

MARCH 2014 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 10, 2014 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Kerry Grettum
Councillor Chuck Jarvis

Deputy Mayor Charlie Debnam
CAO Theresa Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

#22/14

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

Carried.

AMENDMENTS AND

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#23/14

Deputy Mayor made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF

MINUTES

#24/14

Councillor Jarvis made motion to approve the February meeting minutes.

Carried.

GUESTS

Clarence Hastings - CDSS

Clarence discussed the possibilities of providing some discussions and connection opportunities. A rural round table discussion where it provides and opportunity for residents to chat and identify areas they would like to see progress.

Council listened and participated in the discussion. A more lengthy discussion would be planned in about May. Clarence and CAO Fuller would work together to generate and invitation list. CAO Fuller requested council to supply their suggestions for participants as well.

Barry Toms

In attendance for general interest, no agenda item to present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Communities in Bloom Invitation to participate

Council declined participation in the competition. We will simply proceed with planting flowers as per village budget allows.

Council - Connecting Community Initiative

This information was forwarded to council by Clarence Hastings as preparation information for his presentation.

County Peace Officer Proposal

Council reviewed the information, however at this time it is too cost prohibitive. Other villages in the area have responded the same way, recommending they apply for a regional collaboration grant for better pricing.

Saturday Post Office Closure

Presented for information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bittern Lake Community Association Update - Earl (Charlie) Debnam

Zumba and Darts are still being well attended. This has been very beneficial to generating operating funds for the hall.

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The Community Association would like to proceed with updating the lighting in the building. Much of the existing lighting is outdated and they are unable to locate replacement bulbs.

Discussion on the lighting replacement proceeded.

#25/14

Deputy Mayor Debnam made a motion to approve spending \$8500.00 toward the lighting replacement and fire upgrade on the hall. Funds will be from the MSI Capital grant program.

Carried.

2. Sani - Dump Station Quote

With the proposed change in location, we had not received an updated quote. Tabled until April Council meeting.

3. Commercial Lot 11 - Offer Withdrawn Notice

CAO Fuller had received an email from the individual making the offer. They have located another suitable location and would like to withdraw their offer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. County Peace Officer Proposal

Council had reviewed the proposal. The cost is more than the village can currently afford.

2. Utility Rate Bylaw Discussion 03.14.

Table till next meeting.

Communities in Bloom

Discussion occurred. It was agreed to continue with same process as last year, declining to compete.

CAO REPORT

March 2014, 2014 CAO Report generated for Council Review.

Council requested the addition of upcoming office closures or CAO absence to be added to the report.

FINANCIAL

#26/14

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

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#27/14

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

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

April 14, 2014, 7:00 pm Council Chambers

Mayor Kerry Grettum

CAO Theresa Fuller