

JUNE 2012 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 11, 2012 @ 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

#64/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#65/12

Mayor Feth made a motion accept the agenda with the addition of grass cutting to new business.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#66/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to accept the May Regular Council meetings as presented.

Carried.

#67/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to accept the Capital Budget meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

GUESTS

Mr. Albert Krause

Albert proceeded to discuss his ideas for his subdivision, he informed council that Rogers would no longer be putting a tower up.

Council requested what he required from them in order for Albert to proceed.

Albert replied that he is presenting for information purposes at this time, as it will be the County deciding at this time.

Council also requested that his plan be in written form.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Affairs - Audit Extension approval

Presented for information purposes.

Communities in Bloom - National Invitation

Presented for information purposes.

Albert Krause - Atco Access proposal

Discussion progressed, however no decision was made.

Blue Imp - Playground Proposal

Discussion progressed, council felt the quote came in higher than they were prepared to spend.

Basketball Hoops Quotes - 2 included on PDF Document

Discussion. CAO Fuller to call inquire about shipping as it was very high.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pump house project - still waiting for parts

No new updates.

2. Bittern Lake Community Association Update - Deputy Mayor Debnam

Issues had occurred with the calendar and bookings. Moving forward; CAO Fuller will arrange for the calendar to email hall board when bookings are received, this will eliminate future challenges with double bookings. Hall board requested CAO Fuller to prepare a letter and address to Seniors Curling representative requesting the key return.

Hall board to update the office with regard to hall payments during the summer.

3. Communities In Bloom Update - Councillor Booth

Communities in bloom appears to be struggling with their membership.

4. Tax Bylaw Amendment Request - ASFF Mill Rate correction

The original bylaw had a clerical error in the ASFF mill rate, the tax notices were prepared with the correct assessment values. Consequently the tax bylaw would require an amendment regarding the ASFF Mill rate.

If the bylaw was implemented as it was written, the village would have collected almost \$ 8000.00 too much in education taxes.

Mayor Feth made a motion for first reading of (Amended) Bylaw 01/12 Tax Bylaw 2012.

#68/12

Carried.

Mayor Feth made a motion for second reading of Bylaw 01/12 Tax Bylaw 2012.

#69/12

Carried.

Mayor Feth made a motion for third and final reading of Bylaw 01/12.

#70/12

Carried Unanimously.

5. Capital Projects Approval

Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve the 2012 Capital Projects listing.

#71/12

Carried.

6. Fire Ban Policy Update

Discussion progressed. It was decided to continue with current practice until a suitable policy was developed. CAO Fuller to arrange to generate a suitable bylaw for consideration.

7. Book date for Auditor Presentation

Tentatively set for June 29, 2012 at 1:30 pm, village office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Atco Access Discussion

It was decided to table this item until Atco approaches the village.

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2. Request Unpaid Utility Roll over to Tax Roll

#72/12

Mayor Feth made a motion that all utility accounts which have not received any payments on them for six months, be rolled onto the tax roll for collection.

Carried.

3. Basketball Hoop Comparison

Council reviewed the documentation. Discussion progressed, council requested CAO Fuller to obtain a quote from Blue Imp.

CAO Fuller to contact Parkworks, for information where they are shipping from. We could arrange to get cheaper shipping.

4. Playground Project Proposal

Requires more consideration. The original quote from Blue Imp was quite high, council was not completely sold on the project. CAO Fuller to contact Blue Imp and have a discussion.

5. Grass Cutting

Each council member, and CAO Fuller has received a written complaint regarding the unsightly condition of village green areas from a concerned resident.

Discussion progressed, CAO Fuller to address the problem.

CAO REPORT

See June 2012 CAO Report.

FINANCIAL

#73/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to accept the financials as presented. financials accepted.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#74/12

Mayor Feth made the motion to adjourn at 9:45pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting of Council July 9, 2012.

Deputy Mayor Charlie Debnam

CAO Theresa Fuller