeting is March 19, 2008.

4.2.2 Yellowhead East Community Futures

The next meeting is March 13, 2008.

4.2.3 Chamber of Commerce

Mayor L. MacKinnon attended the meeting on March 4, 2008. They have elected a new board, with Allison Sharpe as the new president. The Chamber is working on a lot of projects for this year, they talked about things that are coming up. They are partnering with the Boy Scouts for the Porchlight Project which is handing out energy efficient light bulbs to every home. Mrs. Iddings and her daughter have been hired for the upcoming summer season at the Tourist Information Centre. 3 Boys Consulting have won the Business of the Year award. The next meeting is Monday March 17, 2008.

4.2.4 GAER

Councillor Beloin attended the meeting on March 3rd. They discussed strength in numbers, working on a business plan, confusion with Mayors and Reeves and who should be attending. Each municipality has one voting member. The next meeting is April 7, 2008. Mayor L. MacKinnon is attending

a Regional Meeting on March 31, 2008.

4.3 Protective Services

4.3.1 Portfolio Chair Report

Acting Town Managers F. MacLeod and O. Farnel attended the meeting on March 3, 2008. They talked about the stop sign proposal and the draft for disaster services. They discussed the new R.C.M.P building which will be built in 2010. Mayor L. MacKinnon and Acting Town Manager O. Farnel will be meeting with Ken Rankin on Thursday March 13, 2008 regarding the new building. Council was informed of two (2) of our constables leaving. The next meeting is April 7, 2008.

4.3.2 Disaster Services Committee

There was no meeting.

4.3.3 Fire Smart Committee

Councillor B. Burrige and Director of Parks and Recreation C. Dunnigan will be attending a two day seminar in Grande Prairie Thursday and Friday of this week.

4.4 Property Services

4.4.1 Portfolio Chair Report

Next meeting is March 14, 2008.

4.4.2 Municipal Planning Commission

There was no meeting.

4.4.3 Greenview Regional Waste Management

Councillor M. Campbell attended the meeting on March 6, 2008 in the Fox Creek Council Chambers. Councillor Campbell explained that work was being done on the financial statement, discussed going to bi-monthly meetings starting after April 3rd meeting. The April meeting will concentrate on the audit and budget. The commission had applied for more funds in 2005 to cover the escalating construction costs. Have reapplied for an extra \$2,000,000.00 to finish all the transfer sites.

5. Mayor's Corner

5.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor L. MacKinnon attended a 2 day AMA seminar in Edmonton last week and commented that it was an incredible course with 2 days of interaction. She will be attending a 2 day AUMA Mayors Symposium seminar on March 11 and 12th. Mayor L. MacKinnon will be meeting on March 13th with the R.C.M.P. and March 18th the Whitecourt Regional Forestry Advisory meeting. There is an interview scheduled for March 21, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. for the CAO position. The next Council meeting on March 25, 2008 will be chaired by Deputy Mayor P. Marinus.

Councillors B. Burrige and M. Campbell discussed the 1 day seminar with Reynolds Mirth. There were 6 sessions, Councillor Burrige attended the seminar on Municipalities assigning values to all their assets. Acting Town Manager F. MacLeod mentioned a one time grant of approximately \$13,000.00 to assist with the Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) Project. Premier E. Stelmach was in attendance and is hiring 600 nurses from the Phillipines, Europe and overseas to help with the shortage in Alberta. He is also looking into partnering with the States who have equipment sitting idle to bring them here to assist with our construction backlog.

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked Council who would like to sit on the School Committee, it was unanimous that the Council as a whole will attend.

053-08 Councillor M. Campbell moved to send a letter to Northern Gateway thanking them for the invitation to participate in the tri-party project The Town of Fox Creek Council as a whole will attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Correspondence for Council information

Mayor L. MacKinnon asked Council if there was any discussion or questions on the correspondence for information.

6. IN CAMERA SESSION
There was no In Camera Session.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

054-08 Councillor P. Marinus moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leora MacKinnon
Mayor

Florrie MacLeod
Acting Town Manager