



## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Aggie Mitchell- Pinkest Little Town in the West**

Aggie Mitchell, Chair of the Crowsnest Pass Pinkest Little Town in the West Committee presented an overview of the events and fundraising efforts that took place this past summer to benefit breast cancer research, treatment and education. Mrs. Mitchell stated that this event was a huge success in terms of the way that the Community of Crowsnest Pass came together to support this cause, \$30,567.04 was ultimately raised for the Wild Pink Yonder. The town of Cremona/Water Valley was announced as the winner of the Pinkest Little Town in the West. Mrs. Mitchell anticipates running this event again in the next 5-6 years.

### **Municipal Heritage Board- Matthew Francis**

Matthew Francis, Manager of Municipal Heritage Services presented an overview of the funding programs the Province has available to identify, evaluate, protect and conserve historic buildings in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. Alberta Culture and Community Services offers both the Alberta Main Street Program and the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program. Mr. Francis identified cost-sharing funding of up to \$30,000.00 matching is available for the Municipality and up to \$50,000.00 matching for property owners that are undergoing approved conservation work to their historic buildings. Mr. Francis identified the next strategic step for the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass would be to undergo a heritage inventory to identify and prioritize historic properties.

## **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Atlas Road Discussion- Councillor Mitchell**

Councillor Mitchell initiated discussion on the Atlas Road meeting from November 2, 2011. Spray Lakes Sawmills is requesting the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass to cost share with maintenance of the Atlas Road or portion there of.

### **Discussion Included:**

- 19-34 km are situated in the MD of Ranchlands not the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass. There seems to be perception that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass would benefit the most from this project but to what level should tax payers funding be committed.
- Council directed Administration to provide information as a press release to the public appraising residents of this situation.
- Council directed Administration to prepare a letter to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and with a carbon copy issued to the MLA expressing the Municipalities concern that Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) has not been an active participant in these discussions.

Bylaw 836, 2011- Property Tax Penalties Bylaw

Marion Vanoni, Director of Finance and Systems presented a draft of Bylaw # 836, 2011- Property Tax Penalties. With a substantial amount of unpaid property taxes for 2011 in the amount of \$ 1 044 759.00 and with an increase in residents leaving taxes unpaid until they reach the property tax recovery stage, this bylaw proposes to increase tax penalties to an annual effective rate of approximately 50%.

Discussion Included:

- This bylaw seeks to encourage monthly pre-authorized payments (which are penalty free) as well as on-time payment of property taxes.
- This bylaw is not seeking to penalize, but rather to address the flagrant abuses of the system

Continued Power Interruptions

Myron Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer spoke to Merlin MacNaughton, FortisAlberta's Stakeholder Relations Manager regarding the power outage on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mr. MacNaughton stated that the 181 Line Breaker opened at 12:46 pm causing power outages in Blairmore, Bellevue and Lundbreck for 52 minutes. Mr. Thompson also spoke with John Grove from Community Relations at Altalink regarding the frequent interruptions of service that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass has been experiencing over the past few months. Mr. Grove attributed these interruptions to the maintenance and construction that has been occurring over the past few months and he anticipates that there will be an improvement. Council requested that a letter of concern be drafted on behalf of the Municipality to Altalink and Fortis.

**AJOURN**

**G#178-11:** Councillor Saje moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Bruce Vernon Decoux*

MAYOR

**Original Signed**

*Myron Thompson*

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER