

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008  
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.

Present:	Mayor:	Leona Hanson
	Councillors:	Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Mary Hermans Joan Kyle Tracy Willey
	Others:	Ivan Hegland, Town Manager Ione O’Connell, Recording Secretary Jim Nichol, Public Works Rep. Don Sylvester, Beaverlodge & District News Representative Clayton Barclay, Beaverlodge Advertiser Holly Sorgen, Community Futures Representative
Absent:	Councillors:	Richard Lappenbush Craig Milliken

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the agenda be approved with the following amendment:

- 3.2 Peace Country Health will not be attending this meeting and have re-scheduled for an April meeting.

Carried

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### 3.0 DELEGATIONS

#### 3.1 Community Futures

Mayor Hanson welcomed Ms. Holly Sorgen to the meeting. Ms. Sorgen thanked Council for the opportunity to update them on what Community Futures has been doing in the past year and on future plans. She went on to explain that their mandate is to increase economic and social well being throughout Community Futures Grande Prairie and Region. They are a non-profit organization and their strength can be attributed to the fact that they are owned and accountable to the local municipalities that they serve.

This organization was instrumental in helping the South Peace Centennial Museum develop a business plan. The museum has now hired a manager and created an events committee partly as a result of the assistance that they received from Community Futures.

Ms. Sorgen mentioned an upcoming conference slated to be held in Peace River on April 10<sup>th</sup>, called Women in the North. They also plan to have a stakeholders meeting for Councils. An inventor workshop is schedule in Grande Prairie on March 19<sup>th</sup>. She also asked Council to mark January 22, 2009 on their calendars for the Next Steps Symposium. Alternative energy and energy conservation will be major topics at this symposium, as well as how we are using our land and our changing footprint.

Mayor Hanson and Council thanked Ms. Sorgen for her presentation and the great service that Community Futures provides to our region.

#### 3.2 Peace Country Health (PCH)

This delegation has re-scheduled and will attend an April meeting.

### 4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 25th, 2008

Motion #2-03–10-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 25th, 2008 be approved with an amendment to 7.2 being recorded twice.

Carried.

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**5.0 TABLED ITEMS**

Nil

**6.0 FINANCE**

**6.1 Monthly Statement – February 2008**

Motion #3-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the February 2008 Monthly Statement be accepted for information.

Carried.

**6.2 Accounts Payable – February 2008 (Cheque #'s 20080115 to 20080244)**

Motion #4-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the February 2008 Accounts Payable (Cheque #'s 20080115 to 20080244) be approved for payment.

Carried.

**6.3 Audit Committee Appointment**

Motion #5-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the Town of Beaverlodge appoint an Audit Committee, which is to coincide with the current Council signing officers. The present Council signing officers who this applies to are Mayor Hanson, Councillor Milliken and Councillor Kyle. This committee changes whenever Council signing authorities change, to always reflect the current Council acting officers.

Carried.

**6.4 Motion to Transfer \$30,000.00 from 2007 Operations to the Operating Reserve to Create a Year End Surplus of Approximately \$3,500.00**

Motion #6-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that \$30,000.00 be transferred from 2007 operations to the operating reserve to create a year-end surplus of approximately \$3,500.00.

Carried.

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### 7.0 PLANNING

Nil

### 8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

### 9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9.1 Telus Concern Reply Regarding Old Towne Estates High Speed Internet

This correspondence was in reply to an inquiry that the Town did on behalf of concerned citizens regarding high-speed Internet access in some parts of town. All new developments will automatically have the proper lines installed, which won't alleviate the problems for some existing homeowners. Mayor Hanson expressed that she was impressed with the prompt reply to our concern.

#### 9.2 Policy for Naming of Town Streets

Council discussed this item at their recent planning meeting and decided that a policy needs to be put in place to provide guidance in this regard. There is concern that changing a street name after it is registered can cause a safety issue if emergency services are required.

Motion #7-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Hermans that the Town of Beaverlodge accept policy #08-1-1 effective March 10, 2008 for naming town streets as follows:

#### **NAMING OF TOWN STREETS POLICY**

The Council of the Town of Beaverlodge will grant permission to Developers to name streets and avenues within their subdivisions at time of development and prior to subdivision registration if they so wish. All streets and avenues that are currently named or numbered as a result of either Council decisions or Developers requests will not be allowed to be changed.

Council may amend the policy at any time; and its purpose is to provide guidelines for the naming of streets and avenues within Beaverlodge.

Carried.

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### 9.3 NADC Section in Edmonton Journal - Price Listing

Mayor Hanson attended a meeting with the Edmonton Journal last weekend regarding this upcoming section that will showcase Northern Alberta. She was the only rural representative in attendance. The pricing is quite expensive, so Council is not purchasing a paid ad; but Leona is hoping that we will get some exposure and encourages everyone to look at the March 26<sup>th</sup> edition.

### 9.4 Distinguished Service Awards Nomination Form

Motion #8-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that Council nominate Leroy Durand for a Distinguished Service Award, which would be presented at the AUMA conference this fall in recognition of his 27 years of serving on the Council of the Town of Beaverlodge.

Carried.

Council requested that the media not publish this item, as they would like to surprise Leroy.

### 9.5 Community Foundations of Canada

Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus had requested staff to investigate this to aid Council in looking for opportunities to generate funds for future planning.

### 9.6 John & Leora Page Campsite Proposal

Motion #9-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that John & Leora Page be hired as campsite hosts for the June 1, 2008 through September 1, 2008 period.

Carried.

### 9.7 AB Infrastructure & Transportation Regional Director Change

John Engleder is moving on to a new position and has indicated that Wayne Franklin will be the new Regional Director for the peace region.

## 10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Municipal Affairs and Housing One-Time Grant to Assist with the Tangible Capital Assets Project – This will help to pay for some software in our system.
- 10.2 Chamber of Commerce Minutes – Nil.

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### 10.0 READING FILE – CONT'D.

- 10.3 Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA) 2007 Annual Report – Nil.
- 10.4 South Peace Water Supply Region Committee Meeting February Minutes – Town Manager, Ivan Hegland will attend the upcoming March 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting along with Mayor Hanson.
- 10.5 Travel Alberta Winter Edition of Directions Magazine – Nil.
- 10.6 Peace Country Health (PCH) Board Highlights – Nil.
- 10.7 ERCB Open House Invitation – This will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen Park from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. and they need an RSVP if you plan to attend.

### 11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 11.1 Mayor Hanson

- Mayor Hanson reported that our new MLA is Wayne Drysdale, and that Council will be sending him a letter of congratulations and inviting him to attend a Council meeting in the near future.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that Town Manager, Ivan Hegland and her would be hosting a joint chamber meeting with the Chamber of the City of Grande Prairie and the Hythe Chamber. She would like the highway twinning and lobbying for that to be one of the main focuses of discussion. This will be a breakfast meeting at the BMI on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Hanson mentioned that the museum might be interested in partnering with the town for a Farmer's Day type of event. This type of event would help to promote the town and the museum jointly. They have also mentioned having a country music talent contest and a few other events throughout the year. Next year the Beaverlodge area celebrates 100 years of settlement, which would be another good opportunity to promote our community and its' attractions.

#### 11.2 Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

Nil

#### 11.3 Councillor Hermans

- Councillor Hermans reported that the last Grande Prairie Regional Tourism meeting was cancelled.
- Councillor Hermans attended the McNaught Homestead AGM. She learned that they have logged 900 volunteer hours this past year, and that Larry Sanregret with Peace Country Log Builders is in the process of restoring the Appleton School.

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### 11.3 Councillor Hermans – Cont'd.

- Councillor Hermans attended the Friends of the Library meeting last Thursday and resigned her position as secretary and a new executive was elected, with Vicki Foster as President. Councillor Hermans mentioned that the library might be looking to expand in the next 5 years.
- Councillor Hermans requested that staff order a brochure called Discover the Spirit of Peace from GPRTA.
- Councillor Hermans mentioned a program called the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program, which helps municipalities with establishing an inventory and management plan for historical artefacts and buildings. Municipalities can partner with other interested parties to implement this program.
- Councillor Hermans plans to attend a GPRTA meeting tomorrow.
- Councillor Hermans will also be attending the Peace Library Board meeting this week.

### 11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey requested that Peter Martin touch up the Beaverlodge sign at the end of Main Street with some new paint.

### 11.5 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus plans to attend a seminar with Community Futures regarding personal lending training.

### 11.6 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle reported that FCSS Programmer, Jody Urion-Evans has taken a new position within the organization and that the Programmer position for Beaverlodge will be advertised this week.

## 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 8-03-10-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

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Mayor Hanson

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Ivan Hegland, Town Manager