

NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 9, 2016 @ 7:00pm in the Village office

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Charlie Debnam Deputy Mayor Chuck Jarvis
Councillor Angela Lorente CAO Jill Tinson

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Debnam made a motion to call the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm
#191/16 Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept the agenda and amendments as presented.
#192/16 Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept meeting minutes as presented.
#193/16 Carried.

GUESTS

Clarence Hastings (CDSS), Margaret Holliston (CDSS), Heather Leslie (CDSS)
Al Anger, Shanna Stotz, Billie Solverson, Tom Ronning, Marilyn Dease, Chuck
Stotz, Kurt Armier, Kerry Grettum
Garry Zetsen, Garrett Zetsen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **CDSS Requisition presentation**

Margaret Holliston thanked Council, also present Clarence Hastings and Heather Leslie. Introduction of Heather Leslie as new representative for the Villages. Heather thanked Council for her appointment to the Board. Margaret confirmed commitment to CDSS Global Budget for 2017, along with municipal match of \$1,535.25. A few new programs are included in the 2017 CDSS Global Budget along with continuing existing programs, these are available to the public. Clarence commented Summer in the Park was very successful again this year. Website has been developed along with tourism aspects. Rural Community Initiative Fund is operational, Organisations can access this information on CDSS website. Set of Criteria, first come first served.

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Heather Leslie thanked Council for opportunity to serve on the Board, to understand more about what the organisation does through the County and City as well as the Villages.

Margaret commented the support of Council is appreciated and services are available as anybody needs them, new Help Books will be available soon.

#194/16 Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept funding to CDSS as presented.

Carried.

Margaret thanked Council for the opportunity, and Mayor Debnam thanked CDSS and the opportunity to meet Heather Leslie. Margaret Holliston, Clarence Hasting and Heather Leslie departed at 7:12 pm

#195/16 Mayor Debnam made a motion to adjust the agenda to accommodate the New Business item next.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Poultry Bylaw

Mayor Debnam opened the discussion to the guests that were present for questions and concerns.

Kerry Grettum asked if he could speak to it.

Mayor Debnam said that that's why most people seemed to be here, so would let a couple of people speak.

Question to Council: Why are we here ? Because of George's chickens ?

A: Council: No, a Poultry Bylaw is to be put in place because there have been lots of enquiries. More people want to raise chickens, other Villages are in the same position and are unsure how to handle this issue.

Q: What is this bylaw going to pertain? **A:** Mayor Debnam: A possible service fee and permits.

Q: Kerry Grettum: You can't control the dog bylaw, what makes you think you can control this? **A:** Mayor Debnam: The issue in regards to dog complaints/bylaw enforcing is that complaints MUST be in writing with a signature to be able to enforce.

Spreading verbal complaints and putting things on social media is not going to help, certain social media posts in regards to this Village bylaw the last couple of nights has been embarrassing. **Comment:** Kurt Armier: Neighbour has 4 unlicensed dogs in the Village and nothing has been done about it. **A:** CAO

Tinson: Old Macdonald kennels and the bylaw officer cannot enforce a complaint unless it is made in writing and they have someone to contact for follow up. If complaints are not received in writing the appropriate steps cannot be taken to resolve the issue.

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Q: Resident: How many chickens will be allowed? What are the fees? **A:** Mayor Debnam: We have not made any final decisions yet, we are thinking 4 hens, no roosters. **Comment:** Marilyn Dease: She understands the need and thoughts behind making a bylaw to regulate future and current chickens in the Village. Instead of following what every other Village is doing and applying the same bylaw, would the Village consider looking at current chicken set ups to get a better idea. **A:** Mayor Debnam: That is also an option. We are not wanting to copy what other Villages, but look at setting up our own and there will have to be more research done before anything is finalized. Complaints are mainly verbal, written complaints are taken further, according to a bylaw in place. **Comment:** About dogs and bees in the Village, we are working on these issues. Council are updating the bylaws as issues arise, and if there is no bylaw in place, complaints cannot be acted on. For example the Chicken bylaw would not be an amount per chicken, but could be for having a group of chickens, on an annual basis, we haven't got there yet. Trying to figure out a way to keep everybody happy and that is not easy to do. **Resident:** Foul language used, resident was asked to leave the meeting at 7:25pm, as that language is not allowed in council. This is a starting process and we are trying to come up with the best option for our Village. More research will be done, before any more is done on this potential bylaw.

#196/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion for CAO to find out more information.

Carried.

Garry Zetsen

Surveyor has been out, potentially 10 lots, preliminary diagram was shown for information only. Water drains properly already to natural ditch, therefore no flood concerns. The road near the park has never been completed as to original surveyed drawings, there may need to be a land swap for the road allowance as the existing fence appears to be in the wrong spot. This needs more investigation. The size of the proposed plots are from 0.69 acre to 0.85acre , 71ft x 320 ft rough sized lots. Cost wise this is the best layout for the property. Garry is still interested in a green space for the west side of this property. Still a lot of work to be done on the planning of this development, this is preliminary only. He is interested in a Solar Field and is looking into this as well. Do Council want small holdings or residential zoning? Unsure at this time as it is still preliminary planning, a lot more investigation needs to be done. He would like to do some soil sampling as he thinks that there is high sand content in the soil. The water system should be able to accommodate this new development. In favor to keep planning this development idea. Garry introduced his son Garrett Zetsen. He will try to have more to present in December 2016 or January 2017.

Mayor Debnam made a motion to allow Garry to continue with the planning of this potential development.

#197/16

Carried.

Marilyn Dease, Al Anger, Shanna Stotz and Chuck Stotz departed at 7:45pm

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More information is needed before there is any indication of development starting. With other questions from public, still an unknown until more information is looked into by the Developer/Builder.

Garry Zetsen thanked Council for their time.

Billie Solverson, Tom Ronning, Garry Zetsen and Garrett Zetsen all departed at 8:15 pm

CORRESPONDENCE

#198/16

2016 Annual Legion Poppy Campaign - Wreath Sales - Donation request

Mayor Debnam made a motion to purchase a 20" Wreath at a cost of \$75.00

Carried.

Kerry Grettum departed at 8:20pm

Legion - Military Service recognition Book proof of advert approved

Long Term Federal Infrastructure Plan

ADT Security - price increase

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) - Check for Hall (grant?)

MGA Review - Summer Tour

Alternative Transportation for Seniors (ATS)

Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) Program changes

#199/16

SDAB Training - Subdivision Appeal board Training Available

Mayor Debnam made a motion to look into future training in 2017.

Carried.

Professional Development Education for Municipal Staff - Parks Department

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bittern Lake Hall Lease

Hall Board is now established. Will review lease at next Hall Board meeting

Bucks for Wildlife

Tabled until next council meeting, Mayor Debnam is waiting on information from Bucks for Wildlife RE: Funding to repair fences, and additional maintenance.

Neptune Water Meter Reader:

Estimated cost to replace is \$15,000. We can apply for Grant funding in Future Spending Plans.

200 /16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to apply for Future Grant Funding

Carried.

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Skating Rink Upgrades

New gates and painting have been completed still working on the nets. Comment received in the office about door being left open on the Skate Shack, it is unsightly state, door is not closing properly. Looking at removing Skate Shack and installing covered benches. Look into this more for next year.

Mayor Debnam made a motion to have Public works repair current door on Skate Shack.

#201/16

Carried.

Albert Krause

Request for Annexation - Denied due to the extra costs that would be absorbed by the Village.

#202/16

Councillor Lorente made a motion to deny request.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Listing

#203/16

Councillor Lorente made a motion to accept Public Works listing as presented.

Carried.

CAO REPORT

#204/16

Councillor Lorente made a motion to accept CAO Report as presented.

Carried.

Financials

#205 /16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to accept Financials as presented.

Carried.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In Camera Session

#206/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to go in Camera at 8:51pm

Carried.

#207/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to return from in camera session at 9:20pm

Carried.

Christmas Closures

Close at noon on Dec 23, 2016; through to Dec 27, 2016; Reopen Dec 28th, 29th and 30 until noon. Closed until New Year January 2, 2017

#208/16

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve the office closures as discussed.

Carried.

Office Christmas party

#209/16

Christmas Party for Staff only to be December 7th, 2016.

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve staff party as discussed.

Carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

#210/16 Mayor Debnam made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

December 14, 2016 - 7.00pm Council Chambers

These minutes approved this 14th day of December, 2016.

Mayor Earl Debnam

CAO Jill Tinson

