

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010  
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

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A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

**PRESENT**    **Mayor:**                      Dr. John Irwin

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

**Absent:**                              Councillor Gary Taje

**Also Present:**

Gordon O. Lundy            Chief Administrative Officer  
Marion Vanoni                Director of Finance & Systems  
Lynne Cox                      Confidential Secretary  
Sharon Hnatiuk                Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Irwin called the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Ward requested an addition to the agenda:

In Camera #1. Add second Personnel

Council's consensus was to accept the addition.

**G#18-10:**    Councillor Salus moved to adopt the agenda as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**1. Teri Harrison – Brighter Futures – 7:12 pm**

Commenced by reading the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 letter to the CNP Community Services Board.

Ms. Harrison appeared to review her concerns with the Municipality relocating Brighter Futures to a different location in the MDM facility. The group had hoped to get the space formerly occupied by Dr. Sarah Arbuckle:

Discussion went as follows:

- They believe the Municipality has an obligation to accommodate the group by providing space that meets their needs
- They have been offered the rooms located by Kids College, the back 2 rooms on the south side of MDM.
- The space offered has poor public exposure, a fly problem and no washroom facility though it was acknowledged that the Municipality has offered to put washrooms in that area for the group
- The space previously occupied by Dr. Arbuckle meets the group's needs since they are being asked to relocate. They have been advised that Municipal staff will be using that space and that it has commercial potential
- Since the group's contract has expired at the end of October, 2009, they have been asking for a copy or renewal document but none has been forthcoming
- The CAO, Gordon O. Lundy, advised Council to request additional information from the Community Service Board as to recommendations on this approach. In regards to specific rooms, Administration will investigate this further.
- Ms. Harrison requested a timeline as to when this move would be taking place.

## **2. Lisa Sygutek Crownest Centre Society – 7:25 p.m.**

Vern Harrison came forward to represent the Crowsnest Centre Society on their behalf with the following information for Council:

- Plebiscites, re-zoning hearings, and similar actions resulted in a loss of 50% of business for the Centre. With functions no longer being honored, the Centre has been left in a fiscal disadvantage.
- At the January 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting the Society offered the assets of the Centre to the Municipality. Council decided not to take the society up on that offer.
- The Society then proceeded to liquidate assets in a public auction with the closing position of the Centre being that the proceeds from the auction are not sufficient to cover all of the outstanding debt. Other costs incurred included auction fees, revenue shortfall from cancellations, including the Sikh Retreat in May and a Revenue Canada debt that has been paid.
- With the results of the auction the Society can pay all outstanding debts at \$.15 on the dollar; or if the Municipal debt is not paid back, then all creditors will receive \$.70 on the dollar.
- The Society would like to proceed with the \$.70 on the dollar option in order to ensure that the small businesses they owe to are paid first.
- The Society reviewed the commitment of the Society volunteers over the years to manage the Centre, some under personal health hardship
- Councillor Mitchell requested a statement of total debt; Mr. Harrison advised that this would be disclosed to the CAO, Gordon O. Lundy on April 15, 2010.
- Mayor Irwin stated that the Municipality should absorb the debt
- Councillors MacLeod and Salus stated that the Society failed to bring forth the proper bookkeeping resulting in the current financial situation

**G#19-10:** Councillor Ward moved that this be brought to next Council Meeting April 20, 2010 subject to a financial statement being made available by the following day.

CARRIED

**3. Doug Cox, Vice President of Crow Snow Riders - 7:35 p.m.**

Doug Cox, Vice President for the Crow Snow Riders requested that ownership of the old snow groomer that had been used by the Crow Snow Riders be returned to that group by the Municipality so that it can be traded in for a new groomer. There was consensus from Council to recommend the approval of the request.

**G#20-10:** Councillor MacLeod moved that this matter be brought to the next Council meeting, April 20, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**1. Community Standards Bylaw Revisions**

Council reviewed amendments to the current Community Standards Bylaw with the following discussion:

- Mayor Irwin would like to seek further information from other communities like the City of Calgary before these revisions are in place.
- Councillor Ward would like to make a decision on this bylaw this evening if all Councillors' agree; otherwise it could put us to the end of summer.
- It was noted that there could be legal implications if these bylaw revisions are not properly presented. Concern was expressed whether this Bylaw would stand up in the Court system.
- The CAO, Gordon O. Lundy, advised that a Lawyer will be very expensive for the provision of research requiring a review of legal precedent on each one of the cases.
- Councillor Cole reiterated to Council that from the beginning it was said that the Municipality should seek legal advice on this Community Standards Bylaw because of it being so extensive.
- Councillor Salus indicated that the Municipality has an Appeal Board in place for the public to make use of which is the first process for appealing a violation before entering a legal system.
- Councillor MacLeod advised that any Legislature written by any level of Government can be challenged in court.
- Councillor Cole was concerned with the section on Parking of Seasonal and Recreational vehicles with the wording "such that parking areas shall not exceed 15% of the total property area."
- Councillor Ward commented that 15 % of a residential lot allows you to park six extended cabs with 1.5' between them; therefore should be ample enough parking space.

- The consensus of the committee was for Councillor Ward to continue with revisions and to present Council with a draft at the next Council meeting April 20, 2010.

2. **Bylaw 795, 2010 – Electrical Distribution Tariff Rate Schedule**

The Director of Finance & Systems brought forth Bylaw 795, 2010 – Electrical Distribution Tariff Rate Schedule as part of the 2010 budget deliberations with a request that the electrical increases commence May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Council requested that the Bylaw be brought to the next council meeting April 20, 2010.

**IN CAMERA**

**G#21-10:** Councillor MacLeod moved that Council go In Camera at 7:50 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OUT OF CAMERA**

**G#22-10:** Councillor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 8:29 pm.

CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**G#23-10:** Councillor MacLeod moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

