

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

A special meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

COUNCILORS: Siegbert Gail, Brain 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
Municipal Tax Assessor	Glen Snelgrove

Absent:

Director of Community Services	Cam Mertz
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Also present:

Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services /Recording Secretary	Lynne Cox
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Decoux called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M#5964-11: Councillor Mitchell moved that the agenda be adopted as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

Bylaw 820, 2011 – Mill Rate Bylaw

The Director of Finance and Systems, Ms. Marion Vanoni presented Council with a report on the Mill Rate Bylaw prior to First Reading. Ms. Vanoni reviewed:

BYLAWS - Continued

1. That on March 22, 2011 the Provincial Government had completed the audit of the Municipal Assessment allowing the Municipality to establish a 2011 Municipal Mill Rate Bylaw
2. Council was provided with a “Comparison of Assessment Base and Requisition for 2010-2011”
3. That Crowsnest Pass Senior’s Housing Authority Operating Requisition has increased by 10% in 2011 from \$184,542 to \$202,977. This increase equals a Mill Rate of 0.2047725 of which \$168,675 is borne by the residential assessment, \$29,942 is borne by the non-residential assessment and \$4,379 is borne by the machinery and equipment assessment. Effective January 1, 2011, monthly installments of \$16,916 are paid to the Authority
4. That the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF Requisition) has increased to \$2,542,134.47 in 2011, an increase of \$175,209 that will be borne by the residential assessment. The 2011 Residential ASFF Mill Rate is 2.3841 and the non-residential ASFF Mill Rate is 3.9551
5. That the CNP Senior’s Housing Authority Capital Upgrade Reserve is the first installment towards a \$1,000,000 Municipal financial commitment to support the Authority’s capital upgrade program of the York Creek Lodge. The 2011 allocation has been included in the 2011 operational costs of the Municipality and draws 0.1008750 from the Municipal residential Mill Rate of 5.7473804 and the non-residential Mill Rate of 10.2971418
6. That both of these Mill Rates are unchanged from 2010
7. That the overall Taxable Assessment Base for 2011 is \$994,781,1780 and overall increase from 2010 of 0.909% new residential growth
8. That the proposed 2011 Mill Rate is 5.7473804 for Residential Properties and 10.2971418 for Non-Residential Properties.
9. The Minimum Tax of \$500 remains unchanged for 2011

Ms. Vanoni requested that Council give first reading to Bylaw 820, 2011 and provide approval to mail out Property Tax Notices earlier than April 30th thereby causing the deadline of June 30 to also be earlier.

M#-5965-11: Mayor Decoux moved First Reading of Bylaw No. 820, 2011, the Mill Rate Bylaw, and the provision of approval to mail out Property Tax Notices earlier than April 30th thereby causing the deadline of June 30, 2011 to also be earlier.

CARRIED

Councillor Saindon suggested a friendly amendment to the motion prior to the vote and asked if there was any room in the budget for portions of unspent funding (such delays in purchasing equipment, and the two months of monies saved from not hiring new positions to begin in February, as approved) to be potentially reallocated to the Sr. Housing Upgrade Reserve .

Chief Administrative Officer, Tully Clifford said that any unallocated funding due to delays in hiring or purchasing would have to come back to Council for reallocation to other parts of the Municipal budget. As Councillor Saindon was satisfied with the response to his question, the amendment was not incorporated into the motion.

BYLAWS - Continued

Bylaw 823, 2011 Discharge of Septage into Municipal Owned Septage Disposable Facility

Myron Thompson, the Director of Operational Services reviewed the Bylaw with Council for a system for disposal of domestic septage waste collected and transported by commercial vehicles from within the municipal boundaries. As per Council's request at the March 15, 2011 Council Meeting, Part 1 Title and Application 1.2 were amended to have the word Lagoon removed and to read: This Bylaw applies to all septage waste transferred to, disposed of, treated, and discharged at the Septic Disposal Facility located at the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility.

M#-5966-11: Councillor Gail moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 823, 2011 – Discharge of Septage into Municipal Owned Septage Disposable Facility

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#-5967-11: Mayor Decoux moved Third Reading of Bylaw No. 823, 2011 – Discharge of Septage into Municipal Owned Septage Disposable Facility

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

Maplevue Hall Demolition

Myron Thompson, Director of Operational Services, reviewed a letter from Fred Bradley, Chairman of the Municipal Heritage Board, requesting that:

1. Council delay the demolition of the Maplevue School for sixty days to allow the Municipal Heritage Board an opportunity to provide a recommendation with regards to the building's historical significance
2. That the Municipality, prior to making a decision to demolish municipally owned buildings to refer the matter to the Municipal Heritage Board for their recommendation on the historical significance of the building

Council reviewed the request with Mr. Thompson who advised the following:

1. The tender for demolition had already been awarded
2. Fire damage from the 2003 fire caused extensive damage
3. Photos of the interior were provided that demonstrated that the building is in poor condition with major structural damage
4. Restoration costs, based on the building's condition, would be significant
5. Funding for such an initiative would compete with current capital projects within the Municipality

OTHER BUSINESS – Maplevue Hall Demolition

M#5968-11: Mayor Decoux moved to direct administration to proceed with the demolition of the Maplevue Hall with a completion date of April 30, 2011 and that a future consultation process be implemented by the Crowsnest Pass Municipal Heritage Board with the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, well prior to demolishing Municipally owned buildings.

CARRIED

Council also requested that the Municipal Heritage Board provide a list to the Municipality of Municipally owned buildings that the Board considers to be historically significant.

ADJOURN

M#5969-11: Councilor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bruce Vernon Decoux
MAYOR

Tully Clifford
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER