

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
June 8, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. IN THE BITTERN LAKE VILLAGE OFFICE

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Sheldon Sendeki
Deputy Mayor Earl Debnam
Councillor Robyn Booth
CAO Theresa Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Sendeki at 7:00 pm.

AMENDMENTS
AND ACCEPTANCE
OF AGENDA

#54/09

Request the addition of garden plots beyond the soccer field to be added to New Business.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES

#55/09

Mayor Sendeki made a motion that the minutes of May 11, 2009 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

GUESTS

Anjah Howard – County of Camrose

McBride Subdivision – Currently there are 5 lots on a single title property, the applicant is requesting that the site be divided to create two residential lots. They are currently in the process of removing the existing structure and are planning to replace it with a new house. The subdivision complies with the Village Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw and there is no reason to turn down the request. Subdivisions of this nature are very beneficial to the community because they provide additional residential lots without adding additional roads and services that must be maintained by the Village.

Mayor Sendeki made a motion to approve the McBride Subdivision as presented.

#56/09

Carried

Anjah Howard – Krause Subdivision

Bylaw 1163 was given first reading through the Camrose County. Redistricting of Pt NE 25-46-22-W4. Current plan the lots are very large and difficult to service to the far side. The intention is to add this subdivision to the village. It is in the Village's best interest if they request the lots be reduced in size. Anjah and CAO Fuller to meet and go through the annexation application and draft a letter to Mr. Krause. Mr. Krause and Mr. Don Copithorne were not in attendance.

Reay and Mary Ann Gibson

Mr. Gibson had concerns that his complaint (May 29, 2009) was not addressed expediently.

Mr. Gibson proceeded to inform council his issues;

- Complaint not addressed expediently
- concerns with who assumes liability for the metal posts being put in
- Being requested to provide his complaint in written form
- the other involved party be informed in writing of the issue
- concerns with the metal posts being a harmful hazard

Mr. Gibson formally requested the village to respond to his question, who is liable if a resident erects metal posts on village property. Mayor Sendeck and CAO Fuller informed Mr. Gibson they were not prepared to answer his question until they have sought legal counsel.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding Amounts
Alberta Transportation – SIP Funding
Alberta Municipal Affairs – Changes to Criteria for MSI Operating and Capital
(included in New Business)

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

Cat Bylaw Amendment; Fee update

CAO Fuller requested to table the changes to the Bylaw and updating of fee schedule to be tabled until the fall.

Mayor Sendeck made a motion the Cat Bylaw Amendment and updating of the fee schedule be tabled until the fall.

Carried

#57/09

Website Design Update

Council reviewed the information as presented. Requested to add George Schielke, change Robyn's last name to Booth.

MSP Planning

Next meeting June 10, 2009, 7:00 at the Bittern Lake Hall. CAO Fuller extended the invitation for council to attend.

Budget Review

CAO Fuller requested to book a date and time to review current budget. Time set for Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Village office.

Lagoon Road Gate Costs

Council was provided with the quote from Grant Ambler for this project. Council agreed to wait until budget approval prior to proceeding with this project.

Gravel Costs

Council was provided with the quote from Grant Amber for this project. Council agreed to wait until budget approval prior to proceeding with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding Amounts

Presented as information for council review.

Alberta Transportation – SIP Funding

Presented as information for council review.

Alberta Municipal Affairs – Changes to criteria for MSI Operating and Capital

CAO Fuller informed council that the county and several individual municipalities were preparing letters to their MPs with regard to this issue. We were notified how much our funding was, then a week or two later they changed the criteria of how the funds could be used.

Garden plots

It has brought to council attention an idea of providing garden plots for lease, just beyond the soccer field. This item was tabled for now until more information is obtained on how this would work.

CAO REPORT

1. **2008 Audit** – Getting closer to completion. We have hired an external accountant to assist with bank reconciliations.
2. **Recycling update** – Currently Peter has been taking the items to Centra Cam. Further action/ information on the area initiative is at a standstill for now.
3. **Radiofrequency Water Meters** – Peter is in the process of installing the meters.

FINANCIAL
#58/09

Mayor Sendeki made the motion to accept the financials as presented.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT
#59/09

Mayor Sendeki made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of council at 8:20 pm.
Carried.

NEXT MEETING

July 13, 2009, 7:00 in the Village Office. CAO Fuller unavailable, however Assistant CAO to chair in CAO Fuller's absence.

Mayor, Sheldon Sendeki

CAO, Theresa Fuller