

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS  
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010  
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

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A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

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

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

**Also Present:**

Glen Snelgrove	Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Marion Vanoni	Director of Finance and Systems
Lynne Cox	Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services
Carolee Ison	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Additions:**

Topics for Discussion

1. Crowsnest Centre

Councillor Taje requested a vote on adding *Crowsnest Centre* under *Topics for Discussion* to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**G#34-10:**      Councillor Mitchell moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS**

**AltaLink**

Mr. Kevin Strangway, Manager, Municipal Relations; Mr. Don Player, Project Manager; and Mr. Sean Heffernan, Right of Way Planner of AltaLink were in attendance to provide a presentation and answer questions on the AltaLink *Crowsnest Pass Transmission Line Relocation Project*. Maps of the project were provided for Council's review.

**DELEGATIONS – AltaLink - Continued**

Mr. Kevin Strangway advised the delegation will update the status of the project and the next steps

- The project proposes to reroute three sections of the 170L transmission line, built in the late 1950's
- After the storm in September of 2005, AltaLink and Fortis Alberta entered into discussions to address the reliability issues that arose

Mr. Don Player provided the following information:

- The existing line is unsafe to access and difficult to maintain
- In the case of an event such as the 2005 storm, it is difficult to supply and maintain power
- Moving the line will improve access, the ability to maintain the line, and the safety of the workers upgrading and maintaining the lines, as well as be in compliance with all the current necessary Province of Alberta codes
- New pole structures proposed
  - Standard two pole wood structure – in out of the way areas
  - Single pole – in more sensitive areas such as along the river

Further discussion included:

- The new structures will be manufactured laminated wood, no leaching, self-supporting with no anchors
- The new poles would be expected to provide 40 to 50 years of service depending on weather conditions
- AltaLink has been working with the Department of Transport and have allowed for contingency to be far enough away from the guard rail in the event a new twinned highway proceeds
- The pole will be within approximately 6 meters of the current picnic shelter, with the wire likely passing over top of the picnic shelter
- The poles are treated for underground preservation, are non-leaching, with encased footings
- One pole will be replaced with three or more poles to create shorter spans and allow for curves and greater angles for the self supporting structures
- The Fortis line will be on the structures as well

Mr. Sean Heffernan provided the following information:

- Planning the route for the line involves:
  - A number of stages
  - Desktop studies
  - Factors including environmental and impact on residences
- The main driver of the project is reliability and access for maintenance
- Not a lot of route options for the area
- When preliminary routing is developed, it is presented to the public in an open house and landowners are consulted to get feedback
- The project has three sections
  - Consultation has taken place for Sections 2 and 3, and AltaLink plans to proceed with a Facilities Application to the Alberta Utilities Commission for the relocation of these sections in June
  - Will consult with the public on Section 1, and then file for a separate application for this section

### **DELEGATIONS – AltaLink - Continued**

- Proposed schedule for Sections 2 and 3
  - June 2010 – File Facility Application to the AUC
  - Summer 2011 – Start construction – pending AUC approval
  - Fall 2011 – In service date
- Proposed schedule for Section 1
  - June 2010 - Consultation

Further discussion included:

- In reference to interference from the lines, AltaLink advised they will maintain a 70 foot clearance as much as possible to try to eliminate interference
- Interference at the pole can be mitigated and corrected
- The Department of Highways feels the alignment is acceptable for future highway development
- In reference to possible impacts, AltaLink advised the guard rail acts as a buffer and the laminated structurally sound poles have a greater impact capacity than a wood pole
- AltaLink determined workers doing maintenance were taking too high a risk, believe it is not acceptable, and have to find another alternative
- There has been legislation developed in reference to worker safety that has eliminated some of the practices used in the past
- AltaLink will ensure Council is notified with newsletters, announcements, timing of open houses, and has the opportunity for input and consultation

Mayor Irwin thanked the delegation for their presentation.

### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### Crowsnest Centre

Councillor Mitchell questioned rumors in the community that the Municipality was going to sell the Crowsnest Centre property.

Comments included:

- The property is not public land
- The property was rezoned Drive In Commercial
- There is nothing happening with the Crowsnest Centre right now
- Council Mitchell clarified he is referring to municipal property

Council requested Administration provide the opening date for the Pass Community Pool.

**IN CAMERA**

**G#35-10:** Councillor Mitchell moved that Council go In Camera at 7:33 pm.

CARRIED

**OUT OF CAMERA**

**G#36-10:** Councillor MacLeod moved that Council come Out of Camera at 8:10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURN**

**G#37-10:** Councillor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Original Signed*

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER