

MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE VILLAGE OF FERINTOSH
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD
WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008
IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

Present Mayor Marvin Jassman
Councilor Ron Dyck
Councilor Bernice Westfall
CAO Ray Hook

Order Mayor Jassman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Agenda

Res. 068/08 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the agenda be adopted as amended. **Carried**

1. Delegations – Camrose and District Support Services delegation presented the CDSS Budget for 2009 (Clarence Hastings – Rural Communities Program Director and Ron Gritten – Villages Representative were in attendance). A decision was made to better advertise the wide range of services available to the residents of the Village. Ron Gritten will work closely with CAO Hook and more info will be sent out via monthly newsletters and utility bills.

Res 069/2008 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the CDSS Global Budget for 2009, as it pertains to the Village of Ferintosh's annual contribution of \$1038.50, be approved. **Carried**

2. Previous Minutes

Res. 070/08 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, 8 October 2008 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

Financial Report

CAO Hook presented the Monthly Statement of Income & Expenditures for the period ending 31 October 2008.

Res. 071/08 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the financial statements be accepted as presented. **Carried**

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Water Meter Update. CAO Hook reported that a letter explaining the delay in providing monthly utility bills was sent out with the last two-month flat rate bill for Sep/Oct. The first monthly bill for actual consumption for the month of November would be sent out in early December.
- b. Purchase of Christmas Lights for Village. CAO Hook reported that the only progress made on the lights was the work done by the Village Foreman in arranging for FORTIS to install outlets on the poles. When suitable decorations or lights are found, they should be LED quality.

4. Ferintosh and District Recreation Association (FDRA) Revival

The draft Lease Agreement with the FDRA was presented to Council. CAO Hook reported that suggested changes to the draft had been provided by the FDRA and had been included in the draft for consideration. The only change requested by the FDRA that was not accepted by Council had to do with the request by the FDRA for continuation of a flat rate charge for water.

Res. 072/08 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the Lease Agreement between the Village and the FDRA be approved as amended. **Carried**

5. Correspondence

Information Items:

- a. Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Project Approvals were recently given for requested capital projects as follows:

Water Distribution System Betterment	\$30,000
Sewer Lift Station Upgrades	\$ 3,000
Playground fencing	\$13,000
Equipment Shed and Compound	\$32,500

6. New Business

- a. Appointment of Village Auditors

Res. 072/08 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the firm of Tien Rostad LLP of Camrose be appointed as Village auditors for the Fiscal year 2009

- b. Staff Christmas party

Res. 073/08 Moved by Mayor Jassman that a Village Staff and Council Christmas Party be held this year in conjunction with an Open House hosted by Council, to be held in the Village Office on Dec 23rd. Mayor Jassman requested that his annual Mayoral Honorarium be used to help offset costs of both functions. **Carried**

- c. Destumping on McLeod Street

Mayor Jassman reported concerns of leftover tree stumps blocking proper water drainage on Village property on Adam Street and on the west side of the Hotel (northwest corner). CAO will ask the Village Foreman to investigate and arrange for Westfall Services to clean up those areas (and others once identified) in the spring (low priority).

- d. Noise By-Law interpretation

There have been numerous complaints from residents about barking dogs and about an apparent lack of action on the part of the Village By Law officer. CAO Hook will follow up with the By Law Officer for compliance with our By Law Officer. There was a second issue discussed with respect to a complaint about a resident having three dogs. Council directed CAO Hook to follow up with the By Law Officer to enforce the two dog limit.

e. Purchase of MIG Payroll Module

CAO Hook presented a proposal for the purchase of the Payroll Module for MIG. It was noted that the MIG company was prepared to offer a 50% reduction on the annual technical support fee with the purchase.

Res. 072/08 Moved by Councilor Dyck that the CAO be authorized to purchase the MIG Payroll module, subject to the fixing of the annual technical support fee at \$300 (plus inflation).

Carried

f. MSP Grant Application Status

CAO Hook reported that a Grant Application for funding under the Municipal Sponsorship Program was submitted for \$4,377. This grant will be used to offset the costs of the new office computer system and copier/fax.

g. Council Reorganization

It was decided that there was no need for a reorganization of Council.

h. Pay Phone

The hotel owners have expressed concern about the location and maintenance of the pay phone. They were not successful in negotiations with Telus over its relocation, and they do not wish to be responsible for the pay phone in its current location. Council expressed concern over the viability of the phone, as it is used quite a lot by campers during the summer. Council directed CAO Hook to investigate the situation with Telus and report back to Council.

i. Budget Process

CAO Hook asked Council for their feedback and proposals to assist with putting together next year's budget. Estimated costs would be helpful. A draft budget is to be presented to Council at next meeting.

7. In Camera Session

Mayor Jassman moved the meeting into an In Camera session at 9:21 pm

Mayor Jassman moved the meeting out of the In Camera session at 9:28 pm.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business for Council to address, Mayor Jassman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Approved 10 December 2008

Mayor Marvin Jassman

CAO Ray Hook