

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

Council Present: Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Boutin, Parsons and Smyth

Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Fraser and Wyatt

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Nimmo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

1. "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was added as Item 9.3.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

09/204 Councillor Parsons moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting – September 9, 2009

09/205 Councillor Boutin moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS**

1. Monthly Statements – July and August 2009

09/206 Councillor Parsons moved to accept both July and August 2009 monthly statements as presented. CARRIED.

2. Accounts

09/207 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$125,502.34 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. 7:08 p.m. - Dave James and Shauna Benn, CNN Spurs


Mr. James and Ms Benn attended to request approval from Council to sell and display advertising in the Gibbons Arena. The proceeds from the advertising would help with the operational costs associated with minor hockey.

09/208 Councillor Boutin moved to support the CNN Spurs in their fundraiser to sell and display advertising in the Gibbons Arena. CARRIED.

Mr. James also explained that Hockey Alberta has implemented a N1H1 Policy and asked that the Town provide hand sanitizer, etc. The Town Manager will investigate.

 Mr. James and Ms Benn left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

2. 7:17 p.m. - S/Sgt Mac Richards, Morinville RCMP

 S/Sgt Richards attended the meeting for Council's quarterly update. He reported that overall stats for the summer months have been consistent or lower than last year. The Town Manager advised that we still receive complaints on a regular basis regarding vandalism, youths hanging out at the Macs Store, speeding on 47 Street, 51 Street, school zones and around poplar drive. S/Sgt Richards said he will look into this.

S/Sgt Richards left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. CRB – Motions

Mayor Nimmo and Mark Oberg attended the CRB meeting where these motions were discussed. Mayor Nimmo advised that not all the motions were approved unanimously. This item was for information.

2. Curling Club Lease Agreement

09/209 Councillor Parsons moved concurrence with Town Manager's recommendation to approve the Curling Club Lease Agreement as presented. CARRIED.

3. AUMA – Mayor Nimmo to receive “Award of Excellence”

Mayor Nimmo thanked Council for nominating him for the award and advised it was quite an honor to receive it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fire Chief Contract Renewal

09/210 Councillor Smyth moved concurrence with the Town Manager's recommendations to approve the Fire Chief's contract for an additional 3 years. CARRIED.

2. Gibbons Curling Club – Community Grants Application

09/211 Councillor Parsons moved concurrence with the Town Manager's recommendations to approve the application and grant the Curling Club \$500.00 for the Saville Country Classic Junior Bonspiel. CARRIED.

3. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Nimmo proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness month.

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Town Manager's Report

Alberta Transportation at AUMA Convention – The North Central Region of Alberta Transportation will be available for a meeting at the AUMA Convention. Is it the desire of Council to spend 25 to 30 minutes in a meeting with them? A similar opportunity has been received from Alberta Environment. Would Council like to meet with them?

It was the consensus of Council to meet with Alberta Transportation at the AUMA Convention in regards to Highway 28A. The Town Manager will make arrangements.

Council will confirm travel arrangements to the AUMA conference with the Town Manager.

2009 Sewer Project – The ACRWC (Wastewater Commission) met on September 18 and decided to allow our sewer force main to be located in the ACRWC's utility right-of-way.

I spoke with Alberta Community Development about the possibility of having a staff member facilitate a Council Retreat for us. Though we had a Retreat in the spring, these meetings have usually taken place in the fall. Council could benefit from taking time to look ahead and do some prioritizing as a group. A facilitator could be available mid-November or later. Is this an opportunity that Council would want to go ahead with?

It was the consensus of Council to hold a Retreat in mid-November. The Town Manager will make arrangements.

**Meetings**

Ken and Lisa Staneven (Cindy Osborne) – September 14 – Gibbons

We had a productive meeting with Standstone.

As I mentioned in an e-mail this week, we gained information on recycling weights compared with former years. It appears that volumes of recycling are higher now than when they were collected on a weekly basis.

We had a discussion on adding “yard waste bins” to our collection system. This option will come forward for decision in future budget discussions.

We also had a discussion regarding Clean-Up Week and how Standstone could reduce the costs of the program. I can't report on the numbers in this report because of the need for confidentiality. We may want to have other companies compete for the service.

C-REPP Meeting (Eric Lowe) – September 14 – Nisku

I attended this meeting with Eric Lowe because in the future, it would make sense for me to attend the meetings as our Director of Disaster Services. It is a knowledgeable group and meets quarterly. The Town of Gibbons will host the next meeting.

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*AUMA*

ACRWC (Sewage Commission engineers) and SEC (Gibbons' engineers) – September 15 – SEC offices in Edmonton

This meeting was called to deal with some engineering concerns having to do with the capacity of the ACRWC facility to receive our input from the new lift station and force main. The outcome of the meeting was positive. Both groups of engineers are investigating the matter further.

CRB Board Meeting – September 17 – Chateau Louis

This was an additional meeting to deal with the decisions that are needed for the October timelines.

CRB Regional Evaluation Framework presentation – September 18 – Strathcona County

Some changes are going to be made to the way proposals are decided on. The Transitional Regional Evaluation Framework (TREF) will become REF in the future. The final word on the changes are in the hands of the Province. Materials from the meeting were put into your mail boxes.

CRB Regional Transit CAO Committee – September 18 – King's College

The next step to our deliberations is to make a presentation to the Regional Transit Committee on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Meetings before the Council Meeting**

CRB Towns and Villages Meeting – September 21 – King's College

It was the consensus of Council that a Table Top Session be set up with Len Hancock from Alberta Emergency Management Agency. The Town Manager will make arrangements.

The Town Manager recommended that CRB Staff be invited to a Council meeting to give all of Council a general brief as to what has been happening. The Town Manager will make arrangements.

## 2. Public Works Report

### a) Water

Chlorine is good.

Reservoir is at 80%

Test on reservoir pumps passed this time seems to be working good now; we will test it once a month.

### b) Sewer

Industrial Park we repaired a leaky hydrant and will check the sewer this week to see if the flow has slowed down.

Manhole checks are completed, except for the outfall line; this will be done this week.

RV dump is closed we had 67 vehicles go through in an 8 day period; this included the Sept long weekend.

### c) Roads

Sweeping is ongoing.

Dust control is still holding, but lanes are starting to pothole. I am still holding off on the lanes for grading, we are receiving no complaints.

### d) Parks

Inspections were delayed due to Kelly on holidays, should be done this week.

Fish pond is being drained.

Skate board equipment to be removed in the next couple of weeks or when weather predicts.

### e) Arena

Ice is in and looking good.

Arena repairs are complete.

### f) General

Valve check is ongoing.

Spray Park is closed and will be winterized this week.

Sidewalks are almost complete.

Concession will be opened 21 Sept.

We are repairing the Teen Center.

Hydrant will start to be winterized in the next few weeks.

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3. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received for information.

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Councillor Smyth moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Roseridge Landfill

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting and advised that everything is going well with the cells and they are bidding on requests to take garbage.

2. NLLS

Councillor Boutin did not attend, but reported that the draft budget was presented and rates are not going to be increased for 2010.

3. Library Conference

Councillor Boutin attended this conference and reported that it was good as usual. Succession building, accelerated reading and video conferencing were just some of the sessions held.

4. Wildlife Rehabilitation

Mayor Nimmo met with the representative from Wildlife Rehabilitation.

5. CRB – GIS

Mayor Nimmo attended this meeting.

6. Town Wide Garage Sale

Mayor Nimmo attended the garage sale and helped out at the Fire Department serving hamburgers. All of Council agreed that this year's garage sale was a great success.

7. Sturgeon Foundation

Mayor Nimmo attended on George Frasers behalf. The second shipment for the expansion is due at the beginning of October. Phase II costs are up considerably. The Foundation is at 100% of budget for electrical and gas utilities. Negotiations for Spruceview Manor are to start right away.

8. ACRWC

Mayor Nimmo attended and advised that the Town of Gibbons be allowed to install a force main in the Bon Accord right-of-way.

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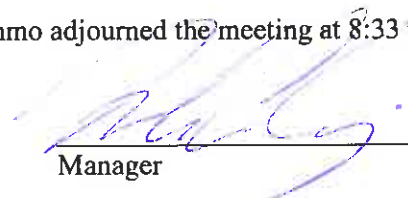
Councillor Boutin moved that Council go in-camera to discuss a Capital Region Board issues. CARRIED. Council went in camera at 8:06 p.m.

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Councillor Smyth moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 8:20 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Manager