

NOVEMBER 2010 MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 9, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Feth
Councillor Booth

Deputy Mayor Debnam
CAO Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

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

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

141/10

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

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES

#142/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented for the October Regular Meeting of Council and the Organizational meeting of council dated October 26, 2010.

Carried.

GUESTS

Dennis Wishowski - CDSS Villages Representative - Absent

Clarence Hastings - CDSS

Margaret Holliston - CDSS Budget Presentation

Margaret extends Mr. Wishnowski's regrets for his absence. Handout e-mailed to CAO Fuller, Global budget, and information about the CDSS programming.

CDSS is the FCSS programming for several villages all within the county. They operate under the FCSS Act and Children and youth services. Funding is accessible from the provincial grant and municipalities match by about 20%.

Programs must be helping people to become resilient, family violence abuse, and other outcomes. Citizens become aware of outcomes, community engagement piece as well. CDSS do have handbook of guidelines, programs are locally determined, province simply determines basic guidelines, municipalities and boards say how the money is spent.

Request motion to accept the provincial funding toward the program and approve allocating the 2011 municipal contribution of \$ 1279.25 .

Currently there has been no increase to the provincial grant, despite increased costs and requests for funding the 2010 and 2011, county has provided an over contribution. The funding is often not sufficient to meet the needs in the area. The City is considering making a similar larger, contribution.

Without the increase CDSS is working with less funding. They have been working towards functioning with the same amounts and with additional funds from city and County. They are requesting the villages make additional contributions as well in order to bring the budget to comparable levels to previous years.

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They are requesting the village give an additional 20%, or 10% , or 15%. They are scrambling to obtain the same funding and to keep operating. Every little bit will help. If you chose to stay the same , is fine, they will accept the increase if offered.

The government has eliminated certain grant sources, thus resulting in less funding for the programs that had accessed the grants. Therefore the requests come back to CDSS and back to the municipalities. CDSS has been campaigning to increase the FCSS funding and informing the government of the effects of the cuts in different ministries.

Any questions about funded programs and about what they do, willing to answer questions. Mayor Feth recommended that the village consider additional request at the budget meeting.

Clarence Hastings had mentioned about the MSP dollars, recommended funnelling the dollars into the programs. MSP citizen engagement has been a challenge on an ongoing basis. Summer in the park has been successful for this year. Clarence hires the staff and would be interested in the feedback on the hired staff.

The 20% is the mandatory amount at this time, commitment to provide the 20%. The county is the unit authority, and they requisition the amount and forward it to CDSS.

Programs are very well used and accessed. Clarence assists with leveraging the funding, etc. Finding out the priorities. Highlights are from Hay Lakes and Bawlf, multiplex building, engaged the youth, found out what was going on, boredom was rampant, engaged the Ag Society, they now have a portable skateboard park, the winter time the kids can meet in the area as well, and they flood the area and can skate - two skating surfaces. Bawlf, regional children's centre. out of care program , they were able to secure as a society. Mayor Feth made motion to contribute the annual mandatory contribution.

Carried.

TNT Consultants - Pump house Contract (Request if prefer in Camera)

Tarek Saman and Tyler Brake

Tarek requested how the village would like to proceed from here. TNT has come up with estimate, we would like to proceed with the upgrades on the pump house.

We are at the detailed design stage, want to do it the best possible way, timeline is tight at this time, visiting the site, meeting with Camrose, Municipal Affairs, they need to know the specs, ect. Do the design, present that to the village, weekly updates, review design with village, put design together, do an RFQ, accelerate things by proceeding with the electrical controls, pipes, landscaping, and different staging so the water isn't shut off.

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No price yet, as they do not know what the contractors prices are, contractors, will adjust the prices with timelines, etc.

Mayor Feth asked council if they had any questions.

Mayor Feth motion accept service agreement.

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Carried.

Kerry Grettum - Advance Poll and Village Parking Bylaws

Mayor Feth invited Mr. Grettum to speak.

Mr Grettum wanted council to address some issues.

Mr. Grettum informed council of the following: A couple of weeks ago, he had called the office and asked about an advance poll, he was informed that there wasn't one. Mr Grettum, went on to talk about the gentlemen that went to war how would they feel about the fact that the advance vote wasn't accessible.

Mr. Grettum talked about the fact that he was not given the opportunity to vote as he was called away unexpectedly.

Mr. Grettum felt that council was in error being concerned with the cost of running the poll for a day. He was in the cold war, voting to him is important, something our forefathers, fought for.

Second issue, there was a \$ 100.00 ticket on the windshield of his vehicle. 48 hours is the limit that a vehicle can currently be parked on a village street. Mr. Grettum stated that he felt council should look at that, he was absolutely appalled about this ticket. Mr. Grettum felt that the village administration was targeting him personally. Hanson's, trailer had been parked on the street for several days, etc, why did the village only pick on him?

Mr. Grettum felt that the village should also look at the boat, pile of rocks, campers, vehicles on public property, why did we only issue a ticket to only him? Mr. Grettum stated; "You are the council, you run the village. Now, I go to Ottawa for a week and leave a vehicle on the road, and I get a ticket. I don't know what I've done to the people in the village , just don't know what I've done. "

Mayor Feth stated; If we were aware that it was your truck, Bylaw wouldn't have been called.

Mr. Grettum requested that council take a closer look at it. Camrose bylaw is different; they have 72 hours. Have other people received tickets?

Mr. Grettum stated: " You want to build a village, you want volunteers, it is a tough job, come on with a little bit of reason, if I can't park my car on the street and not worry about a ticket I think we have a problem."

Mr. Grettum stated: "I would just like to see the vendetta from this office stop." Mayor Feth informed Mr. Grettum that the village will do what they can. Mr. Grettum responded: " Good luck, you have a tough job, please lay off my back."

Gordon Budd - interested resident, no agenda items to present.

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CORRESPONDENCE

CDSS Meeting Minutes - FYI

Battle River Watershed Alliance - Invitation and Newsletter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Procedural Bylaw

Mayor Feth read Procedural Bylaw # 05/10 for the first reading.

Bylaw #05/10

Carried.

Mayor Feth read Procedural Bylaw # 05/10 for the Second reading.

Bylaw # 05/10

Carried.

Mayor Feth read Procedural Bylaw # 05/10 for the third time - passed unanimously.

Bylaw # 05/10

Carried.

2. Managers Bylaw

Mayor Feth read Managers bylaw # 06/10 for the first reading.

Bylaw # 06/10

Carried.

Mayor Feth read Manager bylaw # 06/10 for the second reading.

Bylaw # 06/10

Carried.

3. Fire Truck

Deputy Mayor Debnam informed the group of a possible sponsor for the brake job on the old water truck.

4. Street Lighting

Mayor Feth requested CAO Fuller to obtain the quote from Fortis and then we have the information to decide on the project.

5. Atco Gas Franchise Fees

CAO Fuller to arrange to have an Atco representative to attend the council meeting to inform council.

6. Fortis Franchise Fees - Auma Request to avoid renewing - update

Deadline for renewal has passed, to consider this changes for next year.

7. Council, Disaster Services Conference Attendance Honorarium

Council reviewed the amounts presented from the county, observed that none of the others have a DEM rate. Council agrees that the DEM doesn't receive enough. CAO Fuller, to obtain more information and present at next council meeting.

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8. TCA Policy Revision

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Mayor Feth made a motion made to approve the amendments to the TCA Policy 02.10.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ervick Junction Water Consumption Rate

CAO Fuller had informed council that the County had inquired if the Village were intending to increase Ervick Junction's consumption rate. Council discussed. CAO Fuller to inform the county that we do not receive our increase until January 2011. At that time we will have a better understanding of the increases we will be facing.

Council/Staff Christmas Party

Deputy Mayor Debnam and CAO Fuller to come up with some recommended dates and location, details etc.

Book Budget date

CAO Fuller and Assistant CAO Tinson will present dates to council as soon as possible.

Book Facilities Tour

November 15 at about 4:00 - 4:30 was tentatively scheduled.

Cell Phone

Deputy Mayor Debnam recommended that CAO Fuller to take on the additional cell phone.

Dates for MSP Plan Review and MYCIP Review

Set up dates for January to set up more plans.

PW Shop roof insulation Quote

FYI for budget purposes.

Request for 1 - 2 Loads Gravel - Village alleys, etc.

#145/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to purchase two loads of gravel.

Carried.

Request to Gravel/grade South Bittern Lake Road

Discussion proceeded with regard to South Bittern Lake Road. The recommendation was presented to include it in the budget, wait till spring.

Resident Billing - In Camera

Council went in Camera at 8:45 pm. Resumed the meeting out of Camera at 9:00pm.

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CAO REPORT

Fire Hydrant Repairs

The fire hydrant repairs on James street have been completed. We have extra parts should we have a challenge of this nature again.

Budget Preparation

Assistant CAO Tinson scheduled to return from vacation November 15, 2010. The intention is to proceed with preparation and have it ready for presentation to council by beginning to mid December.

Bittern Lake Community Hall

CAO Fuller has a meeting with legal regarding the hall on November 18, 2010. More information to present to council after the meeting has transpired.

PW Assistant Gift

Shirley Barnes has been working to prepare the artwork and has been keeping CAO Fuller informed of its anticipated completion. We are intending it to be complete before Christmas.

County Resident Request for Water connection

To date we have not received a reply from the city. CAO Fuller will be forwarding information to the resident making the request.

Cameras get clarity on the quote from Electrotel.

Originally the quote from Electrotel did not include a booster on the coaxial line. We have been informed that for that great of a distance that a booster would be required. CAO Fuller to chat with the gentleman that prepared the quote and find out.

FINANCIAL

146/10

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

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

147/10

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm --- December 14, 2010

Mayor Ken Feth

CAO, Theresa Fuller