

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

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

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

2. Agenda

Res. 009/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. Delegations Dallas Dyson from Camrose County gave his presentation on Municipal Sustainability Planning, including some handouts and a sample questionnaire for residents to participate in the visioning process. The CAO was directed to mail out this questionnaire in the April and May Village newsletters to villagers, asking for their input and to advise of a coming (later in May) town hall type meeting to further share ideas. Dallas will take our ideas and feedback and return to brief the community later in the fall of '09. Dallas's position will expire in Sep 2010 and the County's combined plan must be complete by March 31, 2010.

4. Previous Minutes

Res. 010/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 February 2009 be approved.

Carried

5. Financial Report

CAO Hook presented the Monthly Statement of Income & Expenditures for the period ending 28 February 2009.

Res. 011/09 Moved by Mayor Jassman that the financial statements be accepted as presented.

Carried

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Unsightly Property 205 Beaver Street – CAO Hook to continue to monitor the property and take any follow-up action with the property owner once the snow has melted. The mid March deadline can be extended, based in weather conditions.
- b. Pay Phone was removed at hotel owner's request, as they were paying the power bill but getting no revenue or consideration from Telus. Council decided not to pursue acquiring another pay phone.
- c. MYCIP Planning updates were briefed by the CAO. From TCA work, it has been determined that there is no need to replace the sewer line along MacQuarrie as there is only a water line. CAO Hook is to further investigate approx costs for water line replacement along MacQuarrie and paving options for half the width of MacQuarrie as only the saddles along east side of road need to be dug up and replaced. There are 2-4 services that cross MacQuarrie and 2 services on the west side only.

7. Correspondence:

Information Items:

- a. ICSP –the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan is tied into the County MSP work being coordinated by the County Coordinator (Dallas Dyson)
- b. An Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development Broadband Infrastructure Grant application was sent to the Village by MJP Computers in Camrose re applying for a grant to help fund the tower along the Edberg road. Ownership issues of the tower on private land have caused council to defer on any further action at this time.
- c. The TILMA Briefing (Q & A) informed Council that we must ensure any contracts that meet the TILMA levels be offered without prejudice to companies in both BC and Alberta.
- d. There was some interest expressed in possibly purchasing the Curling Club. The property was inspected by the potential buyer but no feedback received to date. The individual was informed to express any interest in a letter of offer to Council. The CAO is to continue to monitor the situation.
- e. Landfill Update was provided by Councilor Dyck. The Landfill Site is in good shape financially, especially given the use of the site for construction dumping of soil which allows the landfill site to make use of that to cover/bury the garbage

8. New Business

- a. The CAO attended a recent course on conducting a Municipal Census and it was determined that a census was not need this year, as one was done in 2008. The last Federal census was in 2005 and the next one isn't until 2011. Villages are not required to conduct a Municipal Census – but it is important that census data is current and as the Province now has our latest date from the 2008 Municipal census, the Village population now reads 192, vice the 154 figure from the last federal census.
- b. A Spring Clean Up will be conducted on Saturday May 23. The CAO will advertise in the April and may newsletters, looking for volunteers and vehicles etc.
- c. Council approved the STEP application and associated funding to augment the Provincial grant of \$2200 for a student employee.

Res. 012/09

Moved by Councilor Westfall that the CAO be authorized to apply for a STEP grant at an overall cost to the Village not to exceed \$2000 and at a rate of \$11/ hr. **Carried**

- d. Council approved the registration fee (at a cost of \$315 for the CAO to attend the ACCU FLOW – NEPTUNE Water meter reader training in Edmonton on April 16 2009.

Res. 013/09

Moved by Mayor Jassman that the CAO be authorized to attend the water meter training course, at a cost of \$300 plus gst. **Carried**

- e. In 2008, the Province funded the Village with a grant of \$7435 to cover all costs associated with the conversion to the TCA model of asset accounting. As this grant was mistakenly spent from the operating account during 2008, Council was presented with a budget to cover the necessary expenditures in 2009. The CAO will ensure that the funds are properly accounted for and dispersed in 2009.
- f. The 2009 final Fire Department Budget was presented to Council.

Res. 014/09

Moved by Councilor Westfall that the 2009 Village Fire Department Budget be approved as presented. **Carried**

- g. An e-mail from the Ferintosh manner B & B was presented to Council. The owners were requesting a letter stating that sewer repairs and improvements were made to the Village

system so that future incidents (alleged water sewer back up in 2007) as were claimed in the past do not re-occur. Council was aware of the details of the incident and after discussion, the CAO was told to prepare a response to the owners of the B & B, stating that the incident referred to was not any fault of the Village, but rather an issue of privately owned sump pumps pumping water illegally into the village drainage system (sewers), instead of pumping it onto the street. It was further stated that because the property owners were pumping water into the sewer a system that could not cope with that flow, and because there was no physical way for the sewer system to actually back up into the private residence, that the village sewer system was not the cause of the water back-up into the private residence. Also, the cause of the water in their basement was actually due to the low water table in the Village (as stated by the insurers already, a high snow fall that winter and three days of rain immediately before the incident.

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 9:00 p.m.

Approved 08 April 2009

Mayor Marvin Jassman

CAO Ray Hook