

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

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

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

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer:	Gordon O. Lundy
Director of Finance and Systems:	Marion Vanoni
Director of Community Services	Cam Mertz
Assessor	Glen Snelgrove
Confidential Secretary:	Lynne Cox

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Road Closure (Athletic Park) – Bylaw 776, 2009

Mayor Irwin noted there were no members of the public present to speak in opposition to the Closure as proposed.

Mayor Irwin noted there were no members of the public present to speak in favour of the Road Closure as proposed.

Mayor Irwin read into the record a written submission by Viola Fyfe asking for a review of potential water run off near her residence should any development in the area result from the road closure. The letter was read as submitted.

Mayor Irwin declared the public hearing concluded at 7:15 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

6. Vacation (Councillor L. Mitchell)

IN CAMERA:

4. Legal (2) (Councillor G. Taje)
5. Legal (1) (Councillor D. Ward)
6. Personnel (1) (Councillor D. Ward)

M#3907 -09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Regular Council Minutes of March 17, 2009

M#3908-09: Councillor D. Ward moved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2009 be adopted as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

Nic Milligan – Manager of Community & Governmental Affairs – TECK
Sharon Strom – Community Liaison

Mr. Nic Milligan presented a slide show overview of TECK Coal Ltd. with the purpose of re-introducing Tech Coal, a subsidiary of Teck Resources Limited to Council and the Community.

His presentation highlighted the following:

- ▶ Teck Coal is an industry safety leader with safety as a core value
- ▶ Teck Coal is North America’s largest steelmaking coal producer and exporter
- ▶ In the global marketplace, Teck Coal is in the top five producers
- ▶ The company owns or has interests in 16 mines in Canada, the USA, Chile and Peru
- ▶ Teck Coal employees 2800 employees with a \$300M payroll

DELEGATIONS (Cont'd)

- ▶ 400 of the Teck Coal employees live in the Crowsnest Pass
- ▶ Teck Coal invests in health care, education, environment and sustainable development, social services and recreation – its has contributed \$1.9M in Alberta and BC in 2008
- ▶ Teck Coal is impacted by the current global economic slowdown which it expects to last between 12-18 months with weakening base metal demands
- ▶ Teck Coal is committed to sustaining its leadership position in the global marketplace

Councillor G. Taje thanked Teck Coal for its support of the Crowsnest Pass and its recent contribution to the Bellevue Mine.

Mayor Irwin thanked Mr. Milligan for his informative session.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Gordon O. Lundy, Chief Administrative Officer, provided verbal and written information on the following:

- ▶ Attendance at the AMPS Electrical Meeting in Fort MacLeod – a meeting of senior administrators of the towns of Fort MacLeod, Cardston, Ponoka and Crowsnest Pass with Mr. Kevin Philips to review electrical distribution. The meeting agenda was attached for Council review.
- ▶ AAMDC Spring Conference attendance in Edmonton March 23-25 with Councillor G. Taje. Topics discussed, with attachments for Council review included:
 - Agenda
 - Conference Highlights
 - Provincial Energy Strategy
 - Sustainability and TILMA
 - Ministerial Forum
- ▶ Attendance at the marketing consortium meeting on March 19th with Councillor Salus
 - Minor advertising outside of the Municipality was approved with funds from prior years
 - All other promotions will have to be terminated for this year as marketing depends on the municipal grants provided
- ▶ Contact with Mr. Al Ashcroft of AMEC Engineering about the Highway 3 engineering review with a draft report due back shortly

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)

Director of Finance and Systems

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

- ▶ Enhanced Level of Service with the RCMP
- ▶ Budget Package for 2009
- ▶ Tax Agreement
- ▶ Request to hold Special Council Meetings April 14, 2009 and April 16, 2009, if required, to complete Budget Deliberations and set the Mill Rate Bylaw

Tax Agreement

- M#3909-09:** Councillor D. Ward moved that Council authorize entering into an agreement for Tax Roll 1060200 in the amount of \$3123.52 which includes the estimated 2009, 2010 and 2011 taxes and penalties

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memorandum of Understanding with the RCMP for Enhanced Policing

- M#3910-09:** Councillor I. MacLeod moved that Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to engage the services of the RCMP to provided enhanced policing duties of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Schedule Special Council Meetings April 14 and April 16 (if required) to set the 2009 Millrate Bylaw

- M#3911-09:** Councillor D. Ward moved that Council schedule two special meetings to review the Millrate Bylaw: April 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm; and April 16th, 2009 at 7:30 pm (if required)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)

Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Gordon O. Lundy presented the Superintendent of Public Works' report on behalf of Mr. Ray Mahieux, as Mr. Mahieux was absent from Council. Mr. Lundy reported on the:

- ▶ Bellevue/Hillcrest Lagoon Upgrade
- ▶ Hillcrest Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- ▶ Building Canada Fund
- ▶ Grant Funding from AMIP, SIP and New Deal Grants
- ▶ Dust Suppression 2009
- ▶ Southmore Development

Director of Community Services

Mr. Cam Mertz, Director of Community Services had two reports to present to Council. He reported on:

- ▶ Weed Control partnership program with the MD of Ranchlands
- ▶ Proposal with Stantec Consulting Ltd. for engineering drawings and project management for the Wading Pool Project for the Crowsnest Pass Outdoor Swimming Pool
- ▶ Proposal for Carmichael Engineering Group to design and install two barometric dampers in the gymnasium of the MDM Community Center
- ▶ Municipal Approval for a grant application to Alberta Lottery for improvements to the Blairmore Lions Park by the Blairmore Lions Club
- ▶ Special Event Parking for the MDM Community Center
- ▶ Chamber of Commerce Trade Show April 17 and 18th 2009
- ▶ Summer Games Report

Support for Weed Control Partnership

M#3912-09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council approve entering into an agreement with the MD of Ranchlands for a Weed Control officer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Support for Hiring Stantec Consulting

M#3913-09: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council approve the hiring of Stantec Consulting at a contract cost of \$24,693 to bring the Wading Pool Project to completion

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)

Support for Air Dampers for MDM Community Center

M#3914-09: Councillor D. Ward moved approval of the expenditure of \$4315.00 to install air dampers in the MDM Community Center

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Support for Blairmore Lion's Club Grant Application

M#3915-09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council approve a letter of support for the Blairmore Lion's Club for its grant application

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tabling of Special Event Parking

M#3916-09: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council table the issue of the Special Event Parking for the MDM Community Center until Mr. Mertz is able to provide detailed information at a future Council meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPT ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

M#3917-09: Councillor G. Taje moved to accept the Administrative and Agency Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXCUSED

Mr. Cam Mertz, Director of Community Services was excused from the meeting at 8:30 pm

Motion to Alter Agenda to Return to Budget Process

M#3918-09: Councillor D. Ward moved to alter the agenda to return to the Budget 2009 process

CARRIED

BUDGET PROCESS

FCM Conference 2009

M#3919-09: Councillor G. Taje moved to limit attendance to the FCM Conference to one council member

DEFEATED

Seniors Rebate Program

M#3920-09: Councillor D. Cole moved to maintain 2006 as the base year for the purpose of calculating the Sr. Tax benefit for 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Committee Membership

M#3921-09: Councillor D. Ward moved to table the review of Councillor Committee Membership to a Committee of the Whole meeting on May 12, 2009

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hiring Moratorium

M#3922-09: Councillor I. MacLeod moved to institute a hiring moratorium for the balance of 2009 for the positions of management foreman and a linesman

CARRIED

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Irwin recessed the meeting at 9:10 pm and reconvened at 9:20 pm

Coleman Seniors' Building Upgrade

M#3923-09: Councillor G. Taje moved to keep \$15,000 in the 2009 budget for the Coleman Seniors Building Upgrade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET PROCESS (Cont'd)

Community Group Sponsorship Reductions

M#3924-09: Councillor D. Ward moved to reduce the following Community Group sponsorship monies by the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass by 10% in 2009; with Economic Development funding reduced by \$12,500:

Allied Arts
Bellecrest Association
Bellevue Underground Mine
CCHS/Hokuto Exchange
Citizen's on Patrol
Coleman Community Society
Doors Open
Museum
Rum Runner Days
Thunder in the Valley

CARRIED

Thunder in the Valley Sponsorship Review

M#3925-09: Councillor G; Taje moved to amend the motion to exclude Thunder in the Valley Sponsorship from the list of reductions.

DEFEATED

Future Legal Cost Funding

M#3926-09: Councillor D. Cole moved to reduce the projected operational surplus of \$80,000 by transferring \$40,000 to the operational contingency reserve for future legal costs leaving a \$40,000 operational surplus to reduce the 2009 operational budget.

CARRIED

Corporate Review Funding

M#3927-09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council eliminate the \$65,000 allocated to Corporate Review from the 2009 budget

DEFEATED

BUDGET PROCESS (Cont'd)

Adanac Road Disaster Recovery

- M#3928-09:** Councillor D. Ward moved that Council not expend the \$30,000 allocated for Adanac Road Disaster Recovery until the Municipality receives confirmation that it will be receiving \$30,000 from the Ministry

CARRIED

Bylaw Enforcement Three-Month Costing

- M#3929-09:** Councillor D. Cole moved to accept the three month costing of \$25,625 for Bylaw Enforcement

CARRIED

Equipment Budget Reduction

- M#3930-09:** Councillor D. Ward moved to reduce the Municipality Public Works equipment budget from \$250,000 to \$150,000, for one year only and to reassess the equipment budget during the next budget cycle.

CARRIED

Municipal Development Planning

- M#3931-09:** Councillor G. Taje moved to include \$50,000 for municipal development planning in this year's budget as a part of municipal sustainability planning

DEFEATED

Move Out of Budget Discussions

- M#3932-09:** Councillor L. Mitchell moved to move out of the budget discussions and return to the regular Council agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Gold Creek Area Structure Plan Sanitary System Revision

The revisions to the Sanitary System as submitted by Cory Armfelt, were reviewed as information

Coleman Journal Building – Parking and Historical Designation Clarification

A report by Gordon O. Lundy on the non-historical designation of the Coleman Journal building, as well as a report by Lowry Toombes indicating purchasing, development and parking plans by the purchasers of the building were reviewed by Council as information

CORRESPONDENCE

Pass Beverages Recycling Report

Council reviewed the Pass Beverages Recycling report on the volume of materials recycled in 2008 as information.

Council reviewed the following letters on funding received by the Municipality and instructed Administration to send thank you letters in response:

Letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette – AMIP funding

Council reviewed a letter to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass regarding the award of a grant in the amount of \$1,028,661 for infrastructure projects under the AMIP program

Letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette – Bellevue-Hillcrest sewage lagoon funding/SCADA upgrade

Council reviewed a letter to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass regarding the award of a grant in the amount of \$2,900,955 for the Belleve-Hillcrest sewage lagoon upgrade. Also, grant funding for the SCADA upgrade in the amount of \$222,281

Letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette – New Deals for Cities and Municipalities Funding

Council reviewed a letter to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass regarding the award of a grant in the amount of \$172,153 under its New Deals for Cities and Municipalities funding for infrastructure work

Letter from Hon. Ray Danyluk – MSI funding

Council reviewed a letter to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass regarding the awarding of \$114,000 in grants for Municipal Sustainability Initiative projects.

CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

Letter from Darrell Camplin, Alberta Transportation re: funding approval for Streets Improvement Program

Council reviewed a letter to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass regarding the awarding of a 2006, 2007 and 2008 Streets Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$1,096,380.

Presentation Notification, Stephen Snow – Executive Director of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association

Council reviewed the Presentation Notification of Mr. Stephen Snow, Executive Director, as information. The presentation is on April 15, 2009 in the Provincial Building in Blairmore

EMS Contract for Services in the Crowsnest Pass

Council reviewed a letter from Troy Linderman, Director of the Crowsnest Pass EMS requesting that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass terminate the contract between them and Crowsnest Pass EMS as of March 31, 2009 – as the governance for Emergency Medical Services is now under the responsibility of Alberta Health Services

EMS Contract Termination Request

M#3933-09: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council Terminate the EMS Contract

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Seniors Week, June 1-7, 2009

Council reviewed the request as information

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council reviewed the minutes of the following Committees as information:

- Protective Services (March 9, 2009)
- Crowsnest Pass Police Advisory Committee (March 16, 2009)
- Mayor & Reeves of Southwest, Alberta (March 6, 2009)
- Council Committee of the Whole (March 10, 2009)
- Community Development Committee (March 12, 2009)
- Family and Community Support Services (March 4, 2009)
- Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association (January 21, 2009)
- Operational Services Committee (March 2, 2009)
- Subdivision and Development Authority Appeal Board Minutes (March 12, 2009)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont'd)

Council Committee of the Whole (March 10, 2009)

M#3933-09: Councillor D. Ward moved that Council accept the Council Committee of the Whole minutes as presented

CARRIED

Operational Services Committee (March 2, 2009)

M#3935-09: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council accept the May dates recommended by the Operational Services Committee for the Spring Cleanup so that Advertising can proceed

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 773, 2008 – Land Use Amendment – Gold Creek Area Structure Plan (3rd Rdg)

M#3936-09: Councillor D. Cole moved third Reading of Bylaw No. 773, 2009.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

For: Councillor D. Ward, Councillor J. Salus, Councillor I. MacLeod, Councillor D. Cole

Against: Mayor J. Irwin, Councillor G. Taje, Councillor L. Mitchell

Bylaw No. 775, 2009 – Land Use Amendment – Lot 13, Block 12, Plan 820L (2nd & 3rd Rdgs.)

M#3937-09: Councillor D. Cole moved 2nd Reading of Bylaw No. 775, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#3938-09: Councillor D. Ward moved third Reading of Bylaw No. 775, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS (Cont'd)

Bylaw No. 776, 2009 – Road Closure, Athletic Park – 1st Reading

M#3939-09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved first reading of Bylaw No. 776, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

RCMP Crowsnest Pass Detachment 2009/2010 Annual Performance Plan

Council reviewed the Crowsnest Pass Detachment 2009/2010 Annual Performance Plan outlining key targets for this timeframe

M#3940-09: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council support the RCMP Annual Performance Plan as outlined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass – Internal Anti-Harassment Policy

Council reviewed an internal Anti-Harassment Policy for employees of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

M#3941-09: Councillor G. Taje moved that Council approve and institute the internal anti-harassment policy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Committee Membership Review

Council agreed to postpone the review of a report by Councillor L. Mitchell, asking for a review of Council Committee Memberships to May 12, 2009 at the Committee of the Whole

OTHER BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Proposed Development Fee Increases

Council reviewed a request by the Development Officer for the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, Bev Cole, to increase Crowsnest Pass development fees

M#3942-09: Councillor D. Ward moved that Council accept the proposed development fee increases made by the Subdivision and Development Authority

CARRIED

AUC Southern Alberta Transmission System Reinforcement

Council reviewed the information package and discussed sending one member from Council to report back on the meeting

Vacation Request

Council reviewed the vacation request from L. Mitchell for a vacation from May 1 – 13, 2009

M#3943-09: Councillor D. Cole moved that Council approve Councillor L. Mitchell's Vacation request

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA

M#3944-09: At 10: 50 pm Councillor D. Ward moved that Council move In Camera to deal with Legal Item #1

CARRIED

OUT OF CAMERA

M#3945-09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF CAMERA (Cont'd)

Sentinel Well Testing

M#3946-09: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council proceed with the supplemental testing of the Sentinel Well to prove its position, then proceed to appeal

CARRIED

ADJOURN

M#3947-09: Councillor I. MacLeod moved to adjourn at 11:06 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JOHN IRWIN

MAYOR

GORDON O. LUNDY

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER