

**FEBRUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

**VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

February 4, 2013 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ken Feth  
Councillor Jarred Booth

Deputy Mayor Charlie Debnam  
CAO Theresa Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

#11/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Carried.

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AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#12/13

CAO Fuller requested to add Storm Water drainage to new business.  
Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Storm Water Drainage.

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CONFIRMATION OF

MINUTES

#13/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

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GUESTS

There were no guests present.

CORRESPONDENCE

AUMA Letter - Info on the Organization

Presented for information purposes

Resident Water Deposit Refund Request

Council reviewed the resident's payment history and the bylaw regarding the interest and the length of time the deposit can be held.

According to the bylaw the resident does not qualify for refund simply due to their payment history. Council did not want to go against the Bylaw and refund the deposit.

Council requested CAO Fuller to generate letter to the resident and enclose a copy of the bylaw for their records.

OPT Garbage Increase Letter

Council requested CAO Fuller to follow-up with OPT to find out if we can get newer bins with lids that close.

Municipal Affairs Revision Approval

Presented for information purposes

CDSS Municipal Agreement Draft

#14/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the CDSS Municipal Agreement.

Carried.

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Walger Water Connection Request

#15/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve Mr. Walger's Water connection request.  
Carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bittern Lake Community Association Update - Deputy Mayor Debnam

Darts has been popular and walking club has been going really well. Interest has picked up.

A three dollar donation has been implemented for people who attend darts, etc; to date people have been receptive.

Hot Water Heater Quote

CAO Fuller obtained a quote for the hot water heater replacement, it was quite high and so additional quote will be obtained.

2. 2013 Budget Draft 1.13

Discussion progressed and council had several questions. The budget currently as presented indicates a drop of about half a percentage. The other variables that may impact the bottom line on the taxes will be the Education requisition and if the assessments increase.

#16/13

Deputy Mayor Debnam approved the 2013 Budget Draft as presented.

Carried.

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3. Commemorative Art - Council Term

Discussion progressed. Council requested to table the item for now, they did express interest in having a group photo and a plaque on it that would list the projects they have completed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Increases

Council reviewed the cost comparisons. Discussion progressed with regard to several aspects of the water.

Council requested CAO Fuller to correspond with Camrose County inquiring how many water connections they are currently at, as per the contract.

Councillor Booth made a motion to approve a 5 cent (per cubic meter) increase for village residents and an 8 cent (per cubic meter) increase for all non resident connections, effective next billing cycle.

#17/13

Carried.

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2. Garbage Increases

Cost comparisons were reviewed and discussion progressed.

Councillor Booth made a motion to increase the monthly garbage service fee by 50 cents effective next billing cycle. The new rate will be \$ 10.50 per month.

#18/13

Carried.

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Storm Water Drainage

Discussion progressed, all council members agreed they would like to see this project proceed. However they expressed that they require more information on tendering requirements and the thresholds involved.

More discussion anticipated at the next meeting.

CAO REPORT

February 2013 CAO Report was distributed to council members for review. No questions were presented.

FINANCIAL

#19/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the financials as presented.

Carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

#20/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Carried.

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NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting of Council March 11 , 2013, 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Fen Feth

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CAO Theresa Fuller