

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

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

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

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance and Systems
Community Services Director
Public Works Superintendent
Municipal Tax Assessor
Confidential Secretary

Gordon O. Lundy
Marion Vanoni
Cam Mertz
Ray Mahieux
Glen Snelgrove
Lynne Cox

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw 787, 2010 – Land Use Amendment – Fas Gas – Frank

No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed bylaw amendment.

Mayor Irwin declared the Public Hearing concluded.

Bylaw 790, 2010 – Land Use Amendment – RV Park Development – East of Sentinel

Mr. Ross MacDonald, Tecumseh area resident, was in attendance to speak in opposition to the proposed bylaw amendment. His comments included:

- The land is critical habitat for moose, elk, and other wildlife in the valley
- Reviewed the three water licenses that have been issued on Allison Creek
- Noted the proposed project would require water
- A water tower built by Philips Cable is present, but is in bad repair and leaking
- The tower is supplied by a well next to the Crowsnest River, which along with the water drawn from the alluvial gravel, should actually be part of the Crowsnest River Watershed
- Questioned the amount of water that could be drawn from the well

PUBLIC HEARINGS-Bylaw 790, 2010–Land Use Amendment–RV Park Development–East of Sentinel

- Feels there will be a major water problem for the proponent
- Questioned where the water will be found for this project

Mr. Mike Lamb representing the Old Man Chapter of Trout Unlimited was in attendance to speak in opposition to the proposed Land Use Amendment. He provided the following comments:

- Noted there is very little information on this project
- Has not seen any plans
- Requested that Council table First Reading of the proposed Land Use Amendment until the proposal can be reviewed
- Would at least like to be heard before the amendment goes to Second and Final Readings
- Requested a copy of the proposal

No one spoke in favor of the proposed Land Use Amendment.

Mayor Irwin declared the Public Hearing concluded.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS:

Other Business

5. AltaLink Power Line

In Camera

3. Personnel

CHANGES:

In Camera

1. Land – move to “Other Business” Item #6
2. Land–Maplevue Hall – move to “Business Arising From the Minutes” and combine with Item #5 – Councillor Ward – Maplevue Hall Demolition
3. Land – move to “Other Business” #7

M#5403-10: Councillor MacLeod moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Noted on page 8, the Second Reading of Bylaw 792, 2010 was moved and passed twice.

Council's consensus was to eliminate the second motion by Councillor Cole.

M#5404-10: Councillor Mitchell moved that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, March 16, 2010 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

No delegations were present.

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:

- ▶ Meeting with AMEC Engineering on improvements and the preliminary design for four-laning a portion of Highway #3
- ▶ Meetings with AltaLink on the placement of additional towers west of Frank and on the south side of Goat/Bluff Mountain
- ▶ Local Government Administrators Association Meeting
- ▶ Spray Lake Sawmills Road Use Agreement Update
- ▶ Mountain Pine Beetle Survey
- ▶ YPM Auditors
- ▶ Bylaw Officer Report provided for Council's review

Advised the meeting with the consultants will take place on April 10, 2010 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2010 Budget Amended for the 2010 Mill Rate Bylaw 794, 2010

The Director of Finance provided the following information:

- Assessment base confirmed at 1.1 billion dollars
- Assessment base \$985,820,620 for tax levy purposes
- Based on a 3% increase to non-residential and residential rates, the total tax revenue that can be collected is \$6,432,821
- A Millrate Bylaw was provided based on information as at March 29, 2010 and implementing the assessment base approved by the Provincial Auditor
- 3% tax increase
- \$500 minimum tax

The Director of Finance requested a finalization on the 2010 Budget in reference to surplus and the readings of the Millrate Bylaw.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the request for Council to consider removing the hiring freeze for positions within the budget.

The Community Services Director reviewed the need to lift the hiring freeze for the Recreation Department in order to hire summer staff for the pool, parks and recreation, and the ski hill. The Weed Control Officer position is a legislated obligation of the municipality, and a partnership could be jeopardized with a neighboring municipal district due to the hiring freeze.

M#5405-10: Councillor Ward moved to accept Administration's recommendations with the following proposed positions deleted from the budget - additional sewer plant operator, part-time position for Human Resources, the linesman position, and a further reduction of two casual employees for Public Works for the summer period.

Councillor Ward requested a recorded vote.

In favor: Councillors Cole, Salus, MacLeod, and Ward

Opposed: Councillors Mitchell and Taje, Mayor Irwin

CARRIED

M#5406-10: Councillor Cole moved that effective immediately there shall be no overtime with the exception of emergencies and for the staff that attend meetings as part of their regular duties.

A recorded vote was requested.

In favor: Councillors Cole, Salus, MacLeod, and Ward

Opposed: Councillors Mitchell and Taje, Mayor Irwin

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Continued

CAO Recruitment and Succession Planning

M#5407-10: Councillor Ward moved to table CAO Recruitment and Succession Planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Additional Angle Parking on Main Street Blairmore

M#5408-10: Councillor Cole moved not to proceed with the request for additional angle parking on Main Street Blairmore as there is insufficient room for safe angle parking.

CARRIED

Summer Students and the Hiring Freeze

M#5409-10: Councillor Cole moved to lift the hiring freeze for summer students and the Weed Control Officer, effective immediately, in the Recreation Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Ward – Maplevue Hall Demolition

Councillor Ward advised he withdraws his Notice of Motion in reference to the Maplevue Hall as he has become aware of a proposal regarding the Maplevue Hall.

The Chief Administrative Office advised that in the proposal:

- The Municipality would be responsible for removal of hazardous materials (In 2007/08 the cost was approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000)
- The contractor would be available for a meeting in May 2010
- The contractor would be willing to enter into a contract if Council wishes
- The Municipality would be responsible for the hauling of basement, non-reusable, and toxic materials

M#5410-10: Councillor Mitchell moved to table the Maplevue Hall proposal issue.

DEFEATED

M#5411-10: Councillor Taje moved to invite Michael Gerrand of MG DECON to meet with Council to discuss the Maplevue Hall proposal at the earliest possible date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Premier Ed Stelmach – Alberta Police and Peace Officer Training Centre

Correspondence was received from Premier Ed Stelmach in response to a letter sent by Mayor Irwin to the Premier regarding the Alberta Police and Peace Officer Training Centre explaining the Alberta government's position on the matter.

Received as information.

Honorable Hector Goudreau – Municipal Grants Re-Engineering Initiative

Correspondence was received from the Honorable Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, advising the province has worked to streamline the grant administration process and develop new tools designed to reduce the amount of resources municipalities expend on researching and applying for municipal grants. The re-engineering initiative has not changed overall funding amounts. A new consolidated suite of municipal grant programs will take effect for the 2010/11 fiscal year.

A number of tools have been developed to assist municipalities with the grant research and application processes including:

- Municipal Grants Web Portal
- Online Search Function
- Downloadable iCalendar

An information booklet and brochure were also provided.

Received as information.

Andrew Fairhurst – Full Moon Adventure Company

Correspondence was received from Mr. Andrew Fairhurst, Full Moon Adventure Company, outlining specific requests for the Sinister 7 Ultra Relay which will take place July 9 to July 11, 2010.

M#5412-10: Councillor Ward moved to accept Full Moon Adventure Company's requests 1a,b,d; 2a,b; 3a; 4a; 6a and to ensure liability insurance be addressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE - Continued

Honorable Ron Liepert – AMI Straw Model

Correspondence was received from Honorable Ron Liepert, Minister of Energy, in response to a letter sent by Mayor Irwin to the Minister regarding the “Straw Model” for Advanced Metering Infrastructure. Minister Liepert advised the concerns have been passed on to the Electricity Markets Branch. A report will be issued sometime around April 2010 summarizing findings and recommendations.

Received as information.

Elizabeth Anderson – Living with Bears Program

Correspondence was received from Elizabeth Anderson, on behalf of the Crowsnest Pass BearSmart Committee, thanking the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass for the commitment of \$1000 to the Living With Bears Program. Highlights of 2009 Living With Bears Program initiatives were provided, as well as new initiatives for 2010.

Received as information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Priorities Committee – March 23, 2010

The minutes of the March 23, 2010 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting were provided for Council’s review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

M#5413-10: Councillor Cole moved to accept the March 23, 2010 Governance and Priorities Committee Minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Police Advisory Committee – March 22, 2010

The minutes of the March 22, 2010 Police Advisory Committee Meeting were provided for Council’s review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

M#5414-10: Councillor Mitchell moved to accept the March 22, 2010 Police Advisory Committee Minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council commended the job being done by the Bylaw Officer.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Mitchell provided the following Notice of Motion:

On April 20th 2010 I will move or cause to move a motion reducing stipends and honorariums paid directly by the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass to all Council members by 5%, and that this will become effective May 1st 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

Repeal Road Closure Bylaw 784, 2009 – First Reading – Bellevue Mine

M#5415-10: Councillor Taje moved to repeal first reading of Bylaw 784, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Personal Day Policy

M#5416-10: Councillor Mitchell moved to adopt Policy HR-014, the Personnel Day Policy for the employees of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

Noted “company” should read “Municipality of Crowsnest Pass”

Noted “you” should read “employees”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Equipment Replacement Policy

M#5417-10: Councillor Taje moved to approve the Public Works Equipment Replacement Policy.

M#5418-10: Councillor Cole moved to table the Public Works Equipment Replacement Policy.

CARRIED

Community Standards Legal Opinion

The Chief Administrative Officer advised the legal opinion on the Community Standards Bylaw suggested revisions has not yet been received, but hopes to have the information for the April 13, 2010 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS - Continued

AltaLink Power Line

M#5419-10: Councillor Taje moved to invite representatives from AltaLink to discuss the location for placement of the towers, and barring subsequent reasonable resolve at that meeting, forward a letter to the Energy and Utility Board stating the Municipality's objections to the towers being placed along the proposed corridor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

River Run

M#5420-10: Councillor Cole moved to forward a demand to Mr. Bradley to supply security in the amount of \$200,000.00 to ensure follow through on the reclamation of the siteworks, and that the River Run Corporation and any other subsequent owners of the property be notified that no additional development authorization will be forthcoming until such securities are pledged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Turtle Mountain

M#5421-10: Councillor Cole moved that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass exempt the people living in the Turtle Mountain Restricted Zone from paying the Minimum Tax on their small pieces of property.

DEFEATED

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council members provided the following reports:

Councillor Taje

- Update on the motion to look at acquiring the lands north of Pineview in exchange for protecting the lands to the west of the Municipality

Councillor Mitchell

- Culture and Recreation Meeting
- Zone Measurement Round Table
- Administration Law Course
- Senior Housing Meetings
- Council Budget Meeting
- Regional Council Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS - Continued

Councillor Cole

- No Report

Councillor Salus

- Tax Assessment Law Course
- Council Budget Meeting
- Casino for the Crowsnest Museum

Councillor MacLeod

- Regional Council Meeting – Requested that attending members identify themselves each time they speak

Councillor Ward

- Regional Council Meeting – Requested letters be written to the relevant parties, Ministers, and MLA regarding the following issues:
 - Core Commissionaires taken out of hospitals
 - Loss of the Highway Patrol Officer based in Pincher Creek

Mayor Irwin

- Same as reviewed by Councillors
- Crowsnest Pass Alberta Association of Registered Nurses celebrated their 60th Anniversary and declared themselves defunct as there is a new Nurses Association in Alberta
- York Creek – Ceremony for the Trail System
- HMCS Tecumseh Namesake Presentation at Blairmore Legion
- Fish and Game Wildlife Banquet
- Alberta South West – Southern Alberta Energy Meeting in Lethbridge

RECESS/RECONVENE

The meeting recessed at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 9:15 pm

BYLAWS

Bylaw 787, 2010 – Land Use Amendment – Sharma Properties (2nd and 3rd Readings)

M#-5422-10: Councillor Mitchell moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 787, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#-5423-10: Councillor Mitchell moved Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 787, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS - Continued

Bylaw 790, 2010 – Land Use Amendment – RV Resort (2nd and 3rd Readings)

M#-5424-10: Councillor Cole moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 790, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#-5425-10: Councillor Mitchell moved Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 790, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 794, 2010 – Mill Rate Bylaw (All Readings)

M#-5426-10: Councillor Ward moved First Reading of Bylaw No. 794, 2010 with all surplus directed to Operational Reserve.

Councillor Salus requested a recorded vote.

In favor: Councillors Cole, Salus, MacLeod, and Ward

Opposed: Councillors Mitchell and Taje
Mayor Irwin

CARRIED

M#-5427-10: Councillor Salus moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 794, 2010.

CARRIED

M#-5428-10: Councillor Cole moved Bylaw No. 794, 2010 to Third Reading.

CARRIED

Bylaw 796, 2010 – Land Use Amendment – Bellevue – 222nd Street (1st Reading) – Municipal Land

M#-5429-10: Councillor Mitchell moved First Reading of Bylaw No. 796, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 797, 2010 – Land Use Amendment – Frank (1st Reading)

M#-5430-10: Councillor Cole moved First Reading of Bylaw No. 797, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Ross MacDonald addressed Council to express that AltaLink should continue to use their present route for the towers, as he does not want to see more habitat destroyed.

IN CAMERA

M#5431-10: Councillor Mitchell moved that Council go In Camera at 9:30 pm.
CARRIED

OUT OF CAMERA

M#5432-10: Councillor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 10:17 pm.
CARRIED

M#5433-10: Councillor MacLeod moved that a Request for Proposal be solicited from Davies Park and Pommen & Associates to recruit a Chief Administrative Office by May 4, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#5434-10: Councillor Taje moved that the Confidential Secretary/Human Resource Position be reclassified to the Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services and the Organizational Structure be revised and the following salary ranges be approved: Director of Financial Services \$75,000.00 to \$95,000; Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services \$65,000.00 to \$85,000.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

M#5435-10: Councillor MacLeod moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Original Signed

MAYOR

Original Signed

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Original Signed

Minutes edited and approved by _____

Lynne Cox, Confidential Secretary