

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008
IN THE TOWN OFFICE – 7:30 P.M.

Present: Deputy Mayor: Richard Lappenbush

Councillors: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus
Joan Kyle
Tracy Willey
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, Beaverlodge Advertiser
STARS Delegation Representatives, Andy
Stewart & Glenda Farndon
Community Foundation Representatives,
Tracy Vavrek, Owen Lewis & Andy Beal

Absent: Mayor Leona Hanson
Councillor Mary Hermans

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion #1-05-26-08

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

9.3 Grande Spirit Foundation 2007 Annual Report

Carried

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3.0 DELEGATIONS

3.1 STARS Delegation Regarding Update on a Regional Proposal & the Rural Helipad Project

STARS General Manager, Andy Stewart and Major Gifts Manager, Glenda Farnden presented Council with a PowerPoint about the STARS program. STARS is a non-profit registered charitable organization that is dedicated to saving lives. The presentation gave a general overview and current information and also an overview of specifics for our region. This program was introduced in Alberta in 1985, when a study showed that trauma related deaths in Alberta, where there was no STARS, (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service), availability, were 50% higher than provinces where it was available.

Since our service has been available in mid December 2006, they have received 396 calls, which resulted in 261 dispatch missions. Their first mission was executed during their grand opening, and was instrumental in saving the life of a 17-year-old Spirit River boy.

It was noted that this service is available to not only industry, who are presently its major supporter, but to the general public. The service has been, and will continue to be invaluable in saving lives and requires support. They encourage municipalities to get behind supporting the base that covers their area, and a great example of a small community providing huge support, is the dine and dance that Debolt put off as their 1st fund raiser for this cause, which raised over \$44,000.00.

This organization is looking for funding regionally, and has asked municipalities including Beaverlodge to consider allocating at least \$2.00 per capita annually to support the service. Collectively this represents a significant amount of support.

Also, they informed Council that they would like municipalities to consider fundraising specifically for their own helipad construction. They mentioned that they have a fund called the Chain of Survival Fund that can offset costs by 25 %, matching funds raised by the community, which can include gifts in kind.

Council thanked this delegation for the presentation and assured them that Council will take their request into consideration and get back to them soon.

STARS website can be accessed at www.stars.ca.

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3.2 Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie

Representatives from this foundation Owen Lewis Chair, Executive Director Tracey Vavrek and Andy Beal, Vice Chair, attended Council's meeting to give an overview of what their foundation does and how it can work in our community.

This is a foundation created 11 years ago by and for the people of the Peace Country region. Since its inception 3.6 million dollars has been donated. The foundation exists to help individuals and groups make an ongoing difference in their communities. It brings donors and charities together to enrich communities, and can be driven towards many different types of projects for youth, seniors, etc.

Many people want to give back to their community and this foundation looks after all of the administration, allowing groups to work towards specific projects. The members attending from the foundation indicated that they would be glad to work with Beaverlodge on any projects that we bring forward to them.

Council thanked them for attending and for all that they do in our communities.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 12, 2008

Motion #2-05-26-08

Moved by Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 12th, 2008 be approved as presented.

Carried.

5.0 TABLED ITEMS

5.1 Chris Warkenton – Navigable Waters

This item will remain tabled pending further information.

6.0 FINANCE

6.1 Vista Radio Grad Messages

Council did not feel that there was time to utilize this service at this time.

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6.0 FINANCE – CONT'D.

6.2 PASZA (Peace Airshed Zone Association)

Motion #3-05-26-08

Moved by Councillor Milliken that a representative from this association be invited to a future meeting to further explain to Council what role their association plays and how it affects our municipality.

Carried.

6.3 Elks Lease Fee at the Community Centre

The Elks have expressed concern regarding their lease at the Community Centre. They share the room with the Legion, who have indicated that they plan to vacate in the near future. Each group pays \$2,250 + GST annually and the Elks have indicated that they cannot afford to pay higher rent if left on their own.

Council discussed the concern and agreed that the current rent amount would remain in effect for now.

7.0 PLANNING

7.1 Regional Water Group All Council Meeting June 16th

This meeting will be held in Sexsmith. Further information will be forwarded when received.

7.2 Rental Fee for Ball Diamonds

Motion #3-05-26-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that policy # 07-6-4 be drafted for approval at the June 9, 2008 meeting. The policy will state that the rate to rent the sports fields is \$200.00 per day. It will also state that the user group will be required to provide proof of two million dollars liability insurance for their event naming the Town held harmless. They will also be required to have a designated beer garden area, if applicable, portable washrooms for the number of people expected, and will be required to leave the grounds clean. A \$500.00 damage deposit by visa or certified cheque must be filed before the event, to be refunded if conditions are met appropriately.

Carried.

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7.3 Summer Meeting Dates – Tentatively July 14th and August 11th

Motion #4-05–26-08

Moved by Councillor Willey that the summer meeting dates be tentatively set for July 14th and August 11th.

Carried.

7.4 Alberta Health & Wellness

Council felt that Minister Liepert's correspondence regarding the Beaverlodge Community Health Centre was encouraging. They indicated that they are optimistic about our new facility and that they will continue to lobby for this. Councillor Willey mentioned that our Community Health Council has very good representation and that our Council should try to set up a meeting with John Lehnert as soon as possible.

8.0 BY-LAWS

Nil

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Peace Library System

Council requested Town Administrator, Ivan Hegland to invite a representative from Peace Library to attend one of our Council meetings.

9.2 Supper Meeting with the County at the Anglican Hall June 17th

This meeting will start at 6:00 with supper, and will provide a chance to discuss issues such as annexation, capital plans, budget items and other concerns that we share.

9.3 Grande Spirit Foundation 2007 Annual Report

Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus presented Council with copies of the Grande Spirit Foundation 2007 Annual Report.

10.0 READING FILE

- 10.1 Deh Cho Travel Connection – Passport and Diamonds in the Rough – This tourism promotion will encourage tourism in the area. Each group can request one passport, and we put our stamp in the Alberta section when they have filled in the questionnaire.

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10.0 READING FILE – CONT'D.

- 10.2 Peace Country Health (PCH) – Publication – This may be their last publication, as PCH has been amalgamated into one provincial board.
- 10.3 Peace Library System Annual Report – Nil.
- 10.4 Regional EMS Foundation Golf Classic – Nil.
- 10.5 Friends of Saskatoon Island Newsletter – Nil.
- 10.6 County of Grande Prairie Subdivision Application – This subdivision is on George Henn's property.
- 10.7 Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) – Mountain Pine Beetle Issues – Nil.
- 10.8 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) – Minutes – Nil.

11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Deputy Mayor Lappenbush

- Deputy Mayor Lappenbush mentioned that the parade in Sexsmith is on June 7th, and that the float needs to go and someone needs to wear the beaver suit.
- Deputy Mayor Lappenbush commented that the Town was well represented by 2 teams at the RCMP/Victim's Assistance Golf Tournament last week.

11.2 Ivan Hegland, Town Manager

Nil.

11.3 Councillor Milliken

- Councillor Milliken also mentioned that he enjoyed the RCMP/Victims Assistance Golf Tournament.

11.4 Councillor Willey

- Councillor Willey enjoyed the golf tournament also, and mentioned that it was a great fundraiser.

11.5 Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus

- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus mentioned that Communities in Bloom had prepared tree-planting maps.
- Councillor Kokotilo-Bekkerus informed Council that she attended a full board meeting of Grande Spirit Foundation. These are held bi-annually. It was also mentioned that Council is very pleased that the Amisk Court expansion is back on the table.

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11.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONT'D.

11.6 Councillor Kyle

- Councillor Kyle informed Council that a Trudy Hodges has been hired to fill the vacant position at FCSS. She will be commencing on June 4th. They are also interviewing for the Administrative Assistant position.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion # 5-05-26-08

Moved by Councillor Kyle that the meeting adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Carried.

Deputy Mayor Lappenbush

Ivan Hegland, Town Manager