

MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE VILLAGE OF FERINTOSH
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST, 2009
IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

Present Councilor Ron Dyck
Councilor Bernice Westfall
CAO Ray Hook

1. Order Councilor Ron Dyck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Agenda
Res. 085/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the agenda be adopted. On a point of order, Councilor Dyck moved that Council and Administration express the wish for a speedy recovery of Mayor Marvin Jassman and that his stay in hospital is brief enough to avert undue strain on the nursing staff. **Carried**

3. Delegations CDSS Budget (Margaret Holliston) did not show.

4. Previous Minutes

Res. 086/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 September 2009, be approved. **Carried**

5. Financial Report

CAO Hook presented the Monthly Statement of Income & Expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2009.

Res. 087/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the financial statements be accepted as presented. **Carried**

6. Unfinished Business

a. A revised list of Official Paid Meetings for Council/CAO was presented (see attachment 6a). An amendment is to be included, showing that the CAO is to be paid an identical honorarium (\$80) for his attendance, rather than billing the Village.

Res. 088/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the list of Official Paid Meetings (as amended) for Council/CAO be approved. **Carried**

b. Midwest Consulting Water Line Project Update was provided by CAO Hook. Following the site visit yesterday, bids are due at Midwest by Oct 23, 2009. Midwest will review all bids and provide a recommended contractor to the Village early next week. A Special Council meeting will be called to approve a contractor as soon as possible.

c. Village Support to FDRA, specifically for the Centennial Committee and the Youth Program was discussed in light of the surplus MSI Operating funds for 2009 (see attachments 6c). CAO Hook is awaiting a cost estimate from Highway 12/21 to apply against the remaining \$15,000 MSI Operating funds. Once that is decided, then Council will

review the disbursement on the remaining funds in accordance with the Provincial priorities of support to Not For Profits / volunteerism, intra Village cooperation and libraries. Financial support will be offered to all Community groups, but a decision has been tabled until the November Council meeting

Res. 089/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the excess 2009 MSI Operating funds will be distributed to the FDRA (Youth program), the Centennial Committee, the Friends of Little Beaver Lake, the Community Club and the Hi-U. **Carried**

- d. CAO Hook presented a draft revised policy for snow clearing of privately owned land, and he provided a copy of a revised letter of agreement between the Village and Mr. L Saffron.

Res. 090/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the revised village policy for snow clearing of privately owned land be approved. **Carried**

- e. CAO Hook reported on his discussion with the insurers re the settlement for the Anderson Claim re his fire (see note 6e). No further action is required in this matter.

7. Correspondence

Information Items:

- a. BRAED Annual Meet n Greet – Nov 16, 2009. The Mayor and CAO are invited. Acting Mayor Dyck would check his calendar to see if he could attend.
- b. The NDCC 2009 Grant (\$31,795) has been received. It is designated for the MacQuarrie Ave water main replacement project.
- c. CAO updated the Council on highlights from the meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs in Camrose on 20 Oct 09

8. New Business

- a. A revised policy for a Fee Schedule for Village Office Services (replacing Council Res 31/05) was presented (see attachment 8a). This policy centralizes existing disparate directions.

Res. 091/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the proposed policy for a Fee Schedule for Village Office Services be approved. **Carried**

- b. A letter from ENMAX with regards to the effect of Bill 50 (waiving the requirement for the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to conduct a front end review of the Government's proposal to send major transmission lines through the heart of Alberta (see note 8b) was discussed. CAO Hook was directed to send copies of this resolution to our MLA, the Minister of Energy and ENMAX.

Res. 092/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the role of the Alberta Utilities Commission be reaffirmed in determining the need for any new major transmission lines in Alberta, and that Bill 50 be so amended. **Carried**

- c. The Fire Department Budget for 2010 was discussed (see attached draft 8c). Council expressed concern that the Fire Department needs to complete the purchase of new personal protective gear before year end, and that they also be encouraged to conduct refresher training (paid) during 2010. The budget item for training was thus increased to \$1000. Councillor Westfall indicated that the Camrose Fire Department was willing to Conduct some training in the Village and that they have training videos that our Fire Department may borrow. CAO Hook was directed to inform the Fire Chief accordingly.

Res. 093/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the proposed Fire Department budget be approved, subject to the increase in the training budget line to \$1000. **Carried**

- d. The proposed Regional Emergency Management Services Liaison function was briefed. (see note 8d). The Village of Hay Lakes has offered to coordinate the submission of a Grant request to fund the position, and they have offered to coordinate the project on behalf of the 6 other Villages and the County. This liaison person would act as a resource for all villages and he/she would remove a lot of the administrative work load for the Fire Chiefs.

Res. 094/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that The Village of Ferintosh supports the submission of a Regional Partnerships Initiative Exploration Grant application for a Regional Emergency Management Services Liaison project; that the Village of Ferintosh designates the Village of Hay Lakes as the Managing Partner and agrees to have them submit a Regional Partnerships Initiative Exploration Grant application and conduct all communication with Alberta Municipal Affairs on behalf of the partnership; and that the Village of Ferintosh agrees that the Village of Hay Lakes, as the Managing Partner, will enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement on behalf of the partnership, regarding receiving, allocating and accounting for funds. **Carried**

- e. The proposal for a cooperative Regional Property Assessment Review Board was presented by CAO Hook (see note 8e). The Province`s Bill 23 requires Villages to have a Provincially trained 3 person Appeal Board. The CAO Group has suggested that local area Villages combine resources and create a regional Board of 10 properly trained individuals (one per Village, shared costs), and further, that the Village of New Norway has offered to coordinate this Board to hear all local appeals. Given the terms of Bill 23, this Board is the final decision making authority on local property assessment appeals (residential and farm land), so given that this Board is broad based, the decisions will be more removed from local pressures.

Res. 095/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that The Village of Ferintosh supports the formation of a regional assessment review board consisting of members from the municipalities agreeing to be a part of the regional agreement. We further agree that to ensure that the minimum of three members be available for the review board, there should be at least 6 members recruited and trained for duty on this board. We further agree that the Village of New Norway shall manage the project and work with the member municipalities to recruit and train said members . **Carried**

- f. A draft Highway 12/21 Water Restriction ByLaw was presented to Council (see item 8f). After review, Council directed the CAO to prepare the By Law for approval at the November Council meeting.
- g. A draft By Law (No. 558) for revised utility charges (to include short and long term disconnection charges) was presented.

Res. 096/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the Utility Charges By Law 558 be Introduced and receive first reading. **Carried**

Res. 097/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that the Utility Charges By Law 558 be Introduced and receive second reading. **Carried**

Res. 098/09 Moved by Councilor Westfall that the third reading take place at the same meeting. **Carried**

Res. 099/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that ByLaw No. 558 receive third and final Reading and be adopted. **Carried**

- h. In response to a request from CDSS, Council was asked to approve the appointment of Mr. Dennis Wishnowski, of Bittern Lake, as the Villages representative on the CDSS Board of Directors. A letter of explanation with a brief CV for Dennis was read (attachment 8h).

Res. 100/09 Moved by Councilor Ron Dyck that Mr. Dennis Wishnowski be approved as the Villages Representative to the CDSS Board of Directors.

9. In Camera Session

The Mayor moved Council In Camera at 8:39 p.m.

The Mayor moved Council Out of Camera at 8:41p.m.

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

There being no further business for Council to address, Councilor Ron Dyck adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Approved 18 November 2009

Mayor Marvin Jassman

CAO Ray Hook