

APRIL 2015 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 13, 2015 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Charlie Debnam Councillor Angie Lorente
CAO Theresa Fuller

Deputy Mayor Chuck Jarvis informed the group via email that he was unavailable to attend.

CALL TO ORDER

#42/15

Mayor Debnam called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#43/15

Councillor Lorente made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF

MINUTES

#44/15

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve both the Organizational meeting minutes and the Regular meeting minutes.

Carried.

GUESTS

PW Foreman Peter Brattinga - Absent due to illness
Brian King - Auditor
Louise Lewis - Bittern Lake Sifton Historical Society
Don Smith - Bittern Lake Sifton Historical Society

Mayor Debnam allowed Brian King to present first, and then the Bittern Lake Sifton Historical Society.

CORRESPONDENCE

CDSS Minutes

Presented for information purposes.

AB Transportation Revision

Presented for information purposes.

Completion Letter - BMTG

Presented for information purposes.

Development Approval

Presented for information purposes.

A Krause Development Revisions Submission

Presented for information purposes.

Municipal Affairs - MSI Capital

Presented for information purposes.

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Brian King - Auditor - Presenting 2014 Bittern Lake Audit Results

Mr. King proceeded to review the audit with council. The Administration costs appear overinflated due to some of the insurance costs being included in that section. Advised staff to incorporate a more detailed breakdown.

Another recommendation was regarding the Utility penalty. Mr. King recommended following up with Municipal Affairs to ensure it was acceptable. Mr. King also brought to staff and council attention that the frontage levy has been charged incorrectly, consequently some adjustments will need to be made on this year's tax notices.

#45/15

Councillor Lorente made a motion to approve the 2014 Financial Audit.

Carried Unanimously.

#46/15

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve the new contract for Brian King as the Village Auditor.

Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Debnam allowed the Historical Society to proceed with their delegation.

Bittern Lake Sifton Historical Society - Louise Lewis Funds Request

Louise informed council of the challenges that Historical Society had with regard to obtaining the approval to proceed with using Casino funds toward the Rosenroll Cemetery.

Discussion progressed. The Historical Society would like to request ten thousand dollars toward the Cemetery upgrade. They were not approved for a second Casino, as originally planned.

Details were discussed about the project. Council was supportive and plans to address this within the Capital Projects budget discussions, CAO Fuller to research and confirm which grant funding the project will qualify for.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Works Report - PW Foreman Brattinga

PW Foreman Brattinga was not in attendance due to illness.

2. Community Association Update

Mayor Debnam informed the group that there was a meeting scheduled tomorrow. The renovations have been going well. The kitchen will be painted, and the unfinished wood behind the stove will also be painted.

The ramp is still in the planning stages. Zumba is finished, due to lack of interest. Darts continue to be popular with about 16 or more people regularly attending.

3. Budget - Draft for Review - Operating Component

Deputy Mayor Jarvis was not in attendance, consequently a date to review the draft was booked for Wednesday, April 22, 2015 - 7:00 pm Council Chambers.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Krause Development

Discussion progressed. Council presented several issues with Mr. Krause proposal. CAO Fuller to generate a letter to Mr. Krause.

2. Council Meeting Day Review - Would Council consider changing meeting day to either a Wednesday or Thursday?

Brief discussion occurred, in the absence of Deputy Mayor Jarvis, it was decided to revisit the discussion at the next council meeting.

3. Councillor Lorente - Information about Braed Meeting.

Councillor Lorente updated the group with Braed's current initiatives. Their next meeting is set for June 24, 2015 in Bruce.

4. Water Connection Request

#47/15

Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve the connection request.

Carried Unanimously.

5. Bittern Lake Sifton Historical Society - Louise Lewis Funds Request

Addressed earlier in agenda.

6. Tri - Con International Inc. - Change in Commercial Property use

Discussion progressed. CAO Fuller send Tri-Con a letter.

CAO REPORT

No questions presented.

FINANCIAL

#48/15

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

Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

#49/15

Councillor Lorente made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:43 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2015 - 7:00 pm Council Chambers

Mayor Charlie Debnam

CAO Theresa Fuller