

MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE VILLAGE OF FERINTOSH
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD
WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2009
IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

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

1. Order Mayor Jassman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Agenda

Res. 005/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. Delegations

The Village Foreman presented an update on the work completed as a result of the fire reports. The Mayor directed that a fire damper be procured for the office floor heating grate that adjoins the workshop. It was felt that the drywall between the office and shop is of the correct grade for fire retardation. Copies of the report were given to the FDRA and Hi-U Centre for their action. The Foreman (acting for the Village as Landlord) will monitor the progress of compliance by the FDRA.

4. Previous Minutes

Res. 006/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 January 2009 be approved.

Carried

5. Financial Report

CAO Hook presented the Monthly Statement of Income & Expenditures for the period ending 31 January 2009.

Res. 007/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the financial statements be accepted as presented.

Carried

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Curling Rink Demolition Update – Council is reluctant to rush into a decision about the future of the curling rink, despite the interest by the developers to tear it down. CAO Hook is to advise the developers of council's position.
- b. Unightly Property 205 Beaver St. CAO Hook has mailed registered letter with a Notice of Clean-Up to the owner of 205 Beaver Street. CAO is to advise Council when it has been received. Council is anxious to resolve the issue quickly.
- c. Pay Phone at hotel has disappeared. The CAO will contact TELUS in near future to determine costs of re-installing a working pay phone in the Village.

7. Correspondence:
Information Items:

- a. Centra Cam Recycling Contract – there are various initiatives underway on this issue. Residents will be kept informed regularly via the newsletter.
- b. Alberta Community Cooperative Association (ACAA) presentation will take place in Bashaw on March 23rd. Anyone interested in attending is to RSVP to Town of Bashaw by March 17th. This presentation will discuss the potential for regional initiatives for a variety of services in a cooperative nature. Recycling is a prime topic for this forum. CAO Hook will attend.
- c. Emergency Management Training Opportunities on Feb 17-19 were not at a convenient time for anyone to attend. Councillor Westfall will continue to monitor suitable dates for training and will attend where possible.
- d. A copy of the minutes from the County Reeve/Mayors/Administrators Meeting on January 21, 2009 was included for information.
- e. The recent meeting of the Highway 21/21 Water Commission on Jan 23 was discussed with an update from Mayor Jassman. The most relevant point from the meeting was a projected water rate increase of \$0.04 / cubic metre, going from \$1.98 to \$2.02 / cu m, likely on the next bill. The next meeting will be hosted by Ferintosh on Wednesday April 22 from 9:30 – 11:30. CAO Hook will arrange for the use of the Hi-U Centre, seating for 24 people and coffee.

8. New Business

- a. Council approved CAO Hook to attend the Linear Property Assessment briefing in Red Deer on Feb 20th.
- b. As a result of concerns from the CAO about liability for unpaid utility bills from renters / tenants, a 2003 By Law was presented to council. This By Law (No 536) requires tenants to pay a \$200 deposit plus a connection fee. The CAO is to create a suitable form for tenants to fill out and sign, and to remind Villagers of the policy in a newsletter. Council also discussed the policy of charging for non-metered charges on monthly utility bills in response to requests for waiving of such fees when a property is vacant. CAO Hook presented a draft policy (attached to these minutes) that Council approved. In summary, owners may request (in writing) a temporary disconnect of water services while away on vacation (\$25 fee), and they are still liable for all non metered charges. For a long term disconnect (i.e. vacant property, moved away, death in family, can't sell etc), owners may request (in writing) a long term disconnect (fee of \$25) where all fees will be waived until services are again re-connected. If there is an intent by the property owners to rent the property, a long term disconnect will not be approved.
- c. Council gave permission for the CAO to attend the LGAA 09 Annual Conference in Red Deer on March 19-20th.
- d. CAO Hook reviewed the schedule of budget meetings for the next three Wednesday afternoons. The MYCIP session will be on Feb 18, and budget sessions to follow on Feb 25th and March 4th.
- e. The CAO presented a copy of the press release concerning the Canada –

Alberta Building Canada Fund – Communities Component Agreement.
This fund and its appropriateness for Village projects will be tabled to
Budget discussion time.

- f. The Village can apply for summer employment hires under the Service Canada – Canada Summer Jobs program. Students may be hired for up to 16 weeks with the Government paying minimum wage and added to by the Village. CAO Hook proposed a wage of \$11 per hr (incl vacation pay). The total cost to the Village budget would be \$1600 per student

Res. 008/09

Moved by Councilor Westfall that the Village apply for two students under the Canada Summer Jobs Program. **Carried**

- g. Mayor Jassman briefed the Council on a request from the Friends of Little Beaver Lake Society to partner with the Village in order to erect Interpretive signage in the Village campground. A letter of support from the Village was requested by the Society before Feb 16th. CAO Hook to contact Lorne Ferguson for further details.

9. In Camera Session

There was no In Camera session.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business for Council to address, Mayor Jassman adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Approved 11 March 2009

Mayor Marvin Jassman

CAO Ray Hook