

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

Council Present: Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Boutin, Fraser, Parsons, Smyth and Wyatt

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager, Debbie Turner, Administrative Assistant and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Nimmo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. The Mayor requested "Deputy Mayor" be added as Item 8.5.
2. The Town Manager requested "Sturgeon County – Proposed Interpretive Centre and Forest Walk at Goose Hummock Golf Resort" be added as Item 9.5.
3. The Town Manager requested "Item 17.1- In-Camera" be removed from the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/078 Councillor Wyatt moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – April 8, 2009

Deputy Mayor Horner advised that he did not attend the Gibbons Business Association as stated in the Committee Reports. Also the word "Deputy" should be removed from Item 4 of the Committee Reports.

09/079 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2009 be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

09/080 Mayor Nimmo moved that the accounts in the subtotal amount of \$100,510.31 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Parsons declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 7:04 p.m.

09/081 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$101,820.08 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Parsons returned to the room at 7:05 p.m.

2. Monthly Statement – February 2009

09/082 Councillor Boutin moved to accept the February 2009 monthly statement as presented. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Lionel Larcombe – 2008 Financial Statement

Mr. Larcombe attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of the 2008 financial statement. He advised Council that the Town is in good financial condition and that the Town has done a good job sticking to the budget. He also advised that next year's financial statement will be quite different with the Capital Asset program in place, but should not affect the way budget is done.

Mr. Larcombe left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

08/083 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the 2008 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2009 Budget

Debbie Turner, Administrative Assistant, gave Council an overview of the changes made to the interim budget.

09/084 Councillor Fraser moved that Council go in-camera to discuss a contract issue. CARRIED. Council went in camera at 8:27 p.m.

09/085 Councillor Fraser moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 8:30 p.m.

09/086 Councillor Boutin moved to accept the revised 2009 Budget as presented. CARRIED.

2. AB Municipal Affairs - \$5.6 Billion in Capital Support

This item was received for information.

3. Porta Potties

09/087 Councillor Fraser moved to rent 6 porta potties from PC (R) Ltd. on a monthly basis from May until September. CARRIED.

4. Street Sweeper

09/088 Councillor Parsons moved to purchase a Street Sweeper for no more than \$159,300.00. CARRIED.

Town Manager and Administrative Assistant to investigate payment options.

5. Deputy Mayor

09/089 Councillor Parsons moved that Deputy Mayor Horner be reelected as Deputy Mayor for another 6 month term on Councillor Parsons' behalf. CARRIED.

09/090 Councillor Horner will be sworn in as Deputy Mayor at the next regular meeting. Councillor Wyatt moved to cancel the May 13th regular meeting as the meeting will be held on May 6, 2009 at Gibbons School. CARRIED.

It was the consensus of Council to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 6, 2009. Next meeting will be held on June 3, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gibbons Fire Department – Administrative Principles and Standard Operating Guidelines

09/091 Councillor Parsons moved to accept the Administrative Principles and Standards Operating Guidelines as presented with the addition that it must state that the Chief and Deputy Chief must reside in the Town of Gibbons. CARRIED.

2. College of Licensed Practical Nurses – National Nurses Week, May 11-17, 2009

Mayor Nimmo proclaimed National Nurses Week as May 11 – 17, 2009.

3. Gibbons Community Services Board – Seniors Week - June 1-7, 2009

Mayor Nimmo proclaimed Seniors' Week as June 1 – 7, 2009. Mayor Nimmo asked Council to mark their calendar for June 6, 2009 to help with Brunch.

4. Gibbons Community Services Board – Recommendations to Council

1. Recommendation to council to deny application from Sturgeon River Historical Society Rental Retirement.

It was the consensus of Council that Item 1 be referred back to the Community Services Board for reconsideration and also review the policy to try to make it more fair.

2. Recommendation to council to accept the application from the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary for rental retirement on May 9/09 as criteria has been met.

09/092 Deputy Mayor Horner moved concurrence with the recommendation to accept the application from the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary. CARRIED.

5. Sturgeon County – Proposed Interpretive Centre and Forest Walk

It was the consensus of Council that the proposed Interpretive Centre and Forest Walk at Goose Hummock Golf Resort would be an asset and asked the Town Manager to forward a letter advising that the Town has no objection.

BYLAWS

1. Bylaw No. ALT 2/09 – A Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta To Authorize the Rates of Taxation to be Levied Against Assessable Property Within the Town of Gibbons for the 2009 Taxation Year

09/093 Bylaw No. ALT 2/09 being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta to Authorize the Rates of Taxation to be Levied Against Assessable Property within the Town of Gibbons for the 2009 Taxation Year was read a first time on the motion by Councillor Fraser. CARRIED.

09/094 Bylaw No. ALT 2/09 being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta to Authorize the Rates of Taxation to be Levied Against Assessable Property within the Town of Gibbons for the 2009 Taxation Year was read a second time on the motion by Councillor Parsons. CARRIED.

09/095 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that this bylaw be read a third and final time. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

09/096 Bylaw No. ALT 2/09 being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta to Authorize the Rates of Taxation to be Levied Against Assessable Property within the Town of Gibbons for the 2009 Taxation Year was read a third and final time on the motion by Councillor Parsons. CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Managers Report

Sierra Ridge Public Hearing April 28, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Gibbons Community Hall.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on May 6th at Gibbons School at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to give young people a taste of local government.

An emergency planning exercise will be held for Council and some staff members on May 6th at 1 p.m. This is an exercise that should be held regularly, while hoping that it will never actually be needed.

Meetings

Shawna Jason and Rick Milligan (Pooh Bears Preschool) and Kelly Taylor – Gibbons – April 9

We met to receive an update on the financial position of the preschool program and also to talk about possible directions they could go. Kelly will advise and will help connect them with resources in other government levels.

Bon Accord Fire Department – Bon Accord – April 9

Eric Lowe, our Fire Chief, and I met with the Bon Accord Fire Chief and Deputy Chief and Bon Accord's Town Manager. We discussed the possibility of combining resources to purchase a fire truck together. We will meet again and will include Sturgeon County in the meeting as well. We will bring the options to our respective Councils for further discussion and decision in the future.

Rico Sebastianelli (Gibbons Curling Club) – Gibbons – April 14

Debbie Turner and I met with Mr. Sebastianelli to discuss a variety of issues regarding the Curling Club.

Community Services Board Meeting – Gibbons – April 15

I was pleased with the effort and interest shown by the members of the CRB. It's good to gain contacts such as these volunteers in the community.

Petro-Canada – Gibbons – April 16

John Percic and Sean MacGreggor met with Mayor Nimmo, Gary Spitzig and me to talk about the proposed merger with Suncor and the layoffs that had been reported through the media.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea – Gibbons – April 19

It is important to take time to thank people, and that is especially important for volunteers. The event was well run and was also well attended for being the first Appreciation Tea for a few years.

EEDC Annual Luncheon – Shaw Conference Centre – April 20

2. Public Works Report

a. Water

Chlorine is good.

Reservoir is at 100%.

b. Sewer – No problems

c. Roads.

Pot holes are 75% filled.

d. Parks

No inspections until spring

Stumps in Poplar Park are no removed.

e. Equipment

We received our new truck.

The Tool Cat is back no complaints as of yet.

Grass equipment oil changes are at about 50%.

Grader will be serviced by Brandt tractor within the next month.

f. Arena

Ice is out Gibbons School has played soccer in there. .

Waiting quotes on new condenser.

g. General

Everything seems to running fine.

An exterminator is coming in for the Gophers, April 27th.

3 Significant Events Report - March

This item was received for information

4. Sturgeon County – March Report

This item was received for information.

6. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received for information.

6. Community Services

This item was received for information

09/097

Councillor Wyatt moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

COMMITTTEE REPORTS

1. Community Services Board

Councillor Smyth attended this meeting which was very productive. The Board is busy preparing for Canada Day and plan to have an outdoor movie on July 4th.

2. Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Boutin and Fraser attended and were very impressed. Job well done.

3. Roseridge Landfill

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting.

4. Rural Crime Watch – 25th Anniversary

Deputy Mayor Horner attended this event and was impressed with the attendance.

5. Historical Society

Councillor Wyatt attended this meeting.

6. Landing Trail Choir

Councillor Wyatt advised that the Landing Trail School Choir won 1st Place in St. Albert.

7. Library Board

Councillor Boutin advised that this meeting was cancelled as they did not have a quorum.

8. Sturgeon Foundation

Councillor Fraser attended and advised that they are busy with meetings for the new addition.

9. Emergency Plan

Mayor Nimmo has been working with Gary Spitzig on the Emergency Plan.

10. Community Future Tawatinaw Region

Mayor Nimmo attended the Trade show.

11. ATCO Community Symposium

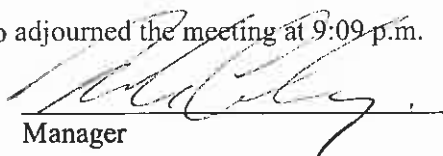
Mayor Nimmo attended and advised that this event had good speakers but was aimed mostly at nonprofit organizations. Getting volunteers was a big topic.

12. School Board

Mayor Nimmo and Mark Oberg met with a couple representatives from the School Board to discuss future schools.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.


Mayor


Manager