

MINUTES OF THE TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

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

Council Absent: Councillor Fraser

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager, Gary Spitzig, Director of Marketing and Development 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 Town Manager requested "Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program" be added as Item 9.6.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/109 Councillor Smyth moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – May 6, 2009

09/110 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 6, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

09/111 Mayor Nimmo moved that the accounts in the subtotal amount of \$86,678.93 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Parsons declared a pecuniary interest and left the room at 7:05 p.m.

09/112 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$88,253.93 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Parsons returned to the room at 7:06 p.m.

2. Request for Changes to Budget

- a) Operating - Library

09/113 Councillor Boutin moved to take \$3,000 from the Library Operating Reserve to purchase 2 new computers. CARRIED.

- b) Capital – Culture

09/114 Councillor Horner moved to take \$43,657.00 from the Culture Reserve for the design and engineering payment fees for the proposed Community Centre and Library. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:08 p.m. - Bob Hanewich, Select Engineering Consultants – Capital Projects

Mr. Hanewich gave Council an update on the Capital Projects and the Town's priorities. He advised that the Town of Gibbons system is in good shape and listed the priorities for water and roads. He also advised that the lift station will be going to tender soon.

Mr. Hanewich left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

2. 7:40 p.m. - Gary Spitzig, Director of Marketing and Development – Directors Report

Mr. Spitzig gave a verbal report to Council on the upcoming events he has been helping with and meetings that he has attended. Mr. Spitzig also requested Council's approval to hold Fireworks on July 4, 2009.

09/115 Councillor Smyth moved to approve the Fireworks Event planned for July 4, 2009.
CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Landrex – Wedgewood Subdivision and Development Agreement Amendment

Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner left the room at 7:51 p.m. as they are both on the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Councillor Wyatt moved to approve the amended Subdivision Application 06-K-503 (first phase) with the following conditions:

1. That concurrent with the registration of an instrument effecting this plan, an access easement be register in favour of the Town vs. all that portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 832-1679 and adjacent lands to connect the south end of the lane on his proposed subdivision to 51 Street, in a manner in locations to the satisfaction of the Town.
2. That prior to endorsement of an instrument effecting this plan, the registered owner and/or developer enter into a development agreement with the Town of Gibbons pursuant to Section 655 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended.
3. That prior to endorsement of an instrument effecting this plan, approaches, including culverts and crossings to the proposed parcels and to the residuals of the land, be provided at the owner's and/or developer's expense and to the specifications and satisfaction of the Town of Gibbons.

All other conditions shall remain applicable to the remainder of the conditionally approved proposed plan of subdivision.

09/116 CARRIED.

Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner returned at 7:56 p.m.

2. Financing of the Street Sweeper

09/117 Councillor Parsons moved concurrence with staff recommendations to borrow the money to finance the street sweeper from our reserves and over the next three years budget to replace it. CARRIED.

3. Policy GA 39-08 – Conference Attendance and Costs Relative to Spouses

09/118 Councillor Boutin moved to approve Policy GA 39-08 – Conference Attendance and Costs Relative to Spouses as presented. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Provident Energy Ltd. – Application to Amend a Facility License

It was the consensus of Council that the Town has no objections to this application. A letter will be sent.

2. Dean Remier – Water and Wastewater Services

Mayor Nimmo asked to refer this back to staff for further investigation.

3. Al and Heather Spiess – Authorization Regarding Driveway

Deputy Mayor Horner moved to approve this request with the following conditions:

1. A proper culvert and grading must be in place.
2. Owner must take all responsibility.
3. An Agreement must be signed.

09/119 CARRIED.

4. Gibbons Public Library – Appointment to Board

09/120 Councillor Boutin moved to appoint Jan Peterson and Diane VanDoorn to the Gibbons Library Board for a three year term. CARRIED.

5. Community Services Board – Recommendations to Council

09/121 Councillor Smyth moved to appoint Chase Stevenson to the Community Services Board for a one year term and to accept with regret the resignation of Angela Schelsiger from the Community Services Board. Councillor Smyth also moved to approve the application for rental retirement from the Sturgeon River Historical Society. CARRIED.

A letter of appreciation and a certificate will be sent to Angela Schelsiger.

6. Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program

09/122 Councillor Wyatt moved concurrence with staff recommendations to apply for a grant to pave the outdoor rink not only to make flooding more level and easier but also to utilize the rink year round with skateboard and rollerblade apparatus. CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

On May 5th and 6th the Town of Gibbons opened a Reception Centre at the Community Hall to help people who were affected by the wildfires in Sturgeon County. I was pleased with the level of service and cooperation that was shown by the County, our staff and Council, and the many volunteers who stepped forward to help. It was a true community effort, showing what can be done when neighbor helps neighbor. Ironically, because of the Reception Centre opening the Emergency Planning meeting had to be postponed. We will need to reschedule. Staff will put together a report showing what the costs of the Reception Centre were.

June 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m., was set for the Emergency Planning meeting.

Tax notices will be sent out the week of May 25th.

The fire ban continues. We look at a couple of things to determine this. One is the weather conditions ... how dry and windy it is. Another is whether Sturgeon County has a fire ban in effect. We try to harmonize this with our rural neighbors.

The funding from John Smyth has arrived. There is a caveat on the title that Mr. Smyth and his lawyer are working on removing.

As I have mentioned previously, there is much activity regarding Landrex's future developments in Gibbons. A subdivision plan will come for decision on May 27th. At our first Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3rd, Chris Davis will talk with Council about each of the projects they are working on, and at what stage they are at. At the June 10th Council Meeting we plan to bring forward the Emerald Ridge and West Gibbons Area Structure Plans for possible 1st readings.

Meetings

Gord Putnam (lawyer), John Demchuk, Gary Spitzig – May 7 – Gibbons

This meeting was in regards to the 2008 expropriation of lands just north of the future Emerald Ridge subdivision.

Kerr and Melenka families, Eric Lowe – May 7 – Gibbons

Some repair work is required for the water line that extends outside the town's border to two residences. As well, the agreement between the Town and these families may need to be adjusted.

Select Engineering Open House – Gary Spitzig - May 7 – Edmonton

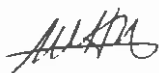
Our engineering company had its grand opening and it was good to see all the people who attended.

Fort MacMurray Trade Show – May 8-10 – Fort MacMurray

It was great to be a part of this project. The effort went smoothly and I think we had some good conversations with people who are looking to relocate. Hats off to staff and Council who went on the trip!

Don Rigney and Heather LaRose, Gary Spitzig – May 11 – Gibbons

We discussed a possible land swap to be arranged in conjunction with the 2008 expropriation mentioned previously.



Bob Scott (Enigma & Variations Architecture), Gary Spitzig – May 11 – Gibbons

We received the completed drawings for the future Community Centre. We can now go to tender when we receive sufficient funding for the project.

Chris Davis (Landrex) – May 12 – Gibbons

Mr. Davis and I met to discuss the numerous projects that Landrex and the Town are working on.

Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop – May 12-15 – Kananaskis

This conference is hosted by the Society of Local Government Managers of Alberta. It was very good to attend the sessions, but the best part of a conference like this is gaining and maintaining contacts. It was an enjoyable and educational time.

Douwe Aardema (Municipal Affairs, Public Safety), Lee Danchuk (Inspections Group), Cindy Osborne – May 20 – Gibbons

Every 3 years there is an inspection of our system of issuing construction permits. Mr. Aardema told us that we are doing a good job. As with most systems there are some adjustments to make and we are working on them. I found out that the Gibbons CAO is the administrator of the Joint Quality Management Plan for our area. I'll be studying the system in order to do that job.

Jeff Johnson, MLA and Brian Storseth, MP Open House – May 21 – Gibbons

Our government representatives were on hand to speak with residents. It's good to have opportunities like this to get to know our representatives and to discuss issues.

Chris Micek (Sturgeon), Vicky Zinyk (Bon Accord), Eric Lowe – May 22 – Bon Accord

We met to discuss the possibility of joint-purchasing fire fighting equipment.

Meetings before the Council Meeting

Highway 28A/28 Functional Planning Study Technical Review Committee (TRC) No. 3 – Gary Spitzig – May 27 – Gibbons

The agenda items for this meeting include the recommended alignment and interchange location and configuration, and the twinning of the Hwy 28A/28 Corridor. This will be an interesting meeting.

The Town Manager advised Council that there will be a change over ceremony for the Ambulance Contract on June 1st at 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Works Report

a. Water

Chlorine is good.

Reservoir is at 80% (due to filling fish pond)

Hydrants will start to be serviced as soon as fire season ends.

Water Values will be done at a later date.

b. Sewer – new sewer line has settlement around some manholes Select has been advised, nothing new as of this report.

c. Roads.

Pot holes are 95% filled.

Sweeping will start this week.

Back lanes dust control is still being investigated. This is costly and I am looking at the best bang for our buck.

d. Parks

Inspections this month

Exterminator is returning mid June for second treatment.

e. Equipment

Sweeper is delayed for delivery; a loaner should be here today until ours arrives. No charge for the loaner.

Trailer is here looks good.

f. Arena

Minor repairs on going.

Heater for plant room is ordered.

Quotes on new condenser are in.

Hockey nets will go to King sandblasting end of month.

Telsco upgraded the alarm system.

g. General

Grass and branch bins are here. Minimal use so far.
Community Service Kids are cleaning dead fall from bush lines.
RV dump opened.
Spray Park will be opened this weekend.

3. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received for information

4. April 2009 Permit Report

This item was received for information

5. April 2009 Significant Events Report

This item was received for information

6. April 2009 Sturgeon County Report

This item was received for information

7. Community Services Report

This item was received for information

09/123

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Services Board

Councillor Smyth did not attend but advised that the Board is excited about seniors' week and the 50th Anniversary. They also discussed a youth musical festival which will be held in the fall.

2. MP/MLA Meeting

Councillor Smyth attended and was very impressed. Councillor Wyatt was impressed at how Mr. Johnson went out of his way to make people feel welcome. Mayor Nimmo also attended.

3. Roseridge Landfill Commission

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting.

4. Capital Region Waste Management Commission

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting and advised they are working on a solid waste management survey and they discussed the recycling program.

5. Sturgeon Composite High Graduation

Councillor Parsons attended and advised there were 285 Graduates and that this event was very well planned.

6. Safe Grad

Councillor Parsons advised that Safe Grad was held at Longriders Campground. The kids were very impressed.

7. Gibbons Fire Department

Councillor Horner advised that the monthly meeting was cancelled due to the fire on May 5th.

8. Riel Recreation Park, St Albert

Deputy Mayor Horner attended the grand opening of Riel Park in St Albert and commented on what a beautiful park it is.

9. Gibbons Legion Ladies Auxiliary – 60th Anniversary

Deputy Mayor Horner attended this celebration.

10. Citizens on Patrol

Deputy Mayor Horner attended the annual meeting and advised that there is no change in Executives. Deputy Mayor Horner also advised Council that they will be donating \$1,000.00 to FCSS to help man more hours at the Teen Centre for the summer.

11. Fort McMurray Trade Show

Councillor Wyatt participated in the trade show along with Mayor Nimmo, Councillor Fraser and Staff. Councillor Wyatt felt that other than the facility being small and not set up very well in regards to an exhibitor lounge or a place to eat he thought it was good.

12. Sturgeon River Historical Society Supper and Silent Auction

Councillor Wyatt attended and advised that they had a good turn out and the supper was excellent.

13. Library Board

Councillor Boutin attended and advised that they are just waiting to see what they get for the library portion.

14. Emergency Reception Centre

Mayor Nimmo along with several others helped out at the reception center on May 5th and 6th. He commended the people in town for their support.

15. Capital Region Board

Mayor Nimmo attended and advised that they are working on committee structures.

16. Town Scholarship

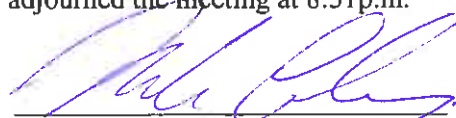
Mayor Nimmo asked the Town Manager to check into the status of the Town Scholarship.

09/124 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that Council go in-camera to discuss a development issue. CARRIED. Council went in camera at 8:33 p.m.

09/125 Deputy Mayor Horner moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 8:51p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:51p.m.


Mayor


Manager