

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008  
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor: Leona Hanson

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

Others: Ivan Hegland, Town Manager  
Ione O’Connell, Recording Secretary  
Jim Nichol, Public Works Rep.  
Don Sylvester, Beaverlodge & District  
News Representative  
Clayton Barclay, The Advertiser  
Representative  
Tracy & Christian Green, Julie & Shaun  
Mould and family – Citizens Interested in  
Working to keep our Off Highway Vehicle  
Bylaw

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

7.5 Request to Hook into Water/Sewer Service

Carried

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### 3.0 DELEGATIONS

Nil

### 4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 26th, 2008

Motion #2-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 26th, 2008 be approved as presented with one noted change in reports, that where the RCMP Golf Tournament is mentioned, it should also be added that it is a joint fundraiser with Victims Assistance.

Carried.

### 5.0 TABLED ITEMS

#### 5.1 Chris Warkenton – Navigable Waters

This item will remain tabled pending further information.

### 6.0 FINANCE

#### 6.1 Monthly Statement – May 2008

Motion #3-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the May 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

#### 6.2 Accounts Payable – May 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080477 to 20080624)

Motion #4-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that the May 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080477 to 20080624) be approved for payment.

Carried.

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### 6.0 FINANCE – CONT'D.

#### 6.3 STARS – Request for \$2.00 per Capita Annual Support

Motion #5-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that Council provide STARS with support in the amount of \$2.00 per capita annually.

Carried.

#### 6.4 Budget Tracking 2008 to Date

Motion #6-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that Council accept this report for information.

Carried.

#### 6.5 Grande Spirit Foundation Agreement

Motion #7-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council approve this agreement, with one amendment being that a clear reference be made that these are planning dollars. The amended agreement will offer \$150,000.00 in planning dollars up front, with the remaining \$150,000.00 to be paid upon receipt of invoices, and that the source of funding will be out of the Town's operating reserve.

Carried.

### 7.0 PLANNING

#### 7.1 Regional Water Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup> – Stone Bridge Hotel

The meeting time has changed to 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Please let staff know if you plan to attend.

#### 7.2 Sports Ground Field Use Rental Rates

Motion #8-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Council approve policy # 07-6-4 for the rental rates for the sports ground fields.

Carried.

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### 7.0 PLANNING – CONT'D.

#### 7.3 County/Town Supper Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held at the Anglican Hall. Some topics Council would like to discuss are annexation, navigable waters act and it's affects on our municipality, capital plan, and a100 years of settlement celebration planned for next year. The County has indicated that they will review the regional fire plan with the delegation. Mayor Hanson requested Ivan to set up a formal agenda. Council also requested that the big aerial map be taken to this meeting for reference.

#### 7.4 Branding Recommendation

Mayor Hanson mentioned that we received around 9 proposals for the Branding RFP from various areas and that she was very pleased with the response.

Motion #9-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that Council enter into an agreement with WOJO Designs to do a new Branding for the Town of Beaverlodge.

Carried.

Mayor Hanson went on to mention that WOJO Designs is a locally owned business. Wendy Olson-Lepchuk is the sole proprietor, and she is a very creative and gifted person who has a passion for our Town. Council feels that she will do a great job and are very pleased to be able to find someone local to work on this project. Mayor Hanson will contact Wendy to let her know that her company has been chosen for this project

#### 7.5 Request to Hook into Town Sewer Service

Barry Shepherd of 1039, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue has requested that Council grant him approval to tie into Town sewer service.

Motion #10-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council enter into a development agreement with Barry Shepherd of 1039, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will allow him to access Town sewer facilities at his cost. The agreement shall state that the project will conform to the Town's area structure plan as per requirements of policy #08-5-3.

Carried.

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### 8.0 BY-LAWS

#### 8.1 Bylaw # 894 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion #11-06–09-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that **By-Law #894 – Borrowing By-law** be given 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

Carried.

#### 8.2 Bylaw # 894 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion #12-06–09-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that **By-Law #894 – Borrowing By-law** be given 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Reading.

Carried.

### 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9.1 Off Highway Vehicle Concern

A letter from a concerned citizen was presented to Council regarding the vehicles within town limits and safety concerns. The letter requested that Council consider revoking the by-law.

#### 9.2 Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Information form Sgt. Finley

In response to the above concern Sgt. Finley from the RCMP has submitted his suggestions to help alleviate this concern. He has also advertised in local papers what the by-law allows in an effort to get citizens to conform.

#### 9.3 Off Highway Vehicle Current By-law

A copy of the current by-law was included in Council's package for review. A delegation consisting of Tracy & Christian Green & Shaun & Julie Mould and son attended the meeting regarding this item. They are in favour of having the by-law remain and mentioned that they feel that most people using these vehicles are responsible and they would like a chance to educate violators. They feel that if people become more informed of the importance of following the rules that we don't need lose the privilege of being able to leave and enter town in an appropriate manner without having to load these vehicles.

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### 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS –CONT'D.

Motion #13-06–09-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that Council review the Off Highway Vehicle By-law at the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Regular Meeting, and that notice be given to the public that the by-law will be reviewed, and if it is deemed necessary rescinded.

Carried.

Letters will be sent to enforcement services regarding this concern, and information regarding the rules that must be followed will be published. Council indicated that they will monitor activity closely in the next month. They would also like to make amendments to the by-law, even if it is not revoked which will include eliminating access to the Sports Park and increased violators' fines. They would like our enforcement services representative from the County to attend a future meeting to discuss this matter.

#### 9.4 St. Mary's Parish Sidewalk Concern

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council has requested that the Town repair the sidewalks adjacent to their church and rectory on the east side. Council discussed this request and Town Foreman; Jim Nichol will go and look at the site tomorrow, and see where it can fit into our sidewalk repair plan.

While the town does have a sidewalk plan in place starting from the downtown area and working out, this concern is one that will be taken into consideration and possibly placed into this year's work plan.

#### 9.5 MGB (Municipal Government Board) Annexation Information

This is for information in preparation for next week's meeting with the County.

#### 9.6 Parade Listing

A listing of area parades this summer was presented to Council. Mayor Hanson mentioned that she attended the parade in Sexsmith and that our Beaver mascot was a big hit. Councillor Lappenbush also mentioned that he would like Council to look at purchasing an inflatable beaver for our float, which needs revamping.

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**9.0 OTHER BUSINESS –CONT'D.**

**9.7 Community Futures Grant Specialist Initiative**

Motion #14-06–09-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that this item be tabled pending Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus researching further information.

Carried.

**9.8 Grande Prairie 2010 Arctic Winter Games**

Motion #15-06–09-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that this item be tabled until staff can provide more information on how our Town can be involved in a meaningful way.

Carried.

**9.9 Request to Paint Fire Hydrant – Summer Camp**

Motion #16-06–09-08

Moved by Councillor Lappenbush that the High Five Daycare Summer Camp be allowed to paint 2 fire hydrants this summer

Carried.

Town Manager, Ivan Hegland will let the Fire Chief know about this item.

**10.0 READING FILE**

**10.1 Alberta Health & Wellness – EMS Responsibility – Nil.**

**10.2 Alberta Municipal Affairs Ministers Awards – Nil.**

**10.3 Arena Parking Lot Litter Concern – Food for thought. Mayor Hanson has discussed this item with the BRHS Principal and they will continue to try to come up with some solutions before the new school year in September. They also discussed having a crosswalk put in between the school and the drug store.**

**10.4 The Best of Buzz Travel Newsletter – Nil.**

**10.5 Alberta Municipal Affairs Correspondence Regarding Library Funding – Nil.**

**10.6 Pouce Coupe 2008 Canada Day Parade Information – We will have a float at this event.**

- 10.7 Regional Water Meeting Information Sheet – For Council’s information, will be helpful at Monday’s Meeting.

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10.0 READING FILE – CONT’D.

- 10.8 Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie Presentation – Good information.
- 10.9 Chamber of Commerce Minutes – Nil.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson has been in discussion with various developers regarding potential land deals.
- Mayor Hanson has been invited to attend a Rural Development Focus Fund meeting in Edmonton.
- Mayor Hanson commented that the BRHS graduation was great.
- Mayor Hanson thanked staff for getting the flags along the highway corridor and up Main Street – they look very nice.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that Trudy Hodges has taken on the vacant FCSS Coordinator position
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that the Cow Bus, which promotes libraries was in Town recently, and that it would be a very good item to showcase along with other events in the future.
- Mayor Hanson will be representing the Town at the Chamber golf tournament in Grande Prairie.

11.2 Ivan Hegland, Town Administrator

Nil

11.3 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans attended the BRHS awards ceremony.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend the FCSS strategic planning meeting this Thursday.
- Councillor Hermans will also represent our Town at the Hythe Regional Junior High School awards ceremony this week.

11.4 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken went along with Town Foreman, Jim Nichol to the factory in Ontario where the Town has purchased a new trackless mower, and said they had a very good tour.

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### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

#### 11.5 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey requested staff to finish drafting a letter to stakeholders regarding our hospital and support for a new hospital for Beaverlodge. The letters will be sent this week and when the responses come back a package will be forwarded to the Minister. Council will also contact MLA, Wayne Drysdale regarding recent news releases that are in regard to our hospital.

#### 11.6 Councillor Lappenbush

- Councillor Lappenbush has had a busy month with his School Board position and continues to represent our Town in this area.

#### 11.7 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus noted that Communities in Bloom has had the flower baskets hung and should be planting the pots tonight.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus will be attending a Community Futures meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that she will be working at a Friends of the Grande Spirit Committee fundraiser for seniors from June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### 11.8 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle mentioned that she attended a meeting regarding a celebration next year for 100 years of settlement. The celebration is slated for August 15, 2009 and the museum and Ag Society are on board.

### 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 17-06-09-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor Hanson

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Ivan Hegland, Town Manager