

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

PRESENT **Deputy Mayor:** Ian MacLeod

Councillors: D. Cole, J. Salus, D. Ward

Via Teleconference: Councillor G. Taje

Absent: Mayor John Irwin, L. Mitchell

Also Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Ian MacLeod called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Changes:

In Camera Personnel (1) to follow Delegations (Councillor Ward)

- Additional Personnel added to the regular In Camera session (Councillor Cole)

G#42-10: Councillor Ward moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board – Mrs. Pat Lundy & Mr. Nestor Chorney - York Creek Lodge Expansion

Mrs. Pat Lundy (Chair) & Mr. Nestor Chorney were in attendance on behalf of Crowsnest Pass Senior Authority Board and did a presentation of the York Creek Lodge Expansions proposals:

- A structural assessment was performed by Alberta Infrastructure two years ago that stated that York Creek Lodge needed over a million dollars in upgrades to bring the building up to standard
- Some of the issues that York Creek Lodge are encountering :
 - Level of care of residents have increased significantly
 - Current residents rooms are very small, half the size of the new standards

DELEGATIONS - York Creek Lodge Expansion – Continued

- Bathrooms aren't wheelchairs accessible; Hallways too narrow for two wheelchairs to meet
- Outdated both structurally and with the ability to provide the levels of care required for the Crowsnest Pass
- Alberta Health Services stated that there is a need for 65 additional beds, for a total of 123 beds which includes the 58 beds they presently have
 - 40 DAL(Designated Assisted Living) beds
 - 20 DALD (Designated Assisted Living Dementia) beds
 - 5 Community Support beds
- Application will be made to Alberta Seniors and Community Support by mid August 2010 to secure provincial grant dollars for expansion to include:
 - An assessment to determine short term and long term needs with the potential that York Creek Lodge could expand to 200 beds in the future if required
 - Architectural drawings for the new expansions and renovations to the existing structure
 - Communication with appropriate MLAs and MPs as well as key people in Alberta Health Services and Alberta Seniors Community Support Services
 - Letters of support from Municipality and the Crowsnest Pass Physicians Associations
 - Financial operation plan for new facility
- Project costs were identified as follows:
 - Architect estimates it will cost \$30 million for the expansion
 - Construction companies and Alberta Senior Housing estimate that it will be between \$20 to \$26 million
 - Provincial grants are available which will cover 50-75% of construction costs
 - At \$22 million and 50% provincial financing this would leave a balance of \$11 million for the Seniors Authority to finance
- Mrs. Lundy requested the following from the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in support of the project:
 - A financial commitment from Council for a minimum of \$1 million
 - A letter in writing for the first week of August to be sent in with their grant application
 - Council's political support in lobbying ministers both provincially and federally
 - Attendance at the Public Presentation, Wednesday, July 7th, 7:30 pm at York Creek Lodge

Council recommended that the item be placed on the July 6, 2010 Council meeting and asked Administration to bring forward a proposal on how to collect the \$1 million over the next 10 years

Deputy Mayor MacLeod thanked Mrs. Pat Lundy & Mr. Nestor Chorney for their presentation.

Isabelle Sellon School – Grade Six Delegation Topics

The following Grade Six students presented their Social Studies assignments on topics of concern to them in the community:

Dirt Bike Track

Josh, Damian & Kade introduced themselves to Council and presented the following information:

- Requesting to have a dirt bike track
- Have support from sponsors such as Top Gunn (which would supply tires or hay bales) and Champion Drilling donation
- Start off with a temporary track to see if it would be utilized; then get a permanent one built
- Had made a model of some of the jumps that they would like to see on this track
- Recommended that a waiver could be signed before using the track so that the MCNP was not held responsible
- That this track should be funded through tax payers and fundraising, and that the Municipality would be in charge of the track

Bylaw Pertaining to Dirt Bikes on Town Streets

Ian, Cooper & Brendan introduced themselves to Council and presented the following information:

- That the Crowsnest Pass area is awarded national awards every year for sledding and quading, yet the community staging areas are too small
- ATV, bikes and snowmobiles should be able to use back alleys to get to the nearest forestry access
- Businesses have lost money since the off road bylaw has come into effect – this new bylaw created more expenses because people having to buy trailers
- Stated because of irresponsible riders everybody else is being punished and 70% abide by the old bylaw
- Felt that the 1994 bylaw would have been sufficient if the fine was higher – for example \$1000
- That special permits at a cost of \$50.00 should be issued for the right to ride from home and that revenue could be used for signage and pamphlets
- They have the Quad Squad supports on this proposal

New Recreation Centre

Emily & Sascha introduced themselves to Council and presented the following information:

- More organized recreation activities are required in the community
- The grade six students will be in the Crowsnest Pass for at least another six years and feel that they need a new recreation centre with increased recreation activities
- A new recreation centre would be an attraction to the community
- This initiative could be funded by donations, government funding, grants and increase in taxes
- That 70% of seniors agreed that we needed more organized recreation activities

Deputy Mayor Ian McLeod thanked the students for their presentations. Councillor Cole congratulated the students and teachers on the presentations and stated that this was a good program for the students and the community.

IN CAMERA

G#43-10: Councillor Salus moved that Council go In Camera at 7:40 pm to review a Personnel issue

CARRIED

RECESS/RECONVENE

Deputy Mayor MacLeod declared a five minute recess at 7:40 with Council reconvening at 7:45

OUT OF CAMERA

G#44-10: Councillor Cole moved that Council come Out of Camera at 8:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Deconstruction of Maplevue Hall – Meeting Request

All Councillors present agreed that Mr. Michael Gerrand of MG Decon must elaborate on his proposal that was received by Council for deconstruction of the Maplevue Hall at the last Governance and Priorities Meeting, June 8, 2010.

- First proposal was rejected by Council to salvage part of the building; Council expressed interest in a revised proposal that would get rid of the building in its entirety.

Acting CEO, Glen Snelgrove to send a letter requesting that Mr. Gerrand elaborate on his proposal and notify him of the asbestos removal timeframe by the end of July.

Auditor's Report

Director of Finance, Marion Vanoni presented the Auditors Report that came forward with the Municipal Management letter and Materiality report as information

- Purpose of Municipal Management letter is to:
 - Indicate if there are any issues that the auditors found with the Municipality's internal control accounting procedures
 - Select items that they audit such valued assets, of which the Municipality presently has 10,000
- Auditors felt that there was strength in our internal control system
- Materiality report has improved steadily since 2007
- The Director of Finance commended Administration and Council on how deficits were turned into a surplus in the last 2 -2 ½ years

Deputy Mayor Ian MacLeod congratulated the Director of Finance and staff on a job well done.

IN CAMERA

G#45-10: Councillor Salus moved that Council go In Camera at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Deputy Mayor MacLeod declared a five minute recess and the meeting reconvened at 8:20 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA

G#46-10: Councillor Ward moved that Council come Out of Camera at 8:50 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

G#47-10: Councillor Cole moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JOHN IRWIN
MAYOR

GORDON O. LUNDY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER