

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

COUNCILORS: Siegbert Gail, Brian Gallant, Jerry Lonsbury, Larry Mitchell,
Emile Saindon, Andrew Saje

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer	Tully Clifford
Director of Finance & Systems	Marion Vanoni
Director of Operational Services	Myron Thompson
Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services	Lynne Cox

Absent:

Director of Community Services	Cam Mertz
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Also Present:

Recording Secretary	Carolee Ison
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CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions

In Camera

2. Personnel
3. Land
4. Personnel

G#100-11: Mayor Decoux moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

No delegations were in attendance.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Capital Equipment and Project Tendering Update

Myron Thompson, Director of Operational Services, provided Council with a report on tenders that have been released through a formal public bid process:

- Light Trucks (2) – 1 Ton Cab & Chassis (budget - \$60,000)
- Motor Grader (budget \$300,000)
- Hydraulic Track Excavator (\$230,000)
- Vibratory Plate Compactor (\$12,000)
- Maplevue Hall Demolition
- Train the Trainer Program

Further discussion included:

Maplevue Hall

- Funds have been included in the 2011 Budget for demolition of Maplevue Hall
- The Municipality has the option to haul clean fill for the project
- There has been a lot of interest in the Maplevue Hall demolition
- In reference to whether demolition could be included in the sale price, the Director of Operations advised previous discussion and direction from Council was for demolition of the building to clean up the site in order to make it more salable
- Funds will be taken out of and returned to *Land Sales*

Purchasing of Equipment

- The Director of Operational Services noted the equipment originates in the United States, so the current strength of the Canadian dollar should be reflected in the tendered price
- Mr. Thompson noted when evaluating bids, consideration is given to life cycle costing, service, and parts availability
- Municipal government discounts are provided by some companies

Train the Trainer Program

- The Train the Trainer Program provides a formal training program, tailored to the municipal equipment, for Operator III's who are required to train Operator I and II's
- Classroom, practical, and safety training is included in the three to four day program
- The program provider will test and certify the operators

Motor Grader

- The existing snow wing will not transfer to the new grader
- Administration confirmed the grader with a new snow wing will be purchased within budget

G#101-11: Councillor Saje moved to recommend the *Capital Equipment & Project Tendering* report be accepted as information at the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - Continued

Affordable Housing Update

Ms. Lynne Cox, Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services, advised the *Crowsnest Pass Affordable Housing Needs Assessment* has been provided for Council's review. The report was prepared by a consultant for the Crowsnest Pass Affordable Housing Committee, with funds from the Canadian Real Estate Association, and was initially presented to Council in June 2009.

The Affordable Housing Committee

- Formed in 2007 with an original mandate to complete the *Affordable Housing Needs Assessment*
- The next step was to have Council commence talks with the provincial and federal governments to access funding to assist the Municipality in building affordable housing using the *Needs Assessment* as the key information source
- The Committee is no longer active

Further discussion included:

- Noted a boom and recession have occurred since the assessment was completed
- Suggested an Affordable Housing Committee could provide information on affordable housing options for Council or look into interested developers
- Councillor Gallant noted he sat on the Affordable Housing Committee and wanted Council to be provided with the information
 - The Committee's mandate has ended, but the problem has not gone away or been addressed
 - Recommendations to move forward and the availability of funding need to be determined
 - Suggested the item be added to the Council Retreat agenda
- Need to reestablish the Committee
- Necessary to determine whether this is an initiative of Council or another agency
- Administration confirmed the *Executive Summary* has been provided to the Task Force
- Noted the Task Force may provide some input

G#102-11: Councillor Lonsbury moved the report on Affordable Housing be referred to the Council Retreat on March 31, 2011 for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pinkest Little Town in the West

Mr. Tully Clifford, Chief Administrative Office, advised that previous Councils had a practice of not proclaiming special days due to the volume of this type of request received.

Further discussion included:

- Council needs community involvement to embrace events coming into the community
- A policy was suggested to address the level of Council involvement in events
- Suggested helping the group promote a fundraising day
- Support could be provided in written or verbal form, in the newsletter, or on the website
- Provides the opportunity to unite the community with everyone focused on the same thing

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – Pinkest Little Town in the West - Continued

G#103-11: Councillor Mitchell moved to recommend that Council at the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting support the initiative of the fundraising group which attended the March 1, 2011 Council Meeting as a worthwhile cause, and at a later date determine the feasibility of various opportunities to participate in the effort jointly or individually, notwithstanding that the fundraising group may identify a special day of their choosing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Council received an invitation to participate in a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast organized by Mr. Ray Block. The event is promoted as an opportunity for the community to engage in fellowship with Council. Tickets are sold for the event.

G#104-11: Councillor Gail moved that Council may attend the Mayor's Breakfast on May 28, 2011 on an individual basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA

G#105-11: Councilor Mitchell moved that Council go In Camera at 7:50 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Decoux recessed the meeting at 7:50 pm and reconvened In Camera at 7:55 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA BUSINESS

G#106-11: Councilor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 9:25 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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G#107-11: Councilor Saindon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bruce Vernon Decoux
MAYOR

Tully Clifford
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER