

MARCH 2011 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 8, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Debnam
Councillor Booth CAO Fuller
Mayor Feth was absent.

Deputy Mayor Debnam called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:04pm.

CALL TO ORDER

22/11

Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

#23/11

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Unable to confirm the February meeting minutes as Deputy Mayor Debnam had been the only one whom had attended the meeting. No Quorum to approve them.

Table to next meeting in Mayor Feth's absence.

GUESTS

Alma Sanford was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

AUMA President's Summit - Conference in For McMurray

Presented for interest purposes, could be a potential qualifying expense for MSI Operating. No council members have chosen to attend at this time.

Crime Stoppers Donation Request

Declined donation request.

Enviro Kids Donation Request

Declined donation request.

Discussion presented with regard to charities and donations. CAO Fuller requested council to provide some guidelines as to which charities should be presented on the agenda. Council briefly discussed, coming to conclusion, their preference would be to sponsor closer to home, local charities.

Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to give preferential consideration to local charities as requests come in.

24/11

Carried.

Address Alberta Initiative

This initiative has been sending information and stating that the AUMA is involved and they recommend that we participate. To date, we have not received confirmation from the AUMA to participate with this initiative. It appears to be an organization soliciting for information to create a directory. Most cases the directory is then sold to the municipality.

Council declined to participate at this time. Provincially we have been informed about one of the provincial ministries proceeding with a similar project.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waste Bins and Recycling Facilities Bylaw - Request to table

Currently our recycling staff has tendered their resignation, effective March 31, 2011. CAO Fuller requested to table this bylaw until we determine the solution to our recycling challenges.

2. Disaster Preparedness Bylaw 01.11 -Third Reading

Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve the third and final reading of the Disaster Preparedness Bylaw 01.11.

24/11

Carried.

3. Laptop Quotes from Staples

Council thought it wise to table this item until Mayor Feth is in attendance.

4. Door to Door Campaign Dates; Scheduling

Due to abnormally cold weather for March, this item was tabled until April.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lyle's upcoming Resignation

Mr. Naslund had transported our recycling to Centra Cam to date. He has tendered his resignation, effective March 31, 2011. Consequently, we require consideration for the options. CAO Fuller has contacted TDK Recycling and Can Pak for quotes and information. Would council be open to discussion with the County? Council confirmed that they are willing to consider options. Currently, the County has a mobile recycling unit that parks and residents bring recycling to the unit for transport to Centra Cam.

2. Water Connection Request

We have received a request from a County resident for water connection. Further consideration required for this situation. Council opted to discuss further when Mayor Feth has returned.

3. Regional Emergency Management Interview - Schedule

March 19 or 26, 2011. Check with the consultants to find out dates to proceed with the interview.

4. Alternate Event to utilize fireworks

With the Family day fireworks being cancelled, we still have the fireworks, discussion proceeded briefly as to what and when the event could happen. Tabled till next council meeting in Mayor Feth's absence.

5. Capital Budget Meeting - Book Date

Unable to book date with Mayor Feth absent. Will arrange for date once Mayor Feth returns or can be contacted for conference call.

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CAO REPORT

Surveillance Cameras, Recycling Facility

Defer entirely until decisions with the site are made.

Budget Finalization

Table for now until Mayor Feth is available.

Atco Gas Franchise Fees Update

Paperwork forwarded, will keep council informed.

Bittern Lake Community Hall Update

Letters sent to Pat and Susan with regard to expectations and furnace installation.

Furnace Replacement Quotes - Update

A letter was sent to Pat and Susan requesting the current booking schedule to avoid proceeding with furnace replacement when someone has rented the hall.

CAO Performance Appraisal

Standard practice to date has been; CAO prepares examples of performance and ratings, passes it to council. Council then reviews it and adds their comments as to whether they agree/disagree and recommendations for additional requirements.

Deputy Mayor Debnam concurred that the process should continue as did in the past.

FINANCIAL

25/11

Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept the financials as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

26/11

Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of council at 9:00 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm --- April 12, 2011 at the Village Council Chambers.

Mayor Ken Feth

CAO, Theresa Fuller