

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

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

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager, Kelly Taylor, Community Services Director and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Nimmo called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. The Town Manager requested "Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program" be added as Item 9.3.
2. The Town Manager requested "Alliance Church – Request for Letter of Support" be added as Item 9.4.
3. The Town Manager requested "Bylaw No. PLU 1/09" be added to the agenda.
4. An In-Camera session was added to the end of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/126 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – May 27, 2009

09/127 Councillor Smyth moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

09/128 Mayor Nimmo moved that the accounts in the total amount of \$421,008.88 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

2. Monthly Statement – April 2009

09/129 Councillor Wyatt moved to accept the April 2009 monthly statement as presented. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:00 p.m. – Kelly Taylor, Community Services – Directors Report

Mrs. Taylor gave a verbal report to Council on the upcoming Community Services events and programs. The new programs for this summer are Children's Programs in the Park and the F.L.Y Program (Fostering Leadership in Youth). The Town partnered with Landing Trail School and received the Summer Canada Jobs grant for one Summer Coordinator, Veronica Haring, and one Assistant, Julie Arsenault. The Country Cone Ice Cream Store is open with 6 youths employed. Communities in Bloom will be competing nationally this year with evaluation day August 12th. Once again we will be in partnership with the Sturgeon County Peace Officers and reward those children that wear helmets when they are on their bikes. Parent Link has agreed to have a satellite office in Gibbons again. Morale Mail will be offered to families of military members that are deployed who are unable to get to CFB Edmonton to drop parcels. Parcels may be dropped off at the Town Office and they will be delivered CFB. The Youth Centre is in the middle of planning renovations.

2. 7:15 p.m. – Community Services Board & Pat McCormack

Pat McCormack, Chase Stevenson and Irene Heath attended and asked for Council's support in an event that the youth's would like to hold. Mr. McCormack explained that a Battle of the Bands called "Bands of Tomorrow-Today" is proposed for October 17, 2007. This will be a large event with approximately 350 youths attending and approximately 13 bands performing. Mr. McCormack has volunteered to be in charge of security. Mr. McCormack

asked Council to partner with the youths by waiving the rental fees for Landing Trail School and cover the insurance and liability under a Town policy.

It was the consensus of Council to support the youths with their event. The Community Services Board will bring a recommendation to Council for approval.

Pat McCormack, Chase Stevenson, Irene Heath and Kelly Taylor left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3. 7:30 p.m. – Landrex – Emerald Ridge, Area Structure Plan - Bill Dolman, Municipal Planning Services and Chris Davis, Landrex

Mr. Dolman recommended to Council that 1st Reading take place so that the plan can proceed to a public hearing.

09/130 Bylaw No. PLU 1/09 being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta to provide for the adoption of the Emerald Ridge Area Structure Plan was read a first time on a motion by Councillor Boutin. CARRIED.

09/131 Councillor Wyatt moved to hold the public hearing for Emerald Ridge Area Structure Plan on July 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Victim Services, Sturgeon Region – Community Grants Application

09/132 Deputy Mayor Horner moved to approve the Community Grants Application from Victim Services, Sturgeon Region in the amount of \$535.00. CARRIED.

2. See Virtual Tour – May Stats

This item was received for information.

3. Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program

09/133 Councillor Wyatt moved to approve staff recommendations to apply for the RInC grant subject to a suitable partnership with Gibbons School and the Parent Association. CARRIED.

4. Alliance Church – Request for Letter of Support

09/134 Councillor Parsons moved to send a letter of support for the Alliance Church to apply for a grant. CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report


The hours of operation for the spray park will be changed for the 2009 season. For June and September the hours will be from 1-7 pm and during July and August the hours will be from 11 am to 8 pm.

To date, the Gibbons Town Council has approved \$2,200 from the Community Grants. (Sturgeon River Historical Society \$1,200, Gibbons Seniors Bus \$1,000)

On July 4th the Town of Gibbons will host a Mayor & Council Pancake Breakfast at the Community Hall as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. This event will be free of charge and we invite all our residents to attend.

Staff has negotiated with the Servus Credit Union and have changed the following chequing accounts to a Business Savings Plan:

Offsite Levies
Operating Reserve
Capital Reserve

 We have also moved \$500,000 from General Operating Chequing into General Operating Savings, leaving approximately \$300,000 for monthly expenses. If necessary we can easily transfer monies from the savings account into the chequing account. All of these accounts have balances over \$500,000.

With a minimum daily balance in the account of \$10,000 to \$249,999, the interest earned on all the above accounts is .75%

With a minimum daily balance in the account of more than \$250,000, the interest earned on all the above accounts is 1.25%

We are gathering the expense information for the Clean Up event. A report will be written for Council.

I will be taking June 11th as a vacation day. Actually, it is moving day for the Oberg household.

Meetings

Sturgeon Golf Tournament – May 29 – Goose Hummock Golf Resort

This was a good opportunity to network with community leaders from across the region.

Alberta Emergency Management Agency (Information Sharing Session), Gary Spitzig, Debbie Turner, Eric Lowe – Fort Saskatchewan – June 3

When there is an emergency or a disaster in a community, the Province is available to provide assistance. This session was an opportunity to be educated about this service and also for input to be given from municipalities and other organizations.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – Gibbons – June 3

Standstone Enviro-Waste Service Ltd. (Ken Standeven, President), Cindy Osborne – Gibbons – June 5

This meeting dealt with three main topics.

1. Front yard garbage pickup – Over the years there has been a debate over the merits of front yard garbage pickup over back lane pickup. Currently there are both in Gibbons. At a future Council Meeting we will bring forward a recommendation as to whether or not more of the Town should have front yard pickup.
2. Clean Up event – The residents received very good service and there was more volume taken to the landfill this year. Costs also went up, as will be shown in the report.
3. Garbage, recycling and green bins – We talked about the possibility of adding green bins (composting) to our current garbage and recycling collection. Standstone will put together costs and we will bring them to Council at a future meeting.

The Inspections Group Inc. (Stan Misyk, President), Cindy Osborne – Gibbons – June 5

This meeting was a follow-up from the audit conducted previously with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Lee Danchuk, who was our previous Inspections Group contact for audit inquiries, has resigned from the company. Mr. Misyk now takes on that role.

Top of Bank Walk (Landrex – 2 ASPs) – Gibbons, both sides of river – June 8

This walk of the top of bank was to determine the edge of the Environmental Reserve lands for the Emerald Ridge and West Gibbons draft Area Structure Plans. This information is critical for determining where building envelopes and lots are located.

Meetings Before the Council Meeting

Fire Equipment Purchase Meeting (CAOs and Fire Chiefs from Bon Accord, Gibbons and Sturgeon County) – Gibbons – June 9

2. Public Works Report

a) Water

Chlorine is good.
Reservoir is at 80%
Hydrants to be serviced next week.
Water Values will be done in July.

b) Sewer

New sewer line has settlement around some manholes Select has been advised, Protect were to look at them this weekend (I think); I have heard nothing as of this report.
Spring flushing next two weeks for our problem lines.

c) Roads.

Sweeping has started with our loaner machine.
Back lanes dust control is still being investigated. This is costly and I am looking at the best bang for our buck. I am getting a lot of good info from the Northern Areas Ideas Group the problem is environmental friendly product.

d) Parks

Inspections this month delayed due to Kelly's availability.

Exterminator did not come back as we have next to no gophers, we will check in July and call him if needed.

The fish have been delivered.

New window in Ice Cream shack.

e) Equipment

New Sweeper should be arriving on June 15th.

Equipment is all running good (knock on wood)

f) Arena

Minor repairs on going.

New office door, Zamboni Door and 4 interior dressing room doors have been installed.

Heater for plant room is in will be installed the same time as the condenser.

New condenser has been awarded to Cimco.

Hockey nets will go to King sandblasting delayed a two weeks.

g) General

Grass and branch bins are here. More use since last report.

Community Service Kids are pulling weeds from parks.

RV dump opened we don't know the usage as it is mostly on weekends and/or evenings.

Spray Park is opened.

Float will be done the end of next week.

Tentatively I have purchased 300 tonnes of mixed sand/salt from the highways next door. \$20.00 a tonne. Once it is in our yard I will advise.

3. May 2009 Significant Events Report

This item was received for information

4. May 2009 Sturgeon County Report

This item was received for information.

Councillor Fraser questioned pot hole repair, dust control and weed control. Town Manger to look into this.

09/135

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole

Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Smyth, Parsons, Fraser attended this meeting.

2. Seniors Brunch

Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Smyth, Wyatt and Fraser participated in this event for the Seniors.

3. Curling Club

Councillor Smyth attended this meeting and advised that they are done for the summer.

4. Ball League

Councillor Smyth advised that the Ball League is very grateful for the Porta Potties and say "Thank You".

5. Joint Council/Edmonton Garrison Meeting

Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Parsons, Boutin and Fraser attended this event on May 30, 2009.

6. Sturgeon County – Golf Tournament

Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner attended this event.

7. Freedom of the Town

Mayor Nimmo met with Ambassador Jones, Gary Spitzig and Major Chris Swallow and a few members of the 1 Combat Engineer Regiment regarding the "Freedom of the Town".



8. Air Cadets Annual Parade

Mayor Nimmo attended this event.

9. Community Futures Tawatinaw Region

Mayor Nimmo attended the financial meeting.

Bill Dolman and Chris Davis left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

09/136 Councillor Parsons moved that Council go in-camera to discuss a development issue.
CARRIED. Council went in camera at 8:14 p.m.

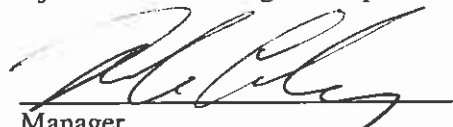
09/137 Deputy Mayor Horner moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 8:40 p.m.

It was the consensus of Council that the July 22nd and August 12th Regular Meeting of Council would be cancelled.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:41p.m.



Mayor



Manager