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**Council Minutes - Regular Meeting of October 22, 2007**

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek, scheduled for Monday October 22, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the following being present:

PRESENT:	Mayor:	Leora MacKinnon
	Councillors:	Mary Campbell Kim Palmer Paul Marinus Louis Beloin Jim Ahn Brenda Burridge
Chief Administrative Officer:		Farrell O'Malley
Director of Finance:		Florrie MacLeod
Assistant Development Officer:		Cindy Nielson
Director of Community Services:		Catherine Cole
Executive Secretary:		Leslie Thorn

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, October 22, 2007 to order at 7:18 P.M.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda.

There were four (4) additions to the Agenda:

- 6.6 Monthly Cash Statement from Florrie MacLeod
- 6.7 Letter from the Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce
- 7.4 Letter from Ted Morton, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
- 7.5 Open House - Fox Creek Highway 43 Interchange Study

**245-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to adopt the Agenda for the October 22, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Fox Creek as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. DELEGATES**

**3.1 Parent Advisory Council – Chairperson Liz Mostowich**

Chairperson Liz Mostowich discussed with Council the information she had compiled pertaining to the status of the approximately \$500,000 in proceeds from the sale of the teacherages.

Ms. Mostowich reported that a proposal containing five key projects aimed at making immediate improvements at the school at a cost of close to \$325,000 was presented by Principal Fred Hines to the Northern Gateway School Division. Mr. Hines was subsequently informed that the school board and the Town were going to form a committee to develop alternatives that will promote best value for these funds through accessing matching grants and/or donations.

Ms. Mostowich requested that Council consider sending a letter to Northern Gateway School Division identifying that the funds from the sale of the Teacherages be turned over to the Fox Creek School along with the control as to how the funds get allocated.

- 246-07**      **Councillor M. Campbell moved that Council** send a letter to the Northern Gateway School Division Board of Directors stating that the Town of Fox Creek is extremely interested in partnering with the School Division in the future and that it recommends that the funds realized from the sale of the Teacherages in Fox Creek be placed in the control of the Fox Creek School Administration so that pressing issues can be addressed immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mayor Leora MacKinnon called a brief recess at 8:23 P.M.**

**Mayor Leora MacKinnon called the meeting back to order at 8:32 P.M.**

**4.            MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.1**      Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 9, 2007.

- 247-07**      Councillor P. Marinus moved to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 9, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.            BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nothing to report.

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

**6.1      Accounts Payable for the period ending October 22, 2007**

Director of Finance F. Macleod presented the Accounts Payable for the period ending October 22, 2007 and enquired if there were any questions from members of Council.

- 248-07**      Councillor P. Marinus moved that the Accounts Payable for the period ending October 22, 2007 be accepted as information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.2      2007 AUMA Fall Convention – November 28-30, 2007 in Calgary**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon asked Council to let Executive Secretary L. Thorn know who would be attending the convention as she and Town Manager F. O'Malley will be attending.

**6.3      Funding Agreement with Legion/Community Hall Society**

Town Manager F. O'Malley explained the details of the proposed agreement and that it was for three (3) years at \$10,000 per year plus 50% of the Natural Gas and Electricity costs. Mayor Leora MacKinnon agreed that it is a Town owned building and we need to support it otherwise the Town may end up operating it.

- 249-07**      Councillor P. Marinus moved that the Town of Fox Creek enter into a three (3) year funding agreement with the Legion/Community Hall Society at a cost of \$10,000 per year plus 50% of the Natural Gas and Electricity costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.4      Peace Country Health – Community Health Council Forum**

Town Manager F. O'Malley enquired as to which members of Council may be interested in attending the forum as we need to confirm our attendance numbers with the organizers.

### **6.5 Governance Success Workshop hosted by M.D. of Greenview**

Town Manager F. O'Malley briefed members of Council on the invitation extended by the Municipal District of Greenview and the content of the workshop and enquired as to which members of Council would be attending. It was identified that all members of Council with the exception of Councillor P. Marinus would be attending.

### **6.6 Monthly Cash Statement September 30, 2007**

Councillor L. Beloin moved that Council accept the monthly cash statement dated September 30, 2007 as information as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **6.7 Letter of Invitation from the Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon complimented the Chamber of Commerce as a great asset to the community and requested that members of Council to confirm their ability to attend the event at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007.

Members of Council confirmed that the date and time were fine.

## **7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **7.1 Council Strategic Planning Session**

Town Manager F. O'Malley enquired as to what format Council desires to utilize for the session and when they would like to schedule it for.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon recommended having a small session scheduled for a Friday night and all day Saturday to be held on one weekend in January and asked members of Council to provide two dates to choose from so that Administration could make the necessary arrangements.

### **7.2 Current & Pending Project and Service Inventory**

Town Manager F. O'Malley presented members of Council with a handout that included a number of projects that the Town Administration is currently working on along with those projects that are anticipated for the future as information for members of Council at this time.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon would like some input on ideas for a family related event to wrap up the Town's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the November 13th agenda.

### **7.3 Proposed meeting with Minister Ted Morton**

Town Manager F. O'Malley briefed Council that this item may be unnecessary at this time as a result of a recently received letter from Minister Ted Morton of Sustainable Resource Development dated October 18, 2007 and that it may be best to defer the discussion until the letter is dealt with specifically as the next agenda item.

### **7.4 Letter from Minister Ted Morton**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon briefed members of Council on the letter the Town received earlier in the day relating to the Town's request to purchase Crown Land within the Municipal Boundaries of the Town. Mayor Leora MacKinnon related that the Province is extending an offer to purchase to the Town for 1,364.42 acres and that the offer is subject to appraisals being conducted on the land in accordance with the projected use of such lands.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon recommended that Council form a Committee of Council to work on this Crown Land purchase project.

- 250-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved that a Committee of Council consisting of all members of Council be established to work on the Crown Land purchase project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **7.5 Public Open House – Fox Creek Interchange Study**

Town Manager briefed members of Council the intent of the Interchange Study and a number of potential challenges it may present if it is not located in the best location possible.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon recommended that after the open house on November 8, 2007 at the Legion Hall, members of Council be prepared to present their thoughts and suggestions to Council so that a formal response be formulated and presented to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

## **8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE FOR INFORMATION**

### **8.1 Insight into Government**

### **8.2 RCMP Fox Creek Detachment Occurrences**

Mayor Leora MacKinnon mentioned to members of Council that there were some concerns expressed by the previous Council about the new Sergeant not living in town and that Council was informed that it was due to a medical reason within the Sergeant's family and that the R.C.M.P. will be monitoring the matter closely and will be consulting the Town on an ongoing basis to ensure the Town's needs are being looked after.

Mayor Leora MacKinnon stated that she believes that the new Sergeant is committed to our community and is prepared to do what he can to ensure that this is demonstrated.

### **8.3 FCM – Green Municipal Fund – Brownfield Projects**

## **9. IN CAMERA SESSION**

No session.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

- 251-07** Councillor M. Campbell moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, October 22, 2007 at 9:17 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Leora MacKinnon  
Mayor

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Farrell O'Malley  
Chief Administrative Officer