

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

COUNCILLORS: 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 Legislative and Human Resource Services	Lynne Cox
Municipal Tax Assessor	Glen Snelgrove
Interim CAO Advisor	Kevin Robins

Absent:

Director of Operational Services	Myron Thompson
Director of Community Services	Cam Mertz

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

Addition:

In Camera

1. Land

G#147-11: Councillor Gail moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

Crowsnest Community Support Society – Allison Johnson, Day Program Team Leader

Allison Johnson, Day Program Team Leader, and Roy Schmod and Alan Braithwaite, society individuals and Board Advisory Committee members, were in attendance representing the Crowsnest Community Support Society.

Mr. Braithwaite provided the following information on the Crowsnest Community Support Society:

- History of the Crowsnest Community Support Society – Mountainview Industries
 - Started in 1964 by parents of children with disabilities
- The Board Advisory Committee is made up of six society individuals and a team leader
- The Committee advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on issues and concerns the Committee has identified
- The Committee has set up education sessions and workshops for the individuals

Ms. Johnson provided the following information:

- In attendance to introduce themselves to Council and to ensure Council is aware of who they are and what they do
- Three major program areas:
 - Residential Programming
 - One group home
 - Two overnight staffed residences
 - Supported Independent Living
 - Support for higher functioning individuals living on their own
 - Day Programs
 - Wood Shop – Mountainview Industries – Training facility for individuals to learn work and employment skills
 - Bagatelle Thrift Store – Training facility for employment
 - Income is dispersed among the individuals as profit sharing
 - Community Access Support – Recreation, activities, and volunteer opportunities for higher needs individuals
- Recreation and Leisure Committee
 - Sets up and organizes events including movie nights and trips
- Self Advocate Group
 - Program to help individuals to have a voice to advocate for themselves
- Issues presented for Council's consideration:
 - Transportation
 - Currently use the Town Rounder
 - Would like to see more access to the Town Rounder or different transportation options for evenings and weekends
 - Lack of accessibility in many businesses and locations around town
 - A list is being compiled of locations that are difficult to access and will be submitted to Council

Mayor Decoux thanked the group for their presentation.

DELEGATIONS - Continued

Kevin Strangway and John Grove – Crowsnest Pass Transmission Line Relocation Project - AltaLink

Mr. Kevin Strangway, Manager of Municipal Relations for AltaLink, and John Grove, Community and Aboriginal Relations Specialist, were in attendance to update Council on the Crowsnest Pass Transmission Line Relocation Project and the electrical transmission system.

- AltaLink
 - Owns approximately 12,000 km of lines and 280 substations in Alberta
 - Regulated utility
 - Obligated to provide service to everyone in the service territory
 - Regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission
 - Own and operate transmission facilities in their assigned service territory
- Alberta Electric System Operator
 - Independent not-for-profit system planner
 - Responsible for the safe, reliable economic planning and operation of the Alberta Interconnect Electric System
 - Determine the need for new transmission facilities
- Alberta Utilities Commission
 - An independent regulator
 - Ensures the safe and fair delivery of Alberta's utility services and that the utility system is operating in the public interest
- Reviewed the regulatory process
- 170 Line, the 138 kV transmission line which runs from Pincher Creek to the Coleman substation off Highway 40, was built in the early 1950's
 - Three sections remain to be rebuilt, mainly due to access issues
 - The sections need to be rebuilt to bring them up to current standards and improve reliability to the residents of the Crowsnest Pass
 - Section 1 – North of Blairmore running from the side of Bluff Mountain behind the picnic shelter to up over the mountain
 - Section 2 – Northeast of the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
 - Section 3 – Northeast of Bellevue
 - Section 1 will be rebuilt in the same location
 - Sections 2 and 3 will be rerouted
- Section 1
 - Concerns were expressed by stakeholders regarding the environmental and esthetic impact of relocating the line
 - A decision has been made to rebuild the section of line in the same location
 - Issues will exist including noise because of the utilization of helicopters which will be necessary for access
 - Will ensure the Municipality is aware of what is happening and when it is happening
- Sections 2 and 3 will be rerouted
 - Section 2 – North of the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
 - 1050 metres in length
 - 4 structures will be replaced with the same type of structures
 - Shifting alignment approximately 30 metres up the hill
 - Outages required will be minimal

DELEGATIONS – Crowsnest Pass Transmission Line Relocation Project – AltaLink - Continued

- Section 3 – Northeast of Bellevue
 - 975 meters in length
 - 4 structures will be replaced with the same type of structures
 - Shifting alignment approximately 30 metres up the hill to improve access
 - Outages required will be minimal
- Section 1 – Frank to Coleman substation
 - Will rebuild on the current alignment
 - Maintenance project
 - Replacing with similar structures
 - Not moving off the right-of-way
 - An interruption will be experienced for approximately one week at which time the Municipality will be dependent on the feed from B.C.
 - A rapid restoration plan will be part of the work plan in the event the feed from B.C. is lost
 - Construction is planned to begin in August 2011 and be completed in September 2011
 - A biologist will be on site at all times

Discussion included:

- The environmental assessment is included in the application and is available on the Alberta Utilities Commission's website
- The Coleman substation has been upgraded
- Will provide Council with information from the next round of public consultations on activities taking place in the Pincher Creek area
- Council expressed appreciation for listening to the community's concerns
- No viewscapes available for this project
- Wood poles will be used for replacement
 - Pole test program – poles checked every five years
 - Wood is one of the best solutions
 - Need to be able to climb the poles for access
- The line is designed for 138 kV; the AESO twenty year plan does not indicate any shortage of capacity in the transmission line

Mayor Decoux thanked the AltaLink group for their presentation.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Request for a Response to the Advice given to the Government of Alberta for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

Mr. John Squarek – Member of the South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council

Ms. Lynne Cox, Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services, has made a recommendation that Council strike a subcommittee to review the Alberta Land-Use Framework South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and Regional Council advice in detail, because it has a synergy with the Municipal Development Plan, long term strategic planning, and sustainability planning.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – South Saskatchewan Regional Plan - Continued

Mr. Squarek provided the following information:

- The Land-Use Framework
 - Released in December 2008
 - Based on the comment “*Alberta’s economic growth must be balanced with social and environmental goals*” through smart growth
 - Seven strategies were developed
 - Outcomes include:
 - People friendly communities with recreational and cultural opportunities
 - A healthy economy supported by land and natural resources
 - Healthy environment and ecosystems
- Alberta Land Stewardship Act
 - Intent is to provide a legal authority to implement the Land-Use Framework
 - Conservation and stewardship tools are available including easements, offsets, directives, and transfers of development credits
- The Government of Alberta Oversight process was reviewed
- The seven regions reconcile by watershed and municipal boundaries
- South Saskatchewan Region
 - A Terms of Reference/Policy Guideline was established and included:
 - Economic development scenarios
 - Conservation objectives
 - Regional air issues, water thresholds and biodiversity/species at risk, regionally manage cumulative effects
 - Consideration must be given to:
 - Gaps and alignments in provincial policies
 - The location of utility and transportation corridors
 - Impacts to Aboriginal communities
- The process of developing the Land-Use Framework was reviewed
 - Phase II will be in late 2011 and include sessions to test the Council Advice
- Key items to watch include:
 - Valued landscapes
 - Conflicts with recreation and tourism development
 - Species at risk
 - Compatibility with agriculture and forestry
- Implications for the Crowsnest Pass include:
 - *Implementation through existing provincial legislation and processes*
 - The Regional Plan is a legal document and will become public policy for the region
 - Plans and decisions must align with the Regional Plan
 - May need to make changes or implement new initiatives to comply with the Regional Plan
 - Detailed direction is provided as a basis for assessing implications
 - Four recommendations to position the region as a world class year round tourism destination were reviewed

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – South Saskatchewan Regional Plan - Continued

- Specific recommendation for the Crowsnest Pass - “*Develop the Castle and Crowsnest Pass as iconic nature-based tourism destinations*” and to “*effectively manage the Castle without necessarily designating it as a provincial park*”
 - Noted initiatives that fit with this recommendation may be an opportunity to request funding from the government
- Further recommendations of interest to the Crowsnest Pass were reviewed
 - Noted initiatives that fit with any of the reviewed recommendations may be an opportunity to request funding from the government to implement the initiatives
- Conservation and Stewardship tools are critical to the success of future land-use planning
 - The government has not yet finalized the tools
 - Suggested questioning the tools when doing the workbook

Further discussion included:

- In the *Advice to the Government of Alberta for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan* there is a list of nine conservation areas and details are provided on things that need to be done to protect wetlands, head waters, riparian areas etc.
- The Workbook is due December 19, 2011
 - Mr. Squarek suggested completing the *Workbook* review;
 - public sessions will be held in the Fall; and
 - finalize the *Workbook* in November following the public sessions when fully aware of any changes
- Mr. Squarek advised referencing the Regional Advice Document when going through Economic Development Plans
- Many of the issues can be taken into consideration when updating the Municipal Development Plan
- Noted other documents of interest:
 - Results of original consultations – Workbook results
 - *Alberta Competitive Council – Moving Alberta Forward*
 - *Premier’s Council Document – Shaping Alberta’s Future*

Mayor Decoux thanked Mr. Squarek for his presentation.

IN CAMERA

G#148-11: Councillor Gail moved that Council go In Camera at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Decoux recessed the meeting at 8:20 pm and reconvened In Camera at 8:30 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA BUSINESS

G#149-11: Councillor Gallant moved that Council come Out of Camera at 9:17 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AJOURN

G#150-11: Councillor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. V. Decoux

MAYOR

Original Signed

Kevin Robins

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER