

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD IN THE OLD LIBRARY, 922 – 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE @ 7:30 P.M.**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

Councillors: Mary Hermans  
Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus  
Joan Kyle  
Craig Milliken  
Richard Lappenbush  
Tracy Willey

Others: Chris King, Town Manager  
Ione O’Connell, Recording Secretary  
Jim Nichol, Public Works Rep.  
Brenda Jones, Beaverlodge & District  
News Representative  
Mandy Takhar, Regional Sustainability  
Coordinator

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion #1-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Willey that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- 3.1 Mandy Takhar – Regional Sustainability Coordinator
- 10.3 March Regular Council Meetings Schedule Change

Carried

**3.0 DELEGATIONS**

3.1 Mandy Takhar – Regional Sustainability Coordinator

Ms. Takhar attended the meeting to inform Council about the Natural Step Program that she is working on, which is designed to promote municipal sustainability. She is working out of the City of Grande Prairie and will be networking with Beaverlodge, Wembley, Hythe & Sexsmith. Our Council and administration is invited to an interactive workshop that she has proposed for March 31, 2009. This workshop will entail 5 steps – economy, environment, culture, society and governance.

The information regarding final details for the workshop will be forwarded to our CAO, Chris King as soon as it is available. Ms. Takhar will also

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provide terms of reference for any committee that may be formed as part of this project.

Mayor Hanson thanked Ms. Takhar for providing Council with the update regarding this project; and indicated to her that Council is looking forward to participating in the upcoming workshop

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Council Meeting**

Motion #2-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 9, 2009 be approved as presented.

Carried

### **5.0 TABLED ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Prairie Disposal – Cardboard Recycling**

Motion #3-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Hermans that item 5.1 Prairie Disposal Cardboard Recycling be lifted from the table.

Carried

Council continues to review cardboard recycling options and the challenges to effectively provide this service. While they are not proceeding with a new program at this time, they will continue to look for viable solutions for cardboard recycling in our municipality. This may be an item that could be discussed during the upcoming Regional Sustainability Workshop. Staff will inform Prairie Disposal that Council will continue to follow options for this concern.

#### **5.2 Challenge North 2009 Sponsorship**

Motion #4-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that item 5.2 Challenge North 2009 Sponsorship be lifted from the table.

Carried

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CAO, Chris King will be attending a Challenge North conference in Cold Lake in April of 2009

### 5.3 Comm. Futures GP & Region Grant Specialist

Motion #5-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that item 5.3 Comm. Futures GP & Region Grant Specialist be lifted from the table.

Carried

The initial approval for this was granted by Council in 2008 for a 3 year term at \$4,000 per year, with a review of the program after the first year. CAO, Chris King will affirm with Community Futures that Council will support the original motion.

## **6.0 FINANCE**

### 6.1 Encana Grande Prairie District Music Festival Sponsorship Request

Motion #6-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Town of Beaverlodge sponsor the Encana Grande Prairie District Music Festival in the amount of \$300, as agreed to at the budget meeting.

Carried

### 6.2 Beaverlodge and District Chamber of Commerce Grant Request

Motion #7-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the grant request from the Beaverlodge and District Chamber of Commerce, for an annual grant of \$3,000 be approved.

Carried

## **7.0 PLANNING**

Nil

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**8.0 BY-LAWS**

8.1 Forestry By-Law

Motion #8-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Kyle to give the Forestry By-Law 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Carried

**9.0 OLD BUSINESS**

Nil

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Community Centre donation request

Motion #9-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the request for the donation of the Community Centre for a benefit to be held for a young lady from our community who is battling a serious illness on February 27, 2009 be granted.

Carried

10.2 Roger Lloyd Jewitt subdivision extension

Motion #10-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council grant a 1-year extension for the Roger Lloyd Jewitt subdivision, (file #06342), to March of 2010.

Carried

10.3 March Regular Council Meetings Schedule Change

Motion #11-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the March regular Council meeting dates be set for March 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, rather than March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Carried

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### **11.0 REPORTS**

#### 11.1 Chris King, Chief Administrative Officer

- Attended advanced emergency operations training last week, as well as an Economic Development Initiatives meeting.

#### 11.2 Councillor Joan Kyle

- Attended a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraising meeting. Another one will be held Wednesday, along with a steering committee meeting.
- Attended an FCSS Advisory Committee meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Will be attending a “story telling night tomorrow night for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration out at Betty McNaught’s studio. This will be a trial run for future functions as it will be a little cold for many to attend.

#### 11.3 Councillor Milliken

- Attended the recent highway meeting, as well as the budget meeting.
- Met with Fish & Wildlife regarding the Beaverlodge River.

#### 11.4 Councillor Willey

- Attended recent highway and budget meetings.
- Attended a Health Council meeting on February 17, 2009. Wayne Drysdale was on speakerphone – very committed to working with us for our hospital. The next meeting is scheduled for March 31 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Unsure as to what will happen to Health Councils – should know by April.
- Attended budget meeting.

#### 11.5 Councillor Lappenbush

Nothing to report.

#### 11.6 Councillor Hermans

- Attended highway by-pass open house on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended town budget meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended public library AGM on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Friends of the Library AGM on February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Board meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Peace Library Plan of Service Session on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### 11.7 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Attended highway by-pass open house and the budget meeting.
- Attended Communities in Bloom meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. They are planning for a March St. Patrick's Day open house. Green Tea and snacks will be served and they will offer seeds such as flowers and rutabaga for spring plantings as well pumpkin for a fall contest. This is a very creative and dedicated group who are dedicated to beautification of our town.

### 11.8 Mayor Hanson

- Attended highway by-pass open house and expressed her thanks to everyone who attended.
- Attended the budget meeting, which was very interesting.
- Attended a Mayor's & Reeve's meeting last Friday. The main topic at this meeting was Senior's housing, which has become a real concern for municipalities.
- High Level Mayor, George Schmidt passed away last Thursday. Council will send a sympathy card to his family and the High Level Council.

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #12-02-23-09

Moved by Councillor Willey that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor Leona Hanson

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Chris King, Town Manager