

DELEGATIONS

Excused

Councillor Cole was given permission by Mayor Irwin to be excused from the presentation by the delegation at 7:05 pm citing a potential conflict of interest with the topic to be presented as he works for the Livingstone Range School Board.

1. Leah McNeil, Corinne Petron, Lisa Larsen – School Bussing Issues

The group of parents met with Council to review their concerns regarding the new bussing policy of the Livingstone Range School division. At issue are the following concerns:

- The Livingstone School District is changing the bussing system with new policies and procedures that limit parents option
- Current policies go against the recommendations of an independent review completed in 2008 for the Transportation of Students
- The 2010-2011 Policy plans include not providing bussing for students within 2.4 kilometres of the school's location; one bus for K-12 students from each community with a bus change at Crowsnest Consolidated High School; only one place of residence for pickup and drop off for each student; no bus pass or options for ineligible students
- The group provided research they conducted which included interviewing 40 school divisions in Alberta to compare policy and practices on bussing, safety issues and community resources (excluding Calgary and Edmonton)
 - Identified that Livingstone Range was the only Board to answer no to the seven main survey questions
 - Main theme was that situations were not black and white and that parents and school boards share responsibility for keeping the children safe
- Additional research included interviews with parents, Sustainable Resource Development, Volker Stevin, the Municipality, Alberta Education and CP Rail to determine safety issues associated with elementary aged children walking to school with 2.4 kilometres of Horace Allen School. Key issues from that process included:
 - Municipality has over 30 km in length with a major highway, river and railway running through it which are potential safety issues
 - Many parents work shift work so dropping off children at their place of residence does not provide the required flexibility
 - The Crowsnest Pass contains major animal migration routes where children can come in contact with dangerous animals
 - Wind and weather can be dangerous for those children walking to school

The delegation had met with the School Board two weeks previously and were told that the Board would provide them with a written response to their concerns within three to four days of their meeting with Council.

The delegation requested that Council provide the following in support of their concerns:

- Improve safety in the community by installing sidewalks , crosswalks and additional signage for walking students
- Increase enforcement and have the Bylaw Officer enforce speed limits in school zones
- Become an active partner with parent councils, school boards and members at large

Councillor Salus encouraged the group to take their issues to the national media; Mayor Irwin suggested that the group run for School Trustees in the pending election. Councillor Ward requested a copy of the group's presentation and Councillor Taje requested Administration to put the topic on the agenda for the next Council meeting. There was consensus with Council to bring the issue to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Irwin thanked the delegation for their presentation which concluded at 7:40 pm.

Returned

Councillor Cole returned to the Committee meeting at 7:42 pm.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Leasing Municipal Lands

Council reviewed a draft policy for the leasing of municipal lands with respect to properties or portions of road allowances, vacant parcels, vacant lots and parcels that are leased and used for residential and/or grazing purposes. Council requested one change to the policy:

Lands Leased for Grazing Purposes: to add the following language, "Lands leased for grazing purposes will have a \$500 minimum tax plus \$37.00 per hectare".

2. Part-time Employees and Statutory Holidays

Council reviewed a draft policy on statutory holidays for part-time employees. Council requested that the policy to be reviewed by the Joint Union Management Committee first to ensure compliance to the Collective Agreement prior to being presented to Council for review

3. Civic Addressing Bylaw

Council reviewed the draft Civic Addressing Bylaw, and discussed the following changes to the bylaw:

- Include the definition of "Rural" to mean and include sparsely populated areas outside the limits of the higher density designated residential, commercial or industrial centres.
- Amend Section 3a) to read "street names shall be determined primarily by the Governance and Priorities Committee with Council's approval"

- Clarify Section 5. (1) by removing the reference to ‘lane’ and changing to read “the owner of the property shall permanently display the address at the principal entry on the exterior of the residence. When the principal entry does not face the street, the address will be placed on the exterior location that does face the street”.
- In Section 7 (1) reduce the penalty to \$50.00
- In Section 7 (2) reduce the penalty to \$200.00

4. Penalty on Tax Arrears Bylaw Review

Council reviewed the draft Penalty on Tax Arrears Bylaw. Councillor Mitchell requested clarification on the length of the tax recovery process and was told by CAO Gordon O. Lundy that the tax recovery process begins two years after the taxes are due.

Council requested that the bylaw be brought to the next Council meeting for readings.

IN CAMERA

G#25-10: Councillor Ward moved that Council go In Camera at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Irwin called for a 5 minutes recess at 8:15 pm. Council reconvened at 8:20 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA

G#26-10: Councillor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 8:37 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

G#27-10: Councillor Macleod moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Original Signed

MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER