

MARCH 2012 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 12, 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

#35/12

Mayor Feth called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 pm.

Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#36/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the AUMA correspondence.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF

MINUTES

#37/12

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

Carried.

GUESTS

Ken Duncan - Boomtown Trail -

Ken brought copies of the travel guide and prospective regarding what Boomtown Trail has been doing. Recap, 25 member municipalities, economic development through tourism, channel efforts into one direction. Have accomplished wonders in the tourism area, and are making some headway and benefitting the communities that have been involved. Economic and community development have to be a success at home before we can market it to others. Main street or downtown revitalization document tool to improve the main core is in the process of being generated.

Developed smart phone app, when you drive by the app welcomes people to the area and the village. Good success with it, lots of room for improvement. Characterization program, colourful 5% brought those individuals back to life in skits, you have an instant dinner theatre. Over twenty characters in the boom town trail. Funds have been successfully raised for various local groups.

People from all over come to watch the plays, the actors are locals, the parts are researched intensively and brought to life. Elnora has been interested to do the dinner plays. Historical society, art guild, etc. If we have someone from the community that researches the person, etc, generates community spirit and value.

There are so many projects going on, it would take alot of time to go through. Invite you to the spring conference, April 18, 2012. Have a representative to come and share with the group, the event is scheduled to take place in Torrington, Alberta.

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Currently community involvement has been a challenge in Bittern Lake. Networking, laughter, sharing, it is a great way to begin and start something. Research through the local history book, and find out about the character, they would design the posters, tickets, etc. Encourage strength in the community, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE

Addition of AUMA Correspondence - Upgrading Energy Efficiency of Building. Presented for information purposes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pump house project update

Electrical changes have been made by Glen. We are now waiting for a price for the contractor to do the work. The delivery schedule is expected fairly soon.

2. Community Hall

The FRP board is up, bathrooms are in the process of being painted and the fixtures being reinstalled.

Council is expecting that the Community Association will begin to do activities that generate some funds for the facility.

3. Communities In Bloom Update - Councillor Booth

Councillor Booth did not have any new updates at this time.

4. Regional Emergency Management Liaison - Require decision

Council briefly discussed and at this time have chosen not to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regional Health and Safety Officer

We are unsure of what challenges we are facing going forward, and it is difficult to make a decision without any information.

2. Subdivision and Appeal Board, Regional Assessment Review Board Update

Mayor Feth made a motion to continue with the Regional Assessment Review Board.

#38/12

Carried.

3. Municipal Intern Formula Require Resolution for \$ 3500.00

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the \$ 3500.00 for the Municipal Intern. The funds are to be expensed through MSI Operating.

#39/12

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CAO REPORT

See March 2012 CAO Report.

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FINANCIAL

#40/12

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

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#41/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting of Council April 9, 2012.

Mayor Ken Feth

CAO Theresa Fuller