

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWNEST PASS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crownest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

**PRESENT:** **MAYOR:** Dr. J. Irwin

**COUNCILLORS:** D. Cole, I. MacLeod, L. Mitchell, J. Salus, G. Taje, D. Ward

**Also present:**

Chief Administrative Officer:	Gordon O. Lundy
Director of Finance and Systems:	Marion Vanoni
Public Works Superintendent:	Ray Mahieux
Community Services Director:	Cam Mertz
Confidential Secretary:	Leslie Orlen

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor J. Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**ADDITIONS:**

**IN CAMERA:**

4. Personnel

**M#3706-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Organizational Meeting – Minutes

Council requested that the tape of the October 21, 2008 Organization meeting be reviewed for clarification of Motion #M3674-08.

Regular Minutes – October 21, 2008

**M#3707-08:** Councillor D. Cole moved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 be adopted as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**Leslie Hubber – Clearcut Logging in the Crowsnest Pass**

Ms. Leslie Hubber appeared before Council to express her concerns regarding the clearcut logging that will be occurring on both sides of the Atlas Logging Road west of the Crowsnest Mountain from the forestry boundary to approximately km. 13 with no buffer zone.

Ms. Hubber provided a written submission which she reviewed with Council and included the following information/comments:

- ▶ felt that very few businesses and citizens are aware of these plans, and believes many would take action against it if they knew of the potential for harm to our local ecosystem, native sacred sites, tourism and recreation industries and local businesses.
- ▶ need to influence ASRD to suspend clear cutting in this area until the Land Use Framework is completed and until there is some context within which these decisions can be made.
- ▶ Ecosystem
  - ◆ An elk calving ground is in the area that is slated to be clear-cut; has the Elk Foundation been consulted by Spray Lake Saw Mills?
  - ◆ What will the impact of clear-cutting be on other wildlife populations?
  - ◆ Cutting to the edge of Allison Creek in spots means that silt, soil and other debris will most certainly run off into the creek
- ▶ Native Sacred Sites
  - ◆ The Crowsnest Pass is an exceedingly important place to native peoples; archaeologists have noted that vision quest sites in Southern Alberta most often faced the Crowsnest Mountain, Chief Mountain and the Sweetgrass Hills.

**DELEGATIONS – cont'd**

**Leslie Hubber – Clearcut Logging in the Crowsnest Pass – cont'd**

- ♦ There is a sacred area on the west side of the Crowsnest Mountain where there are numerous prayer rugs and sweat lodges above and below the pipeline
- ♦ The native groups that we have spoken to have advised us that Spray Lake has not consulted them regarding its clear-cutting plans in this area.
- ▶ Designated Multi-Use Area (tourism and recreation and business)
  - ♦ this valley is one of the most popular areas in the province for hunting, fishing, mountain biking, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, off-roading, horseback riding etc. and Crowsnest Mountain Is one of the most popular subjects for artists and photographers as well.
  - ♦ How much tourism and local business will be lost when outdoors enthusiasts find this area unappealing due to this clear-cutting?
  - ♦ An injunction to delay logging would give us time to contact these groups for their feed back on this issue.
  - ♦ Crowsnest Mountain may be one of the most photographed mountains in the world. Spray Lake's plan is to clear cut right up to the Atlas Logging Road, leaving no trees whatsoever along the road. This clear cutting will be visible from Highway #3 and will change the landscape of our signature mountain forever.
- ▶ Local Businesses
  - ♦ Fishing guides and tackle shops, bed and breakfasts, resorts, campgrounds – indeed, anyone whose clients are drawn by the natural beauty and bounty of the area will be seriously affected.
  - ♦ The Crowsnest Pass is increasingly reliant on tourism
- ▶ Reasons Given for Clear-cutting
  - ♦ Spray Lake Logging Co. employs fewer than a handful of people in our community.
  - ♦ The money generated by this venture will not benefit the Crowsnest Pass community
  - ♦ Control of the pine beetle has been given as another reason for clear-cutting this area; other ways could be explored to control the beetle that are not as drastic as this and there is some time to explore other options.
- ▶ What You Can Do
  - ♦ The planned cutting is to commence in November. The planned Regional Advisory Committee is not scheduled to be in place for almost a year
  - ♦ We need to influence AB Sustainable Resources to suspend clear cutting in this area until the Land Use Framework is completed and until there is some context within which these decisions can be made. This time will also ensure that First Nations and other stakeholders are adequately consulted.
  - ♦ Direct letters to: Ted Morton Minister of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and Gene Zwozdesky Minister of Aboriginal Relations

**DELEGATIONS – cont'd**

**Leslie Hubber – Clearcut Logging in the Crowsnest Pass – cont'd**

Other comments included:

- ▶ she has had 3 meetings with both Spray Lakes Saw Mills and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development regarding this matter and is continuing negotiations with the later
- ▶ she was advised that a buffer zone is not required on a private road
- ▶ felt the proposal was unacceptable
- ▶ wants community support to have the proposal changed
- ▶ will have a huge economic impact on the community
- ▶ the fishing industry will be impacted because the clear cutting is right to the creek
- ▶ Sustainable Resource Development advised her that the plan has not been approved yet however Spray Lakes have indicated they would be starting to cut in November
- ▶ Suggested that the logging may be stopped and Sustainable Resource Development could be requested to allocate the quota in other area
- ▶ have not discussed the matter with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans but Spray Lakes said they have talked to them

Mayor J. Irwin thanked Ms. Hubber for her presentation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

Mr. Gordon O. Lundy, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a written report and reviewed same with Council. Said report contained information on the following

- ▶ Work on the 2009-2011 budget
- ▶ AAMDC – Crowsnest Pass Article in Rural Routes publication
- ▶ Maplevue Hall - Potential Deconstruction
- ▶ Civic Addressing
- ▶ Mountain Pine Beetle Program
- ▶ Bellevue/Hillcrest Lagoon Upgrade

**Budget Meeting Dates**

Councillor D. Ward suggested the following dates as possibilities for Budget Meetings:

November 25 and 26, 2008  
December 1, 3, 8 and 10, 2008

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS – cont'd**

**Public Works Superintendent**

Mr. Ray Mahieux Public Works Superintendent, provided a verbal report to Council. His report contained information on the following:

- ▶ Fall Clean-Up is now complete
- ▶ Infrastructure Reports
- ▶ Blairmore/Coleman Interconnect
- ▶ Ironstone Repeater
- ▶ 88<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing
- ▶ Winter Preparations are underway
- ▶ Equipment Operator Evaluations

**EXCUSED** Mr. Ray Mahieux, Public Works Superintendent, was excused from the meeting at 7:43 pm.

**Community Services Director**

Mr. Cam Mertz, Community Services Director, provided a written report and reviewed same with Council. Said report contained information on the following

- ▶ 2008 Grants
- ▶ Alberta Parks and Recreation Association Conference
- ▶ New Recreation Logo
- ▶ Board Minutes – FCSS and Culture and Recreation

**EXCUSED** Mr. Cam Mertz, Community Services Director, was excused from the meeting at 7:48 pm.

**R.C.M.P. – Second Quarterly Report**

Sgt. Scott Howard, RCMP, Crowsnest Pass Detachment provided Council with the second quarterly report for July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Said report was received as information and will be kept on file.

**ACCEPT ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS**

**M#3708-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved to accept the Administrative and Agency Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Policy No. CNL.009 – Attendance at Out-of-Province Events**

Councillor D. Ward presented a proposed Policy for Attendance at Information Sessions.

**M#3709-08:** Councillor D. Ward moved to adopt Policy CNL.009 for Attendance at Information Sessions as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Notice of Motion – Rescind Bylaws 265, 1990 and 404, 1997**

**M#3710-08:** Councillor D. Ward moved that Administration prepare a Bylaw to rescind Bylaw No. 265, 1990 and Bylaw No. 404, 1997 and present same at the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

During discussion of the motion, Councillor L. Mitchell provided information from the Crowsnest Centre which included:

- ▶ Financial
- ▶ Functions Lost in 2008
- ▶ 2009 Grant Requests
- ▶ List of Facility Improvements in 2008
- ▶ Function Days Booked for 2009 as at November 4, 2008
- ▶ Anpass Program
- ▶ Requested that Council rescind the motion made at the last Council meeting as they can operate the facility at no cost to the taxpayers

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**FCM – Railway Noise and Vibration – Resolution of Complaints**

Information was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advising that the Canadian Transportation agency had issued the Guidelines for the Resolution of Complaints concerning railway noise and vibration guidelines. A copy of the guidelines was also provided

Received as information.

**AUMA – Support for Income Tax Amendment**

Correspondence was received from R. Lloyd Bertschi, President and John McGowan, CEO, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding proposed amendment to the Income Tax Act which would allow volunteer emergency workers to deduct \$1,000 from their taxable income if they performed at least 100 hours of volunteer service and \$2,000 if they performed at least 200 of volunteer service.

The AUMA is encouraging passing a Council motion to send a letter to our Member of Parliament in support of Bill C-219.

**M#3711-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved to table the matter of Bill C-219 to a Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Community Futures – Economic Development**

Ms. Shar Lazzarotto, Manager, Community Futures Crowsnest Pass, submitted correspondence advising that due to Western Diversification's mandate and focus for Community Futures, the position of Economic Development Coordinator can no longer operate from or be funded by the Community Futures Crowsnest Pass office. She further indicated that the \$20,000 contribution from the Municipality for the Economic Development function had been appreciated, they are no longer in a position to accept the funding.

Councillor D. Ward suggested that Council meet with the Community Futures Board to discuss the future of Economic Development in the Crowsnest Pass.

**CORRESPONDENCE – cont'd**

ATCO Pipelines – Summit Lime Pipeline Replacement at Crowsnest Lake

Correspondence was received from Ralph Nelubowich, Group Leader, Land Acquisition, ATCO Pipelines, providing their AUC (Alberta Utilities Commission) information package for the proposed project of the Summit Lime Pipeline Replacement at Crowsnest Lake (01-07-08-05-W5M to 14-09-08-05-W5M). He further noted that similar packages had been delivered to the residents in the vicinity and no calls had been received from them to date.

Received as information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Corporate Services Committee - Minutes

The minutes from the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Corporate Services Committee were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

Community Development Committee – Recommendations

Community Enhancement Priorities

**M#3712-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved that Council approve the formation of a Community Enhancement Committee based on the community enhancement principles presented and adding any other groups that are involved in community enhancement projects and that there be no Council representation on the committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Heritage Partnership Program

**M#3713-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved that Council approve the terms of reference and model bylaws for the establishment of the Crowsnest Pass Municipal Heritage Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd**

Community Development Committee – Recommendations – cont'd

Royal Canadian Legion Coleman Branch No. 9 – Historic Resource

**M#3714-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass recognize the Coleman Legion Branch No. 9 as a designated municipal historic resource.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kananaskis Wilds – Civic Addressing

Concern was expressed that the proposal for the Kananaskis Wilds civic addressing did not follow the established guidelines.

This will be discussed further with the Developer.

**BYLAWS**

Bylaw No. 770, 2008 – land Use Amendment – Block H, Plan 731 227 (Crowsnest Centre)

**M#3715-08:** Councillor L. Mitchell moved to table Bylaw No. 770, 2008.

DEFEATED

**M#3716-08:** Councillor D. Cole moved First Reading of Bylaw No. 770, 2008.

CARRIED

**M#3717-08:** Councillor G. Taje moved that the required Public Hearing be held in the Crowsnest Centre.

CARRIED

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

No Notice of Motions were made.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Encroachment Agreement

**M#3718-08:** Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council approve the encroachment agreement for Lots 11 and 12, Block 4, Plan 3380 T.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Pipelines – Request for Extension – Bellevue Infrastructure Projects

**M#3719-08:** Councillor D. Cole moved that Council approve the request from Chinook Pipelines to extend the Bellevue infrastructure projects Contract to June 3, 2009 provided any additional costs incurred be the responsibility of the Contractor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Remembrance Day Services

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass will be represented as follows for the Remembrance Day Services:

Joint Service:	Mayor J. Irwin
Bellevue Legion:	Councillor Cole
Blairmore Legion:	Councillor MacLeod
Coleman Legion:	Councillor Salus

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council members provided the following reports:

Councillor L. Mitchell:	Castle Special Places Culture and Recreation Crowsnest Centre Committee Quad Trails
Councillor D. Cole:	York Creek Lodge Protective Services (Police and Fire)
Councillor J. Salus:	Subdivision and Development Authority Library Bellevue Mine & EcoMuseum Allied Arts Pub Night

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS – cont'd**

Councillor I. MacLeod:	Landfill
Councillor D. Ward:	Landfill Corporate Services Affordable Housing Pumpkins in the Park
Mayor J. Irwin:	Community Development Committee Corporate Services Committee Premier's Dinner

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Lisa Sygutek addressed Council and provided the following information relative to the Crowsnest Centre:

- ▶ speaking as a member of the Crowsnest Centre Board and a taxpayer
- ▶ the Centre had done everything Council has requested
- ▶ Municipal Affairs has suggested to the Board that they work with Council
- ▶ The Centre has exceeded their revenue by \$100,000
- ▶ They do not require any funding from the Municipality to operate the facility
- ▶ Bookings are up
- ▶ There is no reason to close the Centre or to rezone the property
- ▶ The Board has worked extremely hard to make the Centre successful
- ▶ Must do what is best for the community
- ▶ Must ensure the educational facility is maintained.

**IN CAMERA**

**M#3720-08:** Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council go In Camera at 8:55 pm. to discuss land and personnel matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECESS/RECONVENE**

Mayor J. Irwin recessed the meeting at 8:55 pm and reconvened at 9:05 pm.

**OUT OF CAMERA**

**M#3721-08:** Councillor I. MacLeod moved that Council come Out of Camera at 9:55 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CAO Evaluation and Remuneration**

As per Council's direction, evaluations forms for the CAO will be provided to all of Council, Management and CUPE employees selected at random.

**ADJOURN**

**M#3722-08:** Councillor L. Mitchell moved to adjourn at 9:56 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JOHN IRWIN  
MAYOR

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**

GORDON O. LUNDY  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER