

DECEMBER 2010 MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

DECEMBER 14, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Feth

Deputy Mayor Debnam

Councillor Booth

CAO Fuller

Assistant CAO Tinson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feth called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:10 pm.

#148/10

Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

149/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF

MINUTES

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

150/10

Carried.

GUESTS

Atco Franchise Fees - Charlie Teeuwsen - Manager of Yellowhead Region
Shane Ellis, District Supervisor and Charlie Teeuwsen, Manager introduced themselves to council.

Mr. Teeuwsen informed council how franchise fees worked under the old agreement and also how the new template agreements work. He encouraged council to consider the new agreement, as there was flexibility to it, where council could change the percentage on an annual basis if they chose to.

Mr. Teeuwsen indicated to council that he was willing to support or assist them with any questions they had. He also informed them of the process. If council chose not to sign the new agreement, the old agreement would remain in place.

TnT Canada Consulting - Tarek Saman and Tyler Brake; Pump house update

Tarek updated council at what stage they were at with the design. They had met with City of Camrose and discussed compatibilities and communications within the system. They are looking at internet communication, as it is the most cost effective. They anticipate tendering out bids in about February.

Dennis Wishnowski - no agenda items to present.

Kevin Berbekbosch - interested resident.

CORRESPONDENCE

Verlyn Olson - Congratulations Communities in Bloom

Wetaskiwin - Congratulations Communities in Bloom

Elected Officials Education Program - Certificate Information

Battle River Community Foundation - Declined Historical Society funding app

Village Representative notification to Historical Society and Community Association

Parkland Regional Library Municipal Report

Victim Services Request for Donation

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Mayor Feth made a motion to donate \$ 500.00 to Victim Services.

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Fortis Contact Information

Communities in Bloom Financial Statements

Rural Tourism conference - Camrose

CAO Fuller informed council with regard to this conference. Great networking opportunity, as well if we are looking at developing tourism initiatives. The last two years the County has offered subsidy for Ag Societies, or other interested individuals to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

152/10

1. Managers Bylaw - Third Reading

Mayor Feth made a motion to proceed with the third and final reading of Bylaw #06/10, the Manager's Bylaw.

Carried.

2. Fire Truck

This agenda item to be tabled till spring - March 2010.

3. Street Lighting

CAO Fuller informed the group with regard to this project. We had Fortis collect the information to prepare a quote, we anticipate having the quote in the new year.

4. Atco Gas Franchise Fees

Mayor Feth requested CAO Fuller contact the AUMA and find out information regarding the template agreements and what are the issues surrounding them.

5. Council, Disaster Services Conference Attendance Honorarium

153/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjust the Director of Emergency Management honorarium to \$ 185.00 for functions over 4 hours, effective immediately.

Carried.

6. Bittern Lake Community Hall

154/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to sell the hall to the Bittern Lake Community Association.

Carried.

7. Surveillance Cameras

CAO Fuller informed council that the original quote did not include boosters for the coaxial cable. Council requested that CAO fuller negotiate with Electrotel and determine what quality of camera they have quoted.

8. Council/Staff Christmas Party - Date recommendation Dec 22, 2010 or Jan 14, 2011.

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Mayor Feth made a motion to have the staff/council Christmas party on January 14, 2011.

Carried.

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9. Budget Review

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Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the initial Budget Draft, dated December 14, 2010.

Carried.

10. Book Facilities Tour - Date recommendations;

Facilities tour booked for December 18, 2010 at 9:00 am, council to meet PW Foreman Brattinga at Village office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dates for MSP Plan Review and MYCIP Review - January 22 or 29, 2011 (both Saturdays)

Strategic planning session tentatively scheduled for December 28, 2010. To be confirmed upon schedule updating.

2. Annual Audit Services

CAO Fuller informed council regarding the past challenges with the current auditor. The intention is to continue with this auditor and advertise for a new one in June - July. When proceeding with this auditor, we will request timelines and require they be accountable to them.

157/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to use Tien Rostad for the Village auditor for the 2010 audit.

Carried.

3. Alberta Animal Services Annual Contract & Trapping Agreement

157/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the Alberta Animal Service Annual Contract and Trapping Agreement.

Carried.

4. Post Office lease Renewal

158/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the Post Office Lease with the current lease agreement amount. No changes this year.

Carried.

5. Alberta Transportation - Un-accessed Street Improvement Funding

Information presented regarding unspent Street Improvement funds. Currently, all streets in Bittern are paved. We do need to look at additional projects that meet the criteria. Projects currently being reviewed are streetlights, and potentially improving the base of South Bittern Lake road.

6. Neptune Software Contract Approval

159/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve purchasing the Neptune Software Contract for 2011.

Carried.

7. Powell Invoice - Generator Connection

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Mayor Feth made a motion to approve payment of the invoice for Powell, being battery and connection for the office Generator.

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8. Waste Bins and Recycling Facilities Bylaw - Do we want to review?

Bylaw briefly discussed. Council requested CAO Fuller to access the CAO Group to determine if another suitable bylaw would be among the peers in the county.

9. Councillor Booth Absence - January and February 2010

Councillor Booth would like to inform council that he will be unable to attend in January and February, due to personal reasons.

10. City of Camrose Water Rate Increase

We have received an e-mail from the city of Camrose informing us that the water consumption rate would be increasing to \$ 1.57 per cubic meter. Council had a discussion as to whether the increases should be also reflected to residents, county connections and Ervick Junction.

Mayor Feth made a motion to increase the county connections and Ervick Junction to \$ 1.70 per cubic meter.

161/10

Carried.

11. Pipeline Crossing

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve pipeline crossing for ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines.

162/10

Carried.

CAO REPORT

PW Assistant Gift

CAO Fuller updated council of the status of the artwork.

County Resident Request for Water connection

We have received approval from the City of Camrose for the Resident Water connection.

FINANCIAL

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

163/10

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm.

164/10

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm --- January 11, 2011 at the Village Council Chambers.
Councillor Booth will be absent.

Mayor Ken Feth

CAO, Theresa Fuller