

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 16, 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 7:07 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Land Use Amendment – Block H, Plan 731 227 (Crowsnest Centre)

As required, a Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed rezoning of Block H, Plan 731 227 from PUBLIC (P-1) to DRIVE IN COMMERCIAL (C-2).

Mayor J. Irwin advised those in attendance as to how the Public Hearing would proceed noting there was no time restraint for presentations.

The following presentations were heard:

Hal Murdoch

- ▶ lives in the Crowsnest Pass and is opening a dealership but is uncertain if it will be in the community or elsewhere
- ▶ felt there was a distinct dissention between Council and the community.

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Dawn Rigby

- ▶ has a vested interest as her business is based in the Crowsnest Centre
- ▶ felt the only reason for the rezoning is so that it can be sold
- ▶ felt it would be a serious mistake to consider selling particularly since the Municipality doesn't own much vacant land
- ▶ employees as many as 10 people in the day to day operation
- ▶ the Centre generates revenue from outside the community providing an economic spinoff in the community
- ▶ generated \$400,000 in sales this year

Erica Rigby

Erica Rigby read a letter submitted by Jennifer Rigby because she could not be in attendance. Said letter contained the following comments:

- ▶ is the coordinator for AnPass Exchange Program for the 2008/09 season
- ▶ felt the only reason for the rezoning was to make it more attractive to sell
- ▶ the centre is a huge asset to the Municipality and would be a great loss if sold
- ▶ listed the numerous programs that operate from the Centre
- ▶ noted the use of the facility for social events such as weddings
- ▶ the Centre is the host facility for the AnPass Program
- ▶ if the Centre is sold a large number of activities could no longer be held in the community because other facilities do not have the amenities available
- ▶ felt the Municipality must keep what we they have

Nestor Chorney

- ▶ was uncertain as what Council was trying to do, suggesting there was a problem with the process
- ▶ questioned why Council was doing the rezoning because he had been told by one Councillor that they are not going to sell the Centre
- ▶ If there is a plan, the Public should be informed
- ▶ Felt Council was not trustworthy noting that the Public Hearing was originally supposed to be held at the Centre but it was changed
- ▶ Stated again that a Plan was needed

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Aggie Mitchell

- ▶ is a resident of the Crowsnest Pass
- ▶ cares about the Crowsnest Centre and is opposed to the rezoning
- ▶ felt the facility is vital to the community and listed the various programs held there
- ▶ has lived here since 1980 and teaches CPR and First Aid through the Consortium, noting this was an ideal environment
- ▶ has taught many people that required it for their jobs including Devon, Summit Limes and even the Municipal employees
- ▶ provides the opportunity for the general public to gain knowledge for First Aid and makes the community a safer place to live
- ▶ many students are already enrolled for classes and questioned how the classes could be held if the old boiler fails
- ▶ questioned the purpose of the rezoning and why Council wants to change it
- ▶ felt it was vital to the community
- ▶ she wanted some assurances as to why Council wants to change the zoning and why a new boiler has not been installed.

Pam Sommerville/Gail Ancelet

- ▶ Pam Sommerville spoke on behalf of the Crowsnest Pass Music Festival
 - has heard conflicting stories as to what is happening with the Centre
 - Suggested subdividing the property if necessary and maintain the main hall as a performing arts centre
 - There has been a music festival in the community since 1957
- ▶ Gail Ancelet spoke on behalf of the Crowsnest Pass Symphony
 - The Centre is used by the Symphony for rehearsals, concerts, storage
 - Has done fund raising to purchase equipment
 - The centre is ideal for this activity and provides the needed amenities that are not available elsewhere
 - Felt the community would gain very little with drive-in Commercial or drive-through facility.

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Holly Geworsky

- ▶ was confused about the rezoning and suggested that if something is not broken, don't fix it
- ▶ if there is no Plan then leave it alone
- ▶ felt the facility was irreplaceable if sold
- ▶ questioned why Council would sell the facility
- ▶ the Centre meets the needs for public education and other events
- ▶ suggested Council needs to take the time to think what is really needed to meet the needs of the Public
- ▶ suggested that the people need this facility and that it shouldn't be sold
- ▶ felt a community plan needs to be developed

Frank Loseth

- ▶ bought his business in 1992 and was told that the property between him and the municipal office would be a parking lot
- ▶ the property in between was subsequently sold and he was told that parking would be available in the back however that property was also sold
- ▶ felt the same promises were being made about the Centre
- ▶ questioned if there was a Committee to develop a plan
- ▶ must look at the present tenants as well as plan for the future
- ▶ the public does not know what is going on
- ▶ commented on the 4-3 votes of Council
- ▶ felt this was an important issue and Council should have provided adequate room for the public to attend and not have to stand in the hall way
- ▶ felt the community needs a new rec centre and a town hall noting that when meetings are held during the day, there isn't enough room for his customers to park

Betty Dodds

- ▶ was born in the Pass and returned here to retire
- ▶ was alarmed at how polarized the community has become over the Crowsnest Centre issue
- ▶ more consideration should be given to health training in the Centre
- ▶ made reference to an article in the Calgary Herald regarding proposed changes to rural hospitals
- ▶ must be proactive and become involved to draw training here before our hospital becomes just a clinic
- ▶ a big consideration for retirees is where the nearest hospital is
- ▶ felt that getting people in the health training field here would give us a better chance of preserving our hospital

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Rejean Aubin

- ▶ felt the rezoning was a mistake and a waste of taxpayer's money
- ▶ unless there is a hidden agenda felt there was no need to rezone
- ▶ if there is no plan for the property he questioned how Council knows a purchaser would want it zoned as Drive In Commercial
- ▶ if selling the property make the rezoning a condition of sale

Michael Gleave

- ▶ has been in business for 40 years
- ▶ questioned why Council wants to rezone the property
- ▶ if there is a Plan he would like to know about it
- ▶ doesn't trust Council

Susan Burgman

- ▶ was concerned about rumors she is hearing and inquired if Councillor D. Ward would benefit financially from the sale of the Crowsnest Centre

Sharon Groat

- ▶ questioned why Council wanted to close the Centre so badly
- ▶ questioned why they want to rezone the property

Bonnie Castellarin

- ▶ rezoning is used synonymously with moving/relocating
- ▶ questioned if the rezoning proposed means the current tenants such as the Food Bank, Cadets, Consortium are also being rezoned
- ▶ felt Council was removing all viable and necessary areas that make our community viable
- ▶ questioned if Council was rezoning our community and our youth out the door
- ▶ becoming a community of older people
- ▶ has never seen one issue divide the community as much
- ▶ felt the issue was a travesty

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Francis Boone

- ▶ made reference to the plebiscite that was held and felt Council should act according to the results
- ▶ also requested clarification on the question that was voted on

Ted Moser

- ▶ uses the Centre very often
- ▶ is a member of the Centre Board
- ▶ the acoustics in the Centre provide for great quality of sound and no other facility has this
- ▶ agreed with many of the previous comments
- ▶ felt the plebiscite was confusing and that it should have been clearly stated

Andrew Rusnyk

Mr. Andrew Rusnyk presented a letter submitted from Castle Mountain. Said letter contained the following comments:

- ▶ Castle Mountain has approximately 30 of their staff staying at the Centre, many from other Countries
- ▶ Would not have enough staff to open the Mountain without the Centre
- ▶ This provides an economic spin-off to the community of about \$9,000 per month to local businesses
- ▶ The only apparent benefit for the rezoning is to sell the property
- ▶ The Centre provides an essential service to the community and it would be a tragic loss
- ▶ The Centre was used extensively during the Lost Creek Fire as an emergency centre
- ▶ A vote in favour of the rezoning is a vote to sell

Vern Harrison

- ▶ has been a resident of the community for 10 years
- ▶ felt the community is very attractive to young families
- ▶ needs to attract these families and businesses
- ▶ felt the plebiscite was very convoluted
- ▶ felt the current actions is contrary to the plebiscite campaign

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Vern Harrison – cont'd

- ▶ felt Council showed complete disregard to the volunteers, the Centre Board and the tenants
- ▶ the Centre has brought considerable dollars to the community
- ▶ felt Council was handcuffing the Centre by not allowing them to take bookings after March
- ▶ felt Council was ramrodding the rezoning
- ▶ the community does not have a shortage of commercial property but rather a shortage of businesses and people
- ▶ suggested that Council should not close vital centers

Dick Burgman

- ▶ in politics, the appearance of what is happening is just as important as what is happening
- ▶ felt the Pass has a terrible Public Image
- ▶ if there is a Plan let the public know about it and if there is no plan one should be developed

Doug Whan

- ▶ is a 12 year resident
- ▶ felt the property is already being used as Drive-In Commercial and should be zoned as such

Lisa Sygutek

- ▶ the Crowsnest Centre has a 70% cost return
- ▶ the Centre is a conference facility and felt it was not in competition with anyone
- ▶ they are following stringent accounting practices and have a very knowledgeable manager
- ▶ within 1 year they were able to reduce their arrears; they owed the Municipality \$94,000 and were able pay that back
- ▶ can run the Centre without any funding from the Municipality
- ▶ acknowledged the work of the volunteers
- ▶ the books have been reviewed by Accountants and were found to be in good order
- ▶ the Centre offered to pay for the new boiler and Council refused them
- ▶ will do everything to keep the Centre in the community

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Lisa Sygutek – cont'd

- ▶ demolition of a building is extremely expensive and she questioned who is going to pay for this if Council decides to sell the land
- ▶ the Consortium has indicated they will not move
- ▶ she was vehemently against the sale of the property
- ▶ noted that approximately 800 people had signed a petition indicating that Council was not doing a good job
- ▶ also noted that everyone was entitled to their opinion regardless of what others think

Mayor J. Irwin

- ▶ is serving his 20th year as Mayor
- ▶ has never seen a request for rezoning that was not made by the owner or purchaser who want the change as a pre-condition
- ▶ applicants always tell what they are planning and how much they will spend
- ▶ is not aware who the potential purchase may be
- ▶ this has not been disclosed and it makes people suspicious
- ▶ the Municipality collects taxes to provide services and there are very few operational centres that generate income above cost
- ▶ the original intent for the Crowsnest Centre was to provide post secondary education for the community and without that the community would be much poorer
- ▶ during the last economic down turn the Consortium played an extremely important part by offering re-training programs
- ▶ should look toward post secondary medical education in the Centre
- ▶ expressed concern that members of Council want to sabotage or subvert part of the municipal operations
- ▶ is opposed to rezoning or anything else that interferes with the operation of the Centre

Bridget Graf

- ▶ referring to previous Public Hearings she learned that what was said during the hearings was not taken into consideration
- ▶ felt that Council only goes through the motions and that a decision has already been made
- ▶ The proposed rezoning and the possibility of having the Centre taken away from the community is very distressing
- ▶ The Centre is owned by the taxpayer and they should know why it is being rezoned
- ▶ Council is responsible to the taxpayer and has a duty to let the public know what they are doing

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Bridget Graf – cont'd

- ▶ Other rezoning applicants are very open with their plans and she questioned why is Council able to rezone without telling the reason
- ▶ Indicated she is very suspicious when she can't get answers.

Councillor G.Taje

- ▶ provided a history of his involvement in politics noting that regardless of political views it appeared that all politicians he talked to he believes to be honest people that are working for the public good
- ▶ the Centre has functioned in the public since its inception
- ▶ when there was mass unemployment in 1990 the Centre was used for training towards renewed employment; the Province didn't step in only allowed that facility to take that role.
- ▶ the facility serves a purpose as a community centre, for education and during emergencies
- ▶ felt Council was giving a rezoning to someone for free
- ▶ is in favour of the Centre because it is serving a purpose
- ▶ would only agree to rezoning the property if it would create a cornerstone for the economy of the Crowsnest Pass such as a college, a centre of excellence
- ▶ must use what we have, namely our surroundings and amenities to help build the economy
- ▶ felt that giving this property away was irresponsible and is taking away from future generations.

Councillor L. Mitchell

- ▶ opposed to the rezoning and questioned the purpose of it
- ▶ financial statements show the Centre does not need money from the Municipality
- ▶ the Board has provided minutes and financial statements and plans for this year and next
- ▶ Municipal intervention with the Centre has resulted in lost bookings, loss of new boiler and legal costs for a total of approximately \$133,000; in addition are meeting fees
- ▶ Felt the building was in excellent condition with no cracks in the bricks or cement work
- ▶ Is in favour of the Crowsnest Centre and the Board as well as the MDM facility, indicating they both have a purpose and are working satisfactorily
- ▶ Suggested that Council meet, away from the media, away from the community, to determine if they have any common grounds on this issue.

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Councillor D. Ward

- ▶ all members of Council have been elected to represent the taxpayers
- ▶ felt that lots of people feel they was he does
- ▶ in light of the Municipality's financial shape felt they could not keep doing what they are doing with only \$1 Million in reserves
- ▶ Council should not be in the business of business, i.e. running hotel at the Centre
- ▶ Felt there was a place in the community for all Centre tenants
- ▶ Education programs should be pursued
- ▶ Has no financial interest in that land or any other land outside of his residence
- ▶ Has no problem with a petition for a Council review
- ▶ Would have no problem selling the land if the right offer came in
- ▶ The Municipality needs more commercial tax base
- ▶ The community can't afford large tax increases
- ▶ He respects all opinions, noting that many people are not at the Public Hearing but expressed their opinion to him

Councillor I. MacLeod

- ▶ noted that the Public Hearing was to deal with the rezoning
- ▶ it is no one's intention to close down the residence part of the Centre at this time
- ▶ the reason for the restriction was to allow Council time to determine a new way of running it
- ▶ indicated that Council has or will be meeting with all the Centre tenants to discuss relocation noting that there is no intention to through anyone out on the street
- ▶ not trying to get rid of the Consortium but are trying to find an alternate location
- ▶ Is not trying to kill the Crowsnest Pass but to forge ahead
- ▶ Has spoken to developers that are not interested in locating in the Crowsnest Pass because they feel the building is a drawback to the Municipality

Ernie Fantin

- ▶ regarding the comment that the Centre facility was a detriment to the Pass, he suggested there were no facts to back that up
- ▶ also felt there were many questions that have not been answered

PUBLIC HEARING – cont'd

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Buddy Slapak

- ▶ born and raised in the Pass
- ▶ noted that Kay Kerr worked for 10 years to get an education centre in the community
- ▶ the Consortium serves a great purpose and is important to the community
- ▶ the Director of the Consortium has advised Council that they need 6,000 square feet and need to be centrally located and that they currently hold a lease at the Centre
- ▶ very passionate about the Centre
- ▶ very solid building and would be extremely expensive to tear down
- ▶ questioned why Council wants to close down a successful operation
- ▶ would be destroying something the community worked hard for
- ▶ if lose the Consortium the Pass would lose a major incentive
- ▶ questioned the 4-3 votes on the Centre issue

Craig Duncan

- ▶ appeared before Council with his young son and indicated that the children are the future of our community and they will benefit from the services of the Consortium
- ▶ suggested there was no more land in the community and particularly with a central location and questioned why Council would consider selling it
- ▶ to lose the Centre would hurt the community's future
- ▶ felt it was despicable that the Public Hearing was scheduled in conflict with other community events

Mayor J. Irwin declared the Public Hearing concluded.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor J. Irwin recessed the meeting at 9:08 pm and reconvened at 9:28 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

6. Rural Health

IN CAMERA:

M#3762-08: Councillor D. Ward moved that the In Camera section of the agenda be moved to follow the Administrative and Agency Reports.

DEFEATED

Councillor D. Ward requested that a Special Council meeting be scheduled for tomorrow evening, December 17, 2008, assuming the agenda is not concluded this evening.

M#3763-08: Councillor G. Taje moved that the agenda be adopted amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M#3764-08: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008 be adopted as written.

DELEGATIONS

No delegations were scheduled.

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

- ▶ Centre of Excellence for Field Studies
- ▶ Adhoc Committee-Community Futures/Chamber of Commerce/Council
- ▶ Ambulance Transition
- ▶ Misc: GIS Training, AtcoGas Franchise, Meeting with Alberta Environment, FCM Construction Projects

Adhoc Committee – Community Futures/Chamber of Commerce/Council

M#3765-08: Councillor D. Ward moved that Council approve the formation of an AdHoc Committee of Community Futures, Chamber of Commerce and Council with four (4) participants from each to discuss the mandate and Community Economic Development and other issues facing the Crowsnest Pass.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Centre of Excellence for Field Studies

M#3766-08: Councillor G. Taje moved that Council support pursuit of a Centre of Excellence for Field Studies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director of Finance and Systems

Mrs. Marion Vanoni, Director of Finance and Systems, provided two written reports and reviewed same with Council. Said reports contained information on the following:

- ▶ 2008 MSI Operational Funding Grant Request
- ▶ Code of Conduct Regulation – Electric Utilities Act

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS – cont'd

Director of Finance and Systems – cont'd

2008 MSI Operational Funding Grant Request

M#3767-08: Councillor G. Taje moved that Council approve the 2008 MSI Operational Grant application to support the following:

- a) 2008 Funding provided to the following organizations
 - i. Library \$ 55,435
 - ii. Allied Arts \$ 25,000
 - iii. Museum \$ 20,000
 - iv. Bellevue Mine \$ 20,000
 - v. SPCA \$ 13,565
- b) Sewer Cameraing \$ 50,000

Total Grant Request \$ 184,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Code of Conduct Regulation – Electric Utilities Act

M#3768-08: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council approve the Quarterly Settlement System Code Compliance Report for September 30, 2008 as required by the Code of Conduct Regulation-AR 160/2003.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Budget

M#3769-08: Councillor D. Ward moved to direct Administration to incorporate the 2007 deficit of \$110,000, and the Corporate Review costs into the budget information to be presented at the January 21, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS – cont'd

Public Works Superintendent

Mr. Ray Mahieux, Public Works Superintendent, provided a written report and reviewed same with Council. Said reports contained information on the following:

- ▶ Blairmore/Coleman Interconnect
- ▶ Bellevue Water and Sewer Replacement
- ▶ Proposed Gold Creek Development
- ▶ Public Works Crew

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

- ▶ 2009 Southern Alberta Summer Games
 - Joey Ambrosi has volunteered as Games Chairperson
- ▶ Crowsnest Pass Indoor Climbing Wall
- ▶ Crowsnest Pass Swimming Pool Society
- ▶ Walking Trail Master Plan
 - Contract for developing the Master Plan awarded to Mrs. Pat Lundy
- ▶ Allison Creek Cross Country Ski Association
 - Grooming Contract awarded to Mr. Barry Remus

EXCUSED Mr. Cam Mertz, Community Services Director was excused from the meeting at 9:58 pm.

ACCEPT ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

M#3770-08: Councillor D. Ward moved to accept the Administrative and Agency Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No Business Arising from the minutes was presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Crowsnest Pass Staging Area Committee

Mr. Dennis Beasley, on behalf of the Crowsnest Pass Staging Area Committee, submitted a request to attend the January 13th, 2009 Council Committee of the Whole meeting as a delegation to make a presentation of a proposal that will enable Council to revisit Bylaw 722, 2007, a Bylaw regulating the use of all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on Municipal Properties and within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

As well, Council members were invited to attend an informal review of a collector trail map system on January 7th, 2009 which will provide an opportunity to examine in detail the layout of trails in each community and connecting routes.

Council requested that the Crowsnest Pass Staging Area Committee be included on the January 13, 2008 Council Committee of the Whole agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee of the Whole – Minutes – Budget Meetings

The minutes from the December 1st and 3rd, 2008 meetings of the Council Committee of the Whole were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

BYLAWS

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

M#3771-08: Councillor D. Ward moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 770, 2008.

BYLAWS - cont'd

Bylaw No. 770, 2008 – Land Use Amendment – Block H, Plan 731 227 (Crowsnest Centre) – cont'd

M#3772-08: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to table Bylaw No. 770, 2008.

DEFEATED

M#3771-08: Councillor D. Ward moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 770, 2008.

CARRIED

Councillor L. Mitchell requested a recorded vote.

IN FAVOUR: Councillors: D. Cole, I. MacLeod, J. Salus, D. Ward

OPPOSED: Mayor: J. Irwin
Councillors: L. Mitchell, G. Taje

M#3773-08: Councillor J. Salus moved Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 770, 2008.

CARRIED

Mayor J. Irwin requested a recorded vote.

IN FAVOUR: Councillors: D. Cole, I. MacLeod, J. Salus, D. Ward

OPPOSED: Mayor: J. Irwin
Councillors: L. Mitchell, G. Taje

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

No Notices of Motions were made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Land Use Framework – Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Council received an updated draft of the Alberta Land Use Framework that has incorporated the following as a result of feedback reports:

- ▶ A new strategy—the Efficient Use of Land—to reduce the human footprint on the land.
- ▶ A new region—the Red Deer Region—to better address southern Alberta’s significant population, its number and size of municipalities, and the diversity of its landscapes.
- ▶ New names for the planning regions; these are now named for their major watersheds to better reflect integrated land-use and watershed planning.
- ▶ A new priority—legislation to support the framework, including regional land-use planning.

The government will announce more details on the Land-use Framework early in 2009, including the framework’s implementation plan and the terms of reference for regional plans.

Council requested this item be placed on the agenda for the January 13, 2009 Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

Canadian Pacific Agreements – Siding Relocation

Mr. Gordon O. Lundy, Chief Administrative Officer, submitted the following documents from Canadian Pacific for Council’s review and approval:

1. Extension of termination notice for the sewer crossing agreement, water crossing agreements and the sewer easement parallel to the rail line from 90 days to one year.
2. Emergency Access Road agreement.
3. Emergency Crossing Agreement at mile 90.94

M#3774-08: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council authorize the execution of the five agreements with Canadian Pacific Railway Company marked X-CROW-087-59-P, X-CROW-086-89-P, X-CROW-084-97-P, X-CROW-089-59-A and X-CROW-090-94-A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS – cont'd

Mountain Pine Beetle Field Day

Mr. Roy Campbell, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, extended an invitation to Council to attend a "MPB Field Day". Their plan is to arrange for a helicopter tour of some of the adjoining infestation areas in BC (to gain perspective on source and potential for spread), as well as take a close look at infestations in and around the Crowsnest Pass itself (current infestations and control plans). They believe this will provide visual perspective to Mr. Blackwood's presentation, as well as provide both Council and SRD continued opportunity for constructive dialogue around the issues facing both the Municipality and SRD.

Also being considered at this time is an Open House to provide the public an opportunity to learn more about this issue. SRD will keep Council informed as to how this unfolds, however any feedback / input Council would like to provide in the interim would be greatly appreciated.

Council was supportive of the suggestion for a Mountain Pine Beetle Field Day and requested that Administration obtain more information as well as tentative dates from Sustainable Resource Development.

Mountain Pine Beetle Survey and Control – Contractor Proposals

M#3775-08: Councillor G. Taje moved that the 2008/09 Mountain Pine Beetle survey and control work on private lands be awarded to Trotz Bros. Holdings Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Care – Rural Hospitals

M#3776-08: Councillor G. Taje moved to direct a letter to the Minister of Health and our MLA expressing concern about the recommended changes to some rural hospitals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

M#3779-08: Councillor I. MacLeod moved to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JOHN IRWIN

MAYOR

ORIGINAL SIGNED

GORDON O. LUNDY

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER