

FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 8, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office

IN ATTENDANCE Mayor Sheldon Sendeck
Councillor Robyn Booth
Mr. Gordon Budd
Deputy Mayor Earl Debnam
CAO Theresa Fuller
DEM Charles Jarvis

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Sendeck at 7:00pm

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Addition of House numbers and Garbage fee Adjustment to new business.

#16/10 Mayor Sendeck made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#17/10 Mayor Sendeck made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Carried.

GUESTS

Mr. Budd was in attendance for information purposes. Currently, he had no issues to present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Travel Alberta Central News - info item

City of Camrose - water rate increase

We received notice of a water increase from the City of Camrose. Do we want to reflect the increase to Village residents, county connections, and Ervick Junction? If so how much? CAO Fuller to prepare calculations for an appropriate increase for Ervick Junction and any county residents that are on the line. Information to be presented at next council meeting.

Public Information Officer course - Vegreville

For information purposes.

CDSS Volunteer Centre

The Volunteer Centre had sent an e-mail with a tight timeline, requesting support so they can access funding to appreciate their volunteers with gift cards. Request for motion to support their funding application.

#18/10

Mayor Sendeck made a motion to support the CDSS Volunteer Centre for their 2010 Volunteer Week Enhancement Funding Application.

Carried.

County - Emergency Planning Session

The County has planned an Emergency Planning session to assist communities with planning for Disasters. It was recommended that at least two people attend from Bittern Lake Council. DEM Jarvis, Councillor Booth, Mayor Sendeck and CAO Fuller are to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bittern Lake Community Hall - Set meeting date

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2. Storage Space in new PW Shop

CAO Fuller presented possible price recommendations. However, two council members would have conflict of interest and cannot vote. CAO Fuller to contact Municipal Affairs Advisor for advice on how to proceed.

3. Family Day Fireworks

The event will have the same timelines as we planned for New Years. Monday, February 15, 2010. Hot dogs and Hot chocolate from 5:00 to 7:00. Fireworks to be fired off at 7:30 ish. CAO Fuller to send out notices.

4. Recycling proposal

CAO Fuller to prepare a contract; obtain information from Mr. Naslund with regard to WCB and Liability Insurance. Mayor Sendecky requested the recyclable Plastics bin be replaced at the recycling compound.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Disaster Bylaw Review, discussion

CAO Fuller presented a Draft of the Disaster Bylaw. The Draft was incomplete and required council to discuss aspects of it, in order to ensure it is effective to Village Residents needs. Council requested to defer the Bylaw review until after the County Emergency Planning Session, that way we would have complete information.

2. House Numbers

It has been brought to our attention that several houses in the village do not have numbers on them. Council requested CAO Fuller to include this request in the Village Monthly newsletter, to ensure ease of location for emergency services; Fire Department or Ambulance.

3. Garbage Fee Adjustment

CAO Fuller informed the council of an increase in garbage removal costs. In 2009 the monthly cost was \$ 680.00 per month, it has now increased to \$ 863.83 per month. To recoup the cost it could increase monthly user fees to \$ 11.00 per month, per household.

Mayor Sendencki requested that CAO Fuller research the change in cost if one bin were removed. Another recommendation was to check out a different garbage removal company; possibly RND. There might be a possibility we can obtain the services for a reduced price from a different company.

CAO REPORT

200 Amp Service Upgrade

PowerComm has installed the 200 Amp Service Upgrade. The project is very close to complete, just to connect the generator. Once spring comes, we will build a proper ground base for the cement pad and the generator. There will be a post put in to attach a junction box for the connections. The balance of the project will be completed in the spring.

2010 Assessments

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Linear information has arrived and has been forwarded to the Assessor. We should be receiving complete information by the end of February.

New location for hall - land appraisal

CAO Fuller had contacted Anjah for information on how to proceed. Basically, we will arrange to have the land appraised.

Mayor Sendeck made a motion to arrange a land appraisal of SW 32 - 46 - 21 - W4 and for the Village of Bittern Lake to cover the cost.

#19/10

Carried.

Fortis power installation, proximity to water distribution line

Public Works Foreman Brattinga, has been working with Fortis to arrange pipeline location as Fortis is in the process of a new installation, within the vicinity of our water distribution line.

BizPal installation link to website

CAO Fuller has been working with Aryon Billings to arrange a link from our website for any new businesses to enable them to access information about starting a business in the Village. The link should be up and running before the end of March. There is no cost for this service.

FINANCIAL

#20/10

Mayor Sendeck made a motion to accept the financials as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

21/10

Mayor Sendeck made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of council at 8:05 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2010 @ 7:00 pm, Village Office

Mayor Sheldon Sendeck

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