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**Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 26, 2007**

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek, scheduled for Monday November 26, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the following being present:

PRESENT:	Mayor:	Leora MacKinnon
	Councillors:	Kim Palmer
		Mary Campbell
		Louis Beloin
		Jim Ahn
		Brenda Burridge

CAO:	Farrell O'Malley
Superintendent of Operations:	Dennis Bellwood
Director of Finance:	Florrie MacLeod
Assistant Development Officer:	Cindy Nielson

Executive Secretary:	Leslie Thorn
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ABSENT WITH NOTICE:	
Director of Operations:	Owen Farnel
Councillor:	Paul Marinus

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, November 26, 2007 to order at 6:30 P.M.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon asked for Additions or Amendments to the Agenda.

There were two (2) Amendments to the Agenda.

- 5.4 Fire Department Bylaw deleted from this agenda.
- 5.10 Letter from Shane Ritter to be added to this agenda.

**270-07** Councillor B. Burridge moved to adopt the Agenda for the November 26, 2007 Regular Meeting of Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon asked for amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 13, 2007.

There were no amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 13, 2007.

**271-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 13, 2007 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor K. Palmer arrived at 6:37 P.M.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no Business Arising from the Minutes.

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

**5.1 Accounts Payable for the period ending November 26, 2007**

Director of Finance Florrie MacLeod presented Council with the Accounts Payable report for the period ending November 26, 2007, presented as information.

**272-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the Accounts Payable report for the

period ending November 26, 2007 as presented as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.2 Monthly Cash Statement ending October 31, 2007**

**273-07** Councillor J. Ahn moved that Council accept the Monthly Cash Statement for October 31, 2007 as presented as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.3 Community Hall Roof Repairs**

Mayor L. MacKinnon noted there was a huge gap in the ceiling from a water leak. Mayor L. MacKinnon and Town Manager F. O'Malley reviewed the agreement between The Community Hall and the Town. The Town is responsible for any major repairs under the agreement. The Community Hall should have informed Administration of this problem earlier as it would have been easier to repair in the nicer weather. Town Manager F. O'Malley stated that we are going to try to team up with Hanks Roofing who is doing the Fire Hall roof.

Town Manager F. O'Malley's recommendation to Council was to approve an amount of \$25,000.00 to do the repairs which would come out of the Municipality's general reserves.

**274-07** Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council approve the amount of up to \$25,000.00 for the repair of the Community Hall roof with the funds to come from general reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.4 Fire Department Bylaw**

Was deleted from this agenda.

### **5.5 Highway 43 Victim Services Funding Request**

Town Manager F. O'Malley and Director of Community Services Catherine Cole attended the meeting in Whitecourt on Wednesday November 7, 2007. The Highway 43 Victims Services has been in our area on and off over the years. Town Manager F. O'Malley explained they are looking for support from all the municipalities served by this program. The amount they are looking for works out to approximately \$5,700.00.

Councillor M. Campbell would like more information on what happened to our funding. Fox Creek would have advocates here but would have a member on the board. The Council's consensus was to request that a member attend the next council meeting and provide a history of the allocation of the funds.

**275-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved that council defer this item until the next meeting pending more information on the allocation of funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.6 And 5.7 Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce Letter**

The Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce has submitted an application to erect 10 possibly 11 more signs along the highway. Mayor Leora MacKinnon and a number of councillors voiced their concerns about congestion along the highway. Councillor Burrige asked if the signs could be put along the highway coming into town from the east, but that is not a possibility as the Town does not own that land. Councillor Beloin asked if there was any agreement about the up keep of the signs. It is in the agreement that The Chamber of Commerce is responsible for the up keep.

Town Manager F. O'Malley suggested a pilot to erect a couple of signs and see how they look aesthetically. Councillor Beloin mentioned the existing signs are not permanent so they could be moved but it would be an added expense. Town Manager gave Council an option to refer the permit application to the MPC for feed back.

Council chose option (d) That Council request additional information to review at a later date.

- 276-07** Councillor B. Burrige moved that Council request additional information to review at a later date and invite the Chamber to attend the next council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.7 Letter of Resignation of C.A.O.**

Council was provided with a letter of resignation from Town Manager F. O'Malley effective December 14, 2007. Mayor Leora MacKinnon informed Council she had accepted Mr. O'Malley's resignation, with regret.

- 277-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to accept the letter of Resignation of C.A.O. Farrell O'Malley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.9 Council Procedural Bylaw 668-2007**

Town Manager F. O'Malley briefed Council on the highlights of the Council Procedural Bylaw 668-2007, noting that the Cultural Services Board has been deleted. The Naming Advisory Committee (Bylaw 666-2007) has been added.

- 278-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to give First (1<sup>st</sup>) Reading to Bylaw 668-2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 279-07** Councillor L. Beloin moved to give Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Reading to Bylaw 668-2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 280-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to hold Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Final reading of Bylaw 668-2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 281-07** Councillor J. Ahn moved to give Bylaw 668-2007 third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5.1 Letter from Shane Ritter Re: Right of First Refusal for Lots 8 & 9 Block 42 Plan 832-0579**

Town Manager F. O'Malley recommended that Council consider returning Shane Ritter's full deposit.

- 282-07** Councillor B. Burrige moved that Council return Shane Ritter his full deposit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Senior/Disabled Affordable Housing**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon and Council met on Friday November 23, 2007 with MLA Mel Knight, Fox Creek did not get the funding for the seniors/disabled affordable housing project. Councillor K. Palmer spoke with Pat Billings at Heart River Housing and they do not know why we did not get the funding. Councillor K. Palmer feels it could be a demographic problem.

Councillor B. Burrige suggested that there is enough money in the oil companies that we should be able to raise some funds. Mr. B. Marple was in the gallery and he offered to clear the land at no cost to the Town.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon informed Council that Council has a few options. One of the options was discussed with Mayor Leora MacKinnon and Town Manager F. O'Malley to use the \$200,000 that is earmarked in the 2008 Budget and debenture a similar amount each year for the next 10 years. Mayor Leora MacKinnon said that we do not have to build all 10 units at once.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon motioned to proceed as the Town of Fox Creek in Partnership with Heart River Housing. And for the Town Manager to bring forward figures at the next meeting.

- 283-07** Councillor J. Ahn moved for Administration to go ahead with the engineers for the design of the Seniors /Disabled Affordable Housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mayor Leora MacKinnon called a short recess at 7:40 P.M.**

**Mayor Leora MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 7:54 P.M.**

#### **Library Board Committees**

Councillor B. Burrige would like to be on the Municipal Library Board so that she will be informed when she attends the Peace River Library Board meetings. Councillor L. Beloin gave his chair over to Councillor B. Burrige.

- 284-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved that Councillor L. Beloin give up his seat on the Municipal Library Board to Councillor B. Burrige.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Summary**

Town Manager F. O'Malley submitted a financial report on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. There was a \$40,000 dollar budget for the celebrations there is a total budget left of \$9,331 which will be moved into a reserve. Mayor Leora MacKinnon recommended moving the Family Event from January 5, 2008 to the Family Day weekend in February. Out of the donations received \$10,750 went to the Seniors Drop-In Centre.

- 285-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to use the \$9,331 for the wrap of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 286-07** Councillor B. Burrige moved to change the date for the Family Event from January 5, 2008 to the Family day weekend in February, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

#### **7.1 Insight into Government**

November 9, 2007 and November 16, 2007 editions.

#### **7.2 RCMP Fox Creek Detachment Occurrences**

November 16-22, 2007 occurrences and a memo with meeting times at the AUMA Conference.

#### **7.3 FCM**

Council was provided with the aforementioned reports for information only.

### **8. IN CAMERA SESSION**

- 287-07** Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council go "In Camera" at 8:12 P.M. with no one in attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 288-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved that Council leave the "In Camera" session at 9:08 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

- 289-07** Councillor B. Burrige moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 26, 2007 at 9:09 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Leora MacKinnon,  
Mayor

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Farrell O'Malley,  
Chief Administrative Officer