

## JANUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES

### VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

### REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 14, 2013 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ken Feth joined the meeting by telephone.

Deputy Mayor Charlie Debnam      Councillor Jarred Booth

CAO Theresa Fuller

#### CALL TO ORDER

#1/13

Mayor Feth called the regular meeting of council to order at 7:00 pm.

Carried.

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#### AMENDMENTS AND

#### ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#2/13

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

Carried.

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#### CONFIRMATION OF

#### MINUTES

#3/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as presented.

Carried.

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#### GUESTS

##### Morvyn Patterson - Ryan's Well Donation Project

Morvyn shared with council an idea she has for supporting a worthy charity to support with regard to water.

The village has been fortunate enough to have our upgrades funded by grants, and we continue to enjoy fresh, safe water. Morvyn shared with council the opportunity for our community to "give back" to benefit people who do not have access to the same.

Morvyn proposed that the village sponsor a "penny drive" to assist. The council members were all very supportive of the idea and requested that Morvyn proceed with it.

Information about it will be put in the village newsletter and a container will be at the office to collect pennies or other change for the cause.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Battle River Community Foundation Donation

The foundation gave \$812.00 toward the hall repairs. We simply need to select what we would like to complete on it.

The council discussed the possibilities. The funds will go toward replacing the hot water tank in the kitchen.

##### City of Camrose Water increase Notice

The City of Camrose will be increasing our water rate to \$ 1.73 per cubic meter. Council discussed the situation. CAO Fuller to prepare projections reflecting a 5 cent increase for residents and 8 cent increases for Ervick and Non Resident Connections.

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It is advisable to sell the water for more than what we purchase it for, in order for the village to be sustainable.

Camrose County Development Agreement

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the 2013 Development Agreement with the County of Camrose.

#4/13

Carried.

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Historical Society letter - Thank you and project request

Presented for information purposes.

The Historical society was very pleased to have completed their book printing/launch and still have funds left over. They are looking for ideas that they can utilize their extra funding for.

Request for Child and Family Services Member

Presented for information purposes.

Village of Bittern Lake Hall Inspection

Proceed with estimates and work toward completing items as we can.

Prioritize the list and work toward completion.

Council would like to use the Battle River funds as a contribution toward the hot water tank replacement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bittern Lake Community Association Update - Deputy Mayor Debnam

The Association is planning a dance in February, they should know by January 15 if they will be proceeding with it.

Dart League will be happening on every Friday at 7:30 pm, and continue based on interest and participation.

2.Christmas Party - January 19 or 26?

Councillor Booth made a motion for CAO Fuller to determine staff preference; for staff to either go out for supper or receive gift Certificate.

#5/13

Carried.

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3.2013 Budget Draft 1.13

Councillor Booth made a motion to approve functioning on interim budget based on 2012 figures.

#6/13

Carried.

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4. DEM Recruitment

Still looking for a suitable candidate.

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NEW BUSINESS

#7/13

1. 2013 Post Office Contract

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the 2013 contract at the same rates as 2012.

Carried.

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2. Commemorative Art - Council Term

Council has taken CAO Fuller's idea under consideration.

3. Christmas Decoration Committee

Council was very much in favour of the idea. Once we are more aware of 2013's grant funding, we will have a better idea if we have additional funds to purchase additional decorative items.

4. February Council Meeting Date Change -February 4?

#8/13

Councillor Booth made a motion to approve the date change to February 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Carried.

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5. 2013 Water Adjustments

We have received notice that the rates that Camrose charges the village for water have increased. Discussion progressed regarding what increases we should consider passing on to village residents and other water connections. Council requested CAO Fuller to prepare comparisons reflecting increases of 5 cents per cubic meter for residents and 8 cents per cubic meter for non resident connections.

CAO REPORT

See January 2013 CAO Report.  
No questions were presented.

FINANCIAL

#9/13

Councillor Booth made a motion to approve the financials as presented.

Carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

#10/13

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Carried.

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NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting of Council February 4 , 2013, 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Fen Feth

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CAO Theresa Fuller