

JUNE 2016 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

June 8th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Charlie Debnam
Councilor Angela Lorente

Deputy Mayor Chuck Jarvis
CAO Jill Tinson

CALL TO ORDER **#68/16**

Mayor Debnam made a motion to call the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm

carried

AMENDMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#69/16

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

carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#70/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept meeting minutes as presented.

carried

GUESTS

Kerry Grettum, Raey Gibson, Dora Grettum, Barry Toms, Wendy Toms and Jackie Hunter

CORRESPONDENCE

As sent via e-mail to Council and extra information for discussion.

Letter of acknowledgement for MSI Funding, MSI Operating, MSI Capital and Federal Gas Tax Funds for 2015 are available.

Signs within the Village sound be to be replaced under MSI Grant Funding (beautification).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Hall Lease. The Community Association meeting tomorrow night.

No further information at this time, table this until July please.

2. Bucks for Wildlife, Mayor Debnam is in touch with the Bucks for Wildlife
Mayor Debnam said they are still waiting for a response, table again please.

3. Parking Complaint and request regarding on Public Road, Bylaw says no more than 48 hours.

Distance to back alley for sight lines, Bylaw to be reviewed.

Peace Officer will be given information regarding Bylaw.



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4. Garden Plots have been marked out and used, more are available.

5. Beautification, payment request to Bittern Lake-Sifton Historical Society - under MSI Capital - Schedule 1,1.c - previously approved by Council.

6. Beautification of hillside on Roper Road.

Resident proposed the Village make a payment to another resident for keeping the grass cut etc., this is not the first request for the person to be paid, Council denied previous request. Council request CAO to write a letter to deny the request again, we have a lot of Volunteers around the Village, everyone is appreciated.

#71/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion deny request as presented.

carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. Old Station Sign, a resident has it in Storage.

Do Council want to restore it ? Investigate price of restoration, with a view of putting it back on the front of the Village Building.

#72/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to investigate restoration as presented.

carried

2. New Water Connection request

Greenhouse connection to water line cc, discuss options with landowner. Connection to go under the road.

#73/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion approve connection request as presented.

carried

3. Council's Vision - Kerry Grettum

Mr Grettum discussed issues that he stated were not personal.

We have a beautiful community, however the Community Clean-up was not well attended. Skating rink needs attention, please address. Council is responsible to ensure unsightly properties are cleaned-up. How do we involve the Village residents ? Questions about the Hall, need to be addressed to Hall Board. We cannot fix the past, but we will move forward and take measures to address issues as presented by the Hall Board.

#74/16

Hall Board insurance was questioned and will be investigated at Council request. Trade Show is coming up and the Hall Board are working on getting things going. Mayor Debnam made a motion for the CAO to investigate the Insurance as requested.

carried

Mr Grettum continued. Amendments to Agenda are asked by the Chair, this is only from Council and CAO as any public requests need to come via the Office and the CAO can inform Council of the information. He thanked us for the information.

The meeting minutes are typed and available on the Website as soon as they have been approved as true and correct and signed by the Mayor.



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Extra meetings were not posted, this was previously addressed by Council and has now been rectified. In future the Public will be notified of any other Council Meetings extra to the monthly Council Meetings, should they wish to attend. Mr Grettum wanted to continue to discuss Development, as part of Council's Vision. However, Mayor commented that Mr Grettum had run out of time. The presenter is allowed a 15 minute time slot as per Bylaw 02/14, Section 3:8. This time had passed and Mr Grettum was informed that this was a Bylaw he had signed as Mayor in 2014. It was suggested that it be added to the next Council meeting, Mr Grettum agreed and requested space on the Agenda at the next Council Meeting, and table his additional comments until then.

#75/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to move on with the meeting.

carried

3. Eaves trough diversion - more information required please, for next meeting. Preventative measures are requested by resident, they are prepared to put in some type of drainage.

#76/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to request more information

carried

4. Speed Bumps - Can they be painted to make them more obvious.

#77/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve request as presented.

carried

5. Employees Matter Canada - Katrina Hagstrom

Information presented to Council as a possible scam.

6. Request from outside resident to use Garbage/Recycle facility.

No more permits to be issued to Residents outside the Village Boundaries.

#78/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to deny request as presented.

carried

7. Rescind Bylaw 03/08 - New MasterCard Bylaw 03/16

#79/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to proceed with first reading of Bylaw 03/16.

Passed unanimously - carried

#80/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to proceed with second reading of Bylaw 03/16.

Passed unanimously - carried

#81/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to proceed with third reading of Bylaw 03/16.

Passed unanimously - carried



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8. Rescind Bylaw 03/09 - New Water & Sewer Services Bylaw 04/16

#82/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to proceed with first reading of Bylaw 04/16.

Passed unanimously - carried

#83/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to proceed with second reading of Bylaw 04/16.

Passed unanimously - carried

#84/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to proceed with third reading of Bylaw 04/16.

Passed unanimously - carried

9. CAO Report - Appendix A - Read by Mayor Debnam to Council and Guests including a letter to Mr Gibson.

Development request for information comments to Council, a journal of events had been kept, this was read out by the Mayor.

There was a subsequent letter outlining this information.

#85/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept the letter be sent as presented.

carried

10. Request from Wendy Toms to address Council. Permission was given.

Regarding the building of their Garage as per Development application 01/14.

Please can this matter now be closed.

11. Request from Raey Gibson to address Council. Permission was given.

He sought Legal Counsel about the procedure that was followed by the Development Officer as an employee of the Village of Bittern Lake, Bylaws were broken, and there was a plebiscite taking away power from her. As she was an employee the responsibility falls on Council. He claims it was mishandled.

Where are we headed ? There are issues.

Council have information from Government sources, and asked this to be an end to it.

Subdivision Appeal Board decided and anything further had 30 days to go to court and he did not. This is two years later.

He has no issue with the Garage, but he does with the way it was handled and proceeded from there, it broke the law.

Things have been worked on and we can put this to bed. Mr Gibson has turned it over to his Lawyer, if he wanted, the Lawyer said he could sue Council, which he does not want to do.

Mr Gibson asked, put it to bed please Mayor. Mayor Debnam checked that all are in agreement that this is done, there are no more issues with the Garage.

Mr Gibson has agreed no more formal issues with the Garage.

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept the matter as closed.

#86/16

carried



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10. Public Works Report Listing

Culvert was fixed, unless it needs more attention. All culverts will be addressed.

Try to keep grass mowed, due to mosquitos etc..

#87/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve as presented.

carried

11. Peace Officer Bylaws

Copy of all Bylaws to be enforced, some will need updating.

#88/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve as presented.

carried

CAO REPORT

#90/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept the CAO report as presented.

carried

FINANCIAL

#91/16

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

carried

ADJOURNMENT

#92/16

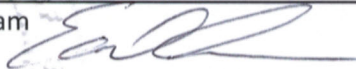
Mayor Debnam made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm.

carried

NEXT MEETING

July 13th, 2016 at 7pm

Mayor Charlie Debnam



CAO Jill Tinson

