

## MAY 2012 MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF BITTERN LAKE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 14, 2012 @ 7:00 pm in the Village Office.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ken Feth

Deputy Mayor Charlie Debnam

Councillor Jarred Booth

CAO Theresa Fuller

### CALL TO ORDER

#48/12

Mayor Feth called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:02 pm.

Carried.

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### AMENDMENTS AND

### ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#49/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Security system added to New Business.

Carried.

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### CONFIRMATION OF

### MINUTES

#50/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve minutes as presented.

Carried.

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### GUESTS

Mr. Gordon Budd

Mr. Budd presented his concerns with current policy regarding Fire ban implementation, resident notification of such, and general Fire concerns regarding the village area.

The question arose regarding who do we call for enforcement. CAO Fuller to check into whether our bylaw enforcement services cover this area.

Council to consider imposing a fine to cover the costs of the bylaw officer to drive out.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Camrose County - CDSS Annual Remittance

Presented for information purposes.

#### Energize Workshop and Volunteer Recognition

Presented for information purposes. Information shared with the Bittern Lake Community Association.

#### CDSS - Letter of Resignation from CDSS Villages Representative

Presented for information purposes.

#### Agriculture - Alberta Weed Control Act

Discussion occurred later in the agenda.

#### Town of Bashaw - Parade Invite, and Complimentary Breakfast

Council members were unable to attend due to commitments.

#### Communities In Bloom - Donation request

Brief discussion progressed.

#51/12

Councillor Booth made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Communities in Bloom.

Carried.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. Pump house project update

No new updates, still waiting for parts to come in.

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2. Bittern Lake Community Association Update - Deputy Mayor Debnam

Deputy Mayor Debnam updated council to the hall activities. The hall association is considering breaking for the summer, they will keep us posted as to their procedure for continuance of bill payment over the summer.

The Hall will be holding elections in the fall. Things have been improving people are showing up and helping, participation is improving.

Council talked about making arrangements for a community events bulletin board briefly talking about locations and supplies.

3. Communities In Bloom Update - Councillor Booth

- Canada Day ideas

Councillor Booth shared the itinerary with the group. Parade show and shine to be part of the day. CAO Fuller to check what grants can be accessed for the event.

There has been several people stepping forward to help. Chuck has agreed to cook, several other people have stepped forward to assist with several aspects of the event.

Letters of invitation will be sent out for people to participate in the parade.

Mayor Feth made a motion to approve \$ 1000.00 for the 2012 Canada Day event.

#52/12

Carried.

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Community Garden - it appears that it will not be proceeding, there is a shortage of volunteers to work on this project.

Recreation: Need basketball hoops and other recreation items for the recreation area. Council had talked about using the funds that the kids collected from their bottle drive toward paying for the new hoops.

CAO Fuller to arrange to find prices for possibly poles, backboards, and nets.

4. Tax Bylaw Reading - May require a separate meeting

Tabled until separate meeting May 23, 8:00. This meeting is open to the public.

5. Capital Projects Discussion

More detailed discussion to occur on May 23, 2012 at 8:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SDAB Appeals - County Assistance

Mayor Feth made a motion to accept the county as the SDAB in the event of an appeal where we require a complete new board.

#53/12

Carried.

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2. CDSS Villages Representative Resignation - Possible new Rep - D. Bannister

Mayor Feth made a motion to nominate Dirk Bannister to be the new CDSS Villages Representative.

#54/12

Carried.

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3. Review of Financial Assistant Contract

Discussion progressed. No applicants have been received. Jill's Book keeping has presented a letter of consideration.

The letter has been accepted, with a review to take place at four months, and she will be on site at the Village office on Monday and Tuesdays, unless deemed acceptable by CAO Fuller.

4. Fire Ban Policy

CAO Fuller to research the current fire agreement and contact the appropriate party for follow up. The Fire contract may have valuable information.

5. Authorize County to be our Weed Inspection Authority

Mayor Feth made a motion that the Village of Bittern Lake appoints the Camrose County as their authority for weed inspection and enforcement as per the Weed Control Act Chapter W-5-1, including any amendments, additions or deletions thereto; mandating that a local authority shall appoint an inspector to enforce and monitor compliance with the Act within their municipality.

#55/12

Carried.

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Security system

Deputy Mayor Debnam informed the group regarding a situation where the alarm was going off falsely, there is a contact that doesn't connect properly. CAO Fuller will arrange to have the system serviced.

CAO REPORT

See May 2012 CAO Report.

FINANCIAL

#56/12

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

Carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

#57/12

Mayor Feth made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm.

Carried.

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NEXT MEETING

Special Meeting May 23, 2012. 8:00 pm.  
Regular Meeting of Council June 11, 2012.

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Mayor Ken Feth

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CAO Theresa Fuller