

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

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

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

Absent: Councillor Gary Taje

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance and Systems
Ray Mahieux
Glenn Snelgrove
Confidential Secretary

Gordon O. Lundy
Marion Vanoni
Public Works Superintendent
Municipal Tax Assessor
Lynne Cox

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Public Hearings were held.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS:

Other Business

5. Volunteer Recognition (Councillor D. Ward)

DELETIONS:

Delegations

1. Peter Rosner (Gordon O. Lundy)

M#5085-09: Councillor MacLeod moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was noted on page 4 of the Regular Council Minutes of September 1, 2009, Motion 5071-09 should read *prior* to September 30, 2009.

M#5086-09: Councillor Cole moved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, September 1st, 2009 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

Robert Duff – President Crowsnest Pass Lions Club

Correspondence was received from Mr. Robert Duff, President of the Crowsnest Pass Lions Club, requesting Council to consider the possibility of the Crowsnest Pass Lions Club acquiring use of the Senior Citizens Building on 19 Avenue in Blairmore. Mr. Duff's presentation included:

- Looking for a home for the Crowsnest Pass Lions Club
- Felt the Senior Citizens' building would be ideal as a clubhouse
- Would provide a regular meeting place
- It would provide a place to fundraise and do projects for the community
- The CNP Lions Club does not have a lot of money, but does have some funding
- Would upgrade the facility as funds allow
- Realize that upgrades would be necessary
- Would consider a long term lease for as little as possible per month
- Feel the building should be utilized or it will deteriorate
- What to find themselves a home

Further discussion included:

- When questioned if they could share the building, Mr. Duff advised he would have to take that question back to the membership for discussion, as they have their own possessions
- The Crowsnest Pass Lions currently meet at the Hillcrest Miner's Club for no charge
- The Seniors paid \$100.00 per month rent
- Mr. Duff felt the Crowsnest Pass Lions could afford \$100.00 per month with utilities included
- Currently have eight members, twenty-nine members have moved away
- Council requested Administration for an estimate for utilities

Mayor Irwin thanked Mr. Duff for his 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 will be maintained on file and contained information on the following:

- ▶ Information was provided from the Mayors' Caucus in Edmonton on September 2-4, 2009
- ▶ Time has been spent researching issues and questions regarding standing committee meetings, requests from Council, and liaison with legal counsels and staff
- ▶ Marketing Consortium Meeting on September 2, 2009
- ▶ Request from Sergeant Scott Howard as to whether any representatives of Council are interested in meeting with K Division RCMP Members at the AUMA Conference in Calgary in November
- ▶ Outstanding grants receivable
 - 2008/2009 Mountain Pine Beetle Program
 - 2009/2010 MSI Operational Grants
- ▶ Meetings with SRD to review the future of the Mountain Pine Beetle Program
- ▶ Setting up meetings with Council regarding the Atlas Road
- ▶ Advertising for an Animal Control Officer

Council requested Administration, when setting up a meeting with Sustainable Resource Development regarding the Atlas Road, to request a ground tour be provided.

Director of Finance & Systems

Ms. Marion Vanoni, Director of Finance and Systems, provided written reports and reviewed same with Council. Said reports will be maintained on file and contained information on the following:

- ▶ Cash Flow Projection 2009 – 2010 – Infrastructure Related
 - The Negative Cash Flow projected for December 31, 2009 is calculated at \$1,877,133.00, and will be covered by 2009/2010 grants that will be received in March of 2010
- ▶ Questions of Administration – with answers provided
- ▶ 2009 – 2010 Infrastructure Project Cost Summary Sheet
- ▶ Cash Flow Statement

Council questioned when the last time engineering was tendered. The Chief Administrative Officer felt it was probably in 2005. The Chief Administrative Officer advised it can be costly to go out and request proposals, and noted that within tendering policies there is a format of evaluation for engineering projects.

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 report will be maintained on file and contained information on the following:

- ▶ Sewer Lagoon Upgrade
- ▶ Infrastructure Projects
- ▶ Asphalt Patch Work
- ▶ New Sand Truck
- ▶ Insurance Claim on the Kenworth Truck (Unit #69)
- ▶ 2009 Camera Inspection
- ▶ Public Works Crews

REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED

The Public Works Superintendent requested to be excused at 7:50 pm.

ACCEPT ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

M#5087-09: Councillor Mitchell moved to accept the Administrative and Agency Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#5088-09: Councillor Cole moved that the Mayor write a strong letter to the minister on Pine Beetle funding.

CARRIED

M#5089-09: Councillor Ward moved a letter should be written to the Minister regarding MSI funding that has not yet been received.

CARRIED

M#5090-09: Councillor Ward moved to proceed with Option A1, as presented by the Director of Finance for Short Term Borrowing subject to final approval of the Bylaw, and subject to the requirement that timing be in place in the bylaw that this be paid out as the loans come in, and not to extend beyond the end of April 2010.

CARRIED

ACCEPT ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)

M#5091-09: Councillor Ward moved to direct Administration to bring back the first draft of the Budget with no more than a 3% increase in expenditures for 2010 based on the 2009 Budget prior to October 30, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#5092-09: Councillor Cole moved to accept the Water Meter Reading Device product, but not to purchase the unit at this time.

WITHDRAWN

M#5093-09: Councillor Macleod moved that Administration purchase the Water Meter Reading equipment, which includes ten free meters, and bring back to Council a suitable bylaw covering the installation of water meters in new development and the costs of water usage through a meter system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Oldman River Regional Services Commission – Municipal Questionnaire on Position Paper for South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

1. Sub-Regional Planning:

Council's consensus was to support an Oldman Sub-regional Plan and to complete the questionnaire as detailed in their discussions.

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass would like a sub-regional plan which includes the definition of headwaters expanded as the Oldman River drainage and the Bow River drainage are completely independent of each other until they get to Bow Island to make the South Saskatchewan River.

M#5094-09: Councillor Macleod moved that as an appropriate sub-region for its municipality, the Oldman River Sub-region should go from the headwaters here in the Crowsnest Pass region and include Medicine Hat and exclude Calgary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Cont'd)

2. Extensive Agriculture and Development

Council's consensus was to recommend elimination of first parcel outs and better protection of agricultural land classified 1 to 3.

3. Provincial Departments/Agencies and Integrated Land Use Planning

Council's consensus was that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is already integrating land use planning with Provincial departments.

4. Water

Council's consensus was that future growth will be tied to water considerations and recommends that no inter-basin transfers or allocation development be permitted.

5. Urban Large Lot or Country Residential Development

Felt that aging Integrated Resource Plans, which are still used by Sustainable Resource Development to make decisions, should be upgraded as part of the Land Use Framework to provide current information.

Council's consensus was that reducing the conversion of agricultural land to residential uses would affect the Municipality, single lot country residential development is not appropriate for the Municipality, and multi-lot country residential development may be appropriate with the following requirements:

- Protection of underground water aquifers
- Proper collection and treatment of waste water
- FireSmart strategies
- Protection of wildlife corridors
- Review of transportation issues

6. Urban Communities

Council's consensus was that the regional initiative of establishing policies that address and promote: compact urban form, minimal annexation, higher densities and minimizing conflict in the urban-rural fringe to manage the land base more sustainably would not be supported by the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Cont'd)

7. Growth, Servicing and Development Issues

Council's consensus was that an Inter-Municipal Development Plan is required.

8. Inter-municipal Issues

Council's consensus was that all land use planning should be undertaken with adjacent municipalities.

9. Transportation, Utility and Pipeline Corridors

Council's consensus was that all transportation, including corridors for highways, utilities and pipelines should be shared to avoid any waste of land. The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass has a substantial amount of its land base used by the following corridors:

- Primary Highway
- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Electric and Natural Gas

10. Natural Resources and Recreation

Council's consensus was that there is a requirement for designated recreation corridors with enforcement. The regulation should take a balanced approach between preservation and protection of private and public lands and the interests of multiple users. Felt it should be Council's responsibility to regulate within the Municipality, and Sustainable Resource Development's responsibility to regulate the Forestry Reserve.

11. Stewardship and Conservation

Council's consensus was to support the creation of non-market based tools tied to the percentage of the municipality available for development. Council does not support the Transfer of Development Credits, Land Trusts, Conservation Easements, Conservation Directives, or any market-based initiative.

12. Cumulative Effects

Council does not agree with the use of cumulative effects to manage airsheds, watersheds and landscapes, but if undertaken, the Province should provide water mapping, pollution mapping, and traffic counts to provide data as to what the effects are and their impact so planning decisions can be made.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Cont'd)

2. AUMA Convention and AMSC Tradeshow November 4 – 6 – Convention Policy

Attending AUMA Convention:

- Mayor Irwin
- Councillor Dean Ward
- Councillor Larry Mitchell
- Councillor John Salus

Attending AAMD&C Tradeshow:

- Councillor Ian MacLeod

3. Councillor Leave of Absence Committee Appointments

With the approved absence of Councillor Gary Taje until November 4, 2009, the alternate Councillor appointments to the Committees that Councillor Taje was serving on include:

AAMDC

Community Development – Councillor Larry Mitchell

Landfill Authority – Councillor Dave Cole

Culture & Recreation – Councillor Ian MacLeod

Oldman River Regional Services Commission – Councillor John Salus

Subdivision and Development Authority – Councillor Dean Ward

Ski Hill Authority – Councillor Dean Ward

4. Women's Shelter 25th Anniversary Celebration

Council received a request from the Women's Resource Centre for a Council representative to attend their open house celebrations on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Councillor Dean Ward will be in attendance representing FCSS at the event, and will make a congratulatory speech on behalf of Council at 2:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission 2009/2010

Correspondence was received from Honourable Judge Ernest J.M. Walter, Chairman of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission 2009/10, advising next year will be spent reviewing the area, boundaries, and names of the electoral divisions in Alberta. The Commission will propose changes within the guidelines provided in the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*. Once approved by the Legislative Assembly, the new electoral map will include 87 electoral divisions in Alberta, and be in effect for the next provincial general election.

Council was encouraged to participate by preparing a written submission or by making a presentation during one of the public hearings.

Received as information.

AUC Needs Assessment Decision

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Utilities Commission including:

“214. Having considered all of the evidence before it, the Commission finds that no interested person has demonstrated that AESO’s assessment of the need to expand and enhance the transmission system in southern Alberta and AESO’s choice of its preferred option are technically deficient or not in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission approves the NID. The Commission also approves the preferred option, Alternative 1A, as filed by AESO.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on September 8, 2009.”

Received as information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association – May 20, 2009

The minutes of the May 20th, 2009 meeting of the Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association – June 17, 2009

The minutes of the June 17th, 2009 meeting of the Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

Councillor Dean Ward advised the Elk Valley has started hauling to the landfill as of September 2, 2009.

Municipal Heritage Board Meeting – August 13, 2009

The minutes of the August 13th, 2009 Municipal Heritage Board Meeting were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

M#5095-09: Councillor Ward moved to request the Community Development Board look at a Curfew Bylaw based on the Pincher Creek template.

CARRIED

Councillor Cole requested the Community Development Board review the section regarding arresting.

Committee of the Whole – September 8, 2009

The minutes of the September 8th, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file. Councillor Ward requested Administration to place the Ski Hill on the Agenda for the second Council Meeting in November.

M#5096-09: Councillor Ward moved to moved to accept the Committee Reports as presented.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

No Notice of Motions were made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Confirmation of Electrical Distribution Franchise Fee for 2010

M#5097-09: Councillor Mitchell moved that the franchise fees with Fortis Alberta remain at 5%.

CARRIED

Next Joint Council Meeting Date with the MD of Ranchland

Council's consensus was to hold the Joint Meeting with the MD of Ranchland on September 29, 2009.

Municipal Heritage Board Resolution

M#5098-09: Councillor Ward moved to accept the *Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Draft Municipal Historical Resource Designation Process* and attachments as presented that apply only to the Crowsnest Pass.

CARRIED

Electrical Distribution Policy

M#5099-09: Councillor Ward moved to accept the recommendations of the Electrical Distribution Policy as presented.

CARRIED

Volunteer Recognition

Councillor Ward requested that Administration be directed to approach the FCSS Board and Culture and Recreation Board for input on a recommendation for the Order of the Crowsnest Pass, and bring the recommendation back to the October 6, 2009 Council Meeting as an "In Camera" item.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council members provided the following reports:

Councillor Mitchell

- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- York Creek Meeting
- Community Development Meeting

Councillor Cole

- York Creek Senior Housing
- Chiefs' Meeting
- Committee of the Whole Meeting

Councillor Salus

- Tax Assessment Appeal Board
- Marketing Consortium
- Committee of the Whole
- Community Advisory Committee
- Community Development Committee
- Bellevue Mine BBQ
- Museum "Harvest of Memories" on September 26, 2009

Councillor Ian MacLeod

- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Councillor Dean Ward

- Committee of the Whole
- FCSS
- Community Advisory Committee

Mayor Irwin

- Mayors & Reeves Meeting
- Mayors' Caucus
- As Above

BYLAWS

No bylaws were presented.

PUBLIC INPUT

No questions were presented.

IN CAMERA

M#5100-09: Councillor Mitchell moved that Council go In Camera at 9:25 pm. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor J. Irwin recessed the meeting at 9:25 pm and reconvened at 9:30 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA

M#5101-09: Councillor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#5102-09: Councillor Dean Ward moved to mitigate any further liability to the Municipality, that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass assert control of the management and operations of the Crowsnest Center.

CARRIED

M#5103-09: Councillor Cole moved that Council honor all the confirmed bookings for the banquet facility in the Crowsnest Center.

CARRIED

M#5104-09: Councillor Mitchell moved that the Municipality come forward with a plan before Councillor Cole's motion is accepted.

WITHDRAWN

M#5103-09: Councillor Cole moved that Council honor all the confirmed bookings for the banquet facility in the Crowsnest Center.

CARRIED

OUT OF CAMERA (Cont'd)

M#5105-09: Councillor Mitchell moved to table Councillor Cole's motion.

DEFEATED

M#5106-09: Councillor Ian McLeod moved that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass will advertise for a period of four weeks for a request for proposals to operate the banquet facility and or rooms in the new section of the Crowsnest Center.

M#5107-09: Councillor Larry Mitchell moved to table the motion.

DEFEATED

M#5106-09: Councillor Ian McLeod moved that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass will advertise for a period of four weeks for a request for proposals to operate the banquet facility and or rooms in the new section of the Crowsnest Center.

CARRIED

M#5108-09: Councillor John Salus moved that Council seek a Writ of Possession for the part of the Crowsnest Center being occupied by the Chinook Educational Consortium.

In Favor – Councillors Cole, Salus, McLeod, Ward

Opposed – Councillor Mitchell, Mayor Irwin

CARRIED

M#5109-09: Councillor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting.

DEFEATED

M#5110-09: Councillor Cole moved that Council direct their legal representative to negotiate with the Chinook Educational Consortium for relocation.

In Favor – Councillors Cole, Salus, MacLeod, Ward

Opposed – Councillor Mitchell, Mayor Irwin

CARRIED

ADJOURN

M#5111-09: Councillor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.

CARRIED

JOHN IRWIN
MAYOR

GORDON O. LUNDY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Minutes edited and approved by LYNNE COX

Lynne Cox, Confidential Secretary