



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday May 24, 2016

PRESENT:

Mayor	Jim Ahn
Councillors	Jim Hailes Tom Thompson Robin Gervais Chris Stadnyk Brenda Burrige
Chief Administrative Officer	Roy Dell
Executive Assistant	Bonnie Adamson
Director of Operations	John Greathead
Director of Corporate Services	Alicia Bourbeau

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Councillor	Christopher Conlin
Director of Parks and Recreation	Mitch Carter
Peace Officer	Josh Towle

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ahn called the Regular Meeting of Council for May 24, 2016 to order at 6:30pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition:

Delegations: 4 b) Town Protection- Wildfire
Les Paul, Fire Chief

New Business: 8 a) Thank You Letters send out to all Businesses that Assisted with the Wildfire
8 b) 50th Anniversary Celebration
8 c) Credit Cards

In Camera: 13 c) Discussion concerning Councillor Conlin

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

223-16 That Council does not want to add a Discussion concerning Councillor Conlin on the agenda.
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DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

224-16 That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held May 24, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held May 9, 2016.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

225-16 That the minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held May 9, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Business arising from minutes.

There was no new business that arose from the minutes.

4. DELEGATIONS

- a) Chamber of Commerce
Corbett Fertig, Chamber of Commerce

Corbett Fertig and Lisa Pelletier came before Council to give an update of the changes that are currently in progress. The Chamber of Commerce has been updating their website and business directory to make it easier for outside businesses to locate local operations that will suit their needs. They have been building an alliance with FCOG, and the Chamber has plans in the works to connect with Chamber of Commerce in other towns to collectively gather information in hopes of advancing the community and better advocate on behalf of the community and local business.

- b) Town Protection- Wildfire
Les Paul, Fire Chief

Les Paul came to Council to show his appreciation for all the help his department received during the recent wildfire that started a short distance outside of Fox Creek May 15, 2016 and kept the Town on alert until the fire was reported to be 95% contained May 19, 2016.

Les wanted to thank everyone for the outstanding combined effort that everyone put in. The list of those that he wished to thank is the Town Administration for the administrative work that was executed, two of his firemen that left school and one missed writing his steam ticket to be in the Town to assist with the firefighting efforts, all of the local firemen that took endless hours away from their families and allowed the use of their personal trucks and trailers for moving equipment, the wives and families of the firemen that were very supportive as well as the employers of the firemen, Freson Bros., Fox Creek Sales and Rentals, UFA, Rockwater, WD Towing, Rival, 3 Boys, Marnevic, Devonian, Acklands, Freelance Signs, Chinook Air, Alberta Health Services, MD of Smoky River Fire Department, Peace River Fire Department, High Level Fire Department, MD of Greenview Fire Department, Valleyview Fire Department, Whitecourt Fire Department, Grande Cache Fire Department, County of Northern Sunrise Fire Department and Ralcomm.

All the fire departments worked hard keeping the fire under control, evacuating residence from the Little Smoky area, and doing structural assessments on properties in the event that there was a need to fight fires in a residence's yard.

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

226-16 That the Town provides supper to emergencies services and their families at a determined time, furthermore that funding be taken from the hosting budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

227-16 That Council accepts the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Protection – Wildfire presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Business arising from Delegations

There was no new business arising from the delegations.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

a) Bylaw 774-2016-Rates of Taxation
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

228-16 That Council tables first reading of Bylaw 774-2016 - Rates of Taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

a) Account Payables – for the period ending May 24, 2016
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

229-16 That Council accepts the accounts payable for the period ending May 24, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Ahn called a recess at 7:47p.m.

Mayor Ahn called the meeting back to order at 8:17p.m.

7. OLD BUSINESS

NIL

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Wild Fire Help - Thank You
Jim Ahn, Mayor

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

330-16 That Council directs Administration to write letters to Municipalities, Alberta Environment and Parks, businesses, Town residence, various towns and industries that offered support and effort during the wildfire.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) 50th Anniversary Celebration
Robin Gervais, Councillor

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

331-16 That Council directs Administration to table discussion of the 50th Anniversary and bring back to June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) Credit Card
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

332-16 That Council directs Administration to allow the citizens of Fox Creek to use credit cards for payments on property taxes and Town of Fox Creek services.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

333-16 That Council brings back Bylaw 774-2016 - Rates of Taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. a) Bylaw 774-2016-Rates of Taxation
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

334-16 That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 774-2016 - Rates of Taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councillor Gervais

335-16 That Council gives second reading to Bylaw 774-2016 - Rates of Taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

336-16 That Council holds third reading of Bylaw 774-2016 - Rates of Taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

337-16 That Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 774-2016 - Rates of Taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. COUNCIL'S REPORTS

Councillor Hailes

Councillor Hailes attended a meeting with the MD of Greenview on May 10, 2016 in Fox Creek. The meeting focused on the upcoming development of the Multi-use Facility, recreational areas in and around Fox Creek and proposed financial assistance that the

MD offering. Councillor Hailes found it to be a very positive meeting. The following day Councillor Hailes met with the AER and the MD of Greenview for part three of a joint meeting. On Thursday May 12, 2016 Councillor Hailes attended a meeting with representatives from Alberta Energy Regulators, Pembina and Newalta.

Councillor Burridge

Councillor Burridge attended the meeting with the MD of Greenview on May 10, 2016 in Fox Creek. The meeting was very productive. On May 11, 2016 Councillor Burridge went to Little Smoky for part three of a meeting with Alberta Energy Regulators and the MD of Greenview. On May 12 and 13, 2016 Councillor Burridge was in Whitecourt for a meeting with Enbridge. Enbridge has requested to continue the three year extension of the Northern Gateway oil pipeline.

Councillor Thompson

Councillor Thompson attended a meeting between the MD of Greenview Council and the Town of Fox Creek Council on May 10, 2016, on May 11, 2016 Councillor Thompson was in Little Smoky to attend part three of the meeting between representatives of Alberta Energy Regulator, MD of Greenview Council and Town of Fox Creek Council, then May 12, 2016 Councillor Thompson met with representatives from the Alberta Energy Regulators, Pembina and Newalta.

Councillor Conlin

Councillor Conlin attended an Emergency Response Plan meeting with Council concerning the wild fire May 16, 2016 that was in a close proximity to the Town of Fox Creek. Councillor Conlin was at the Community Futures loan meeting where they approved a business loan for \$120,000.00 for a business in Edson as part of a joint venture with two other CF's. The total for this start up business was \$360,000.00.

Councillor Gervais

Councillor Gervais personally distributed Chevron's local hire contract business cards to multiple local businesses in Fox Creek.

On May 10, 2016 Councillor Gervais took Tristen Goodman and Scott Millar representatives of the AER on a tour of the Town of Fox Creek and area to point out firsthand the issues the Town is experiencing. On May 11, 2016 Councillor Gervais was in Little Smoky to attend part three of the meeting between Alberta Energy Regulator, MD of Greenview Council and Town of Fox Creek Council. Councillor Gervais reports that the Towns' concerns are being heard and many have already been addressed. The AER is looking into putting satellite metering units on all withdrawals used for fracking from ground water and wells. The AER's proximity to, presence within and ability to monitor the play in a timely and effective manner have also been satisfactorily resolved as well as many of the other issues that were brought forward.

Councillor Stadnyk

Councillor Stadnyk attended part three of the AER, MD of Greenview and Town of Fox Creek joint meeting in Little Smoky on May 11, 2016, and a portion of the meeting that took place in Fox Creek on May 10, 2016 with the MD of Greenview. On May 24, 2016 Councillor Stadnyk was present at the Skate Park meeting and told Council that if anyone was interested they can attend the Skate Park Design meeting on May 30, 2016.

Mayor Ahn

Mayor Ahn attended a meeting with the MD of Greenview on May 10, 2016 in Fox Creek. The meeting centered on the upcoming development of the Multi-use Facility, recreational areas in and around Fox Creek and proposed financial assistance. The MD had stated that they will be putting together an agreement for the Town that will cover 25% of recreation expenditures. Mayor Ahn will be attending a MD of Greenview Council meeting to present as a delegation. On May 11, 2016 Mayor Ahn met with the AER and the MD of Greenview for part three of the joint meeting. On Thursday May 12, 2016 Mayor Ahn attended a Heart River Housing meeting, to prepare for a meeting with the Minister of Housing.

Moved by: Councillor Burrige

338-16 That Council directs Administration to write a letter of support to Northern Gateway Pipelines in support of the extension of the pipeline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councillor Stadnyk

339-16 That Council authorizes Mayor Ahn, Councillor Gervais and Councillor Burrige to attend the MD of Greenview Council meeting as a delegation to give an update on the multi-use facility and discussion of future operation of the facility.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

340-16 That Council accepts the Council reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- a) RCMP Report
- b) Employment Services Grant Report – Alberta Human Services
- c) Peace Library System's AGM Board
- d) Interim Councillor Report: Robin Gervais – Town of Fox Creek

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

341-16 That Council accepts reports and correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MOTION REVIEW

- a) Review of 2016 Council Motions
Roy Dell, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

342-16 To accept the 2016 Motion Review as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Ahn called a recess at 9:31p.m.

Mayor Ahn called meeting back to order at 9:47p.m.

12. COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Chamber of Commerce updated Council on the changes the Chamber of Commerce has made to better serve local businesses.
- Fire Chief Les Paul came before Council to show his gratitude for all the support that was given by so many individuals, fire crew members, businesses and organizations during the wildfire.
- Third and final reading was given to Bylaw 774-2016 – Rates of Taxation.

- Council will be sending a letter of support to Northern Gateway Pipelines in support of the extension of the pipeline.
- Mayor Ahn, Councillor Gervais and Councillor Burrige will be attending a MD of Greenview Council Meeting as a delegation concerning the Multi-use Facility and discussions of future operations of the facility.
- The Town of Fox Creek Administration will be allowing credit card payments on property taxes and Town of Fox Creek services.

13. IN CAMERA

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

343-16 That Council moves to go "In Camera" at 9:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

344-16 That Council moves to come out of "In Camera" at 10:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) Request for Decision – Bylaw
Roy Dell, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

345-16 That Council approves staff recommendation.

DEFEATED

- b) Request for Decision – Pembina Pipeline and Newalta
Roy Dell, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

346-16 That Council directs Administration to send a letter to Pembina logistics department advising them of the heavy truck parking on Highway Ave during Pembina's scheduled/unscheduled shut downs and furthermore that Council send a letter to Newalta advising them that Council is withdrawing their Statement of Concern for the proposed construction.

CARRIED

- c) Discussion Around Councillor Conlin
Robin Gervais

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

347-16 That Council accepts the discussion around Councillor Conlin as information.

In Favour
Mayor Ahn
Councillor Hailes
Councillor Burrige
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Stadnyk

Opposed
Councillor Gervais

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Thompson


348-16 That Council directs Administration to recognize the efforts of the Administrative EOC with the recent events and propose a recommendation for an award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting of Council was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.



Jim Ahn
Mayor

Roy Dell
Chief Administrative Officer

June 13, 2016
Date Approved