

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

Council Present: Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner, Councillors Boutin, Fraser, Parsons, Wyatt and Smyth.

Staff Present: Mark Oberg, Town Manager and Zeljka Strazza, Recording Secretary

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Nimmo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. The Town Manager requested 1st Gibbons Ventures request to hold a carwash to the agenda.
2. Councillor Wyatt requested discussion of the purpose of the Committee of the Whole be added to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

09/196 Councillor Wyatt moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – August 26, 2009

09/197 Councillor Boutin moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2009 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

09/198 Councillor Fraser moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$ 244,424.58 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Virtual 360 – August Report
This item was received for information.
2. Royal Canadian Legion – Letter of Appreciation for Donation
This item was received for information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Saville Group Country Classic – 2009 Request for Continued Sponsorship
This item was removed from the agenda by Town Manager, pending more information.
Council concurred with Town Managers recommendation.

2. Policy GA 42-09-The Maisie Metrunc Grade 12 Scholarship

 09/199 Councillor Horner moved to accept the policy as it is written by administration. CARRIED.

3. Sturgeon County Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 819/96 – Goose Hummock Golf Resort

Councillor Horner had questions about water supply and capacity of the same.

Town Manager advised number of camping lots is still undetermined and is approximated at forty.

09/200 Councillor Fraser moved to send a letter to Sturgeon County and seek water and sewer plans information in addition to getting clarification of number of lots planned. CARRIED.

4. 1st Gibbons Ventures request to hold a carwash to the agenda

09/201 Councillor Smyth moved to accept the request. CARRIED.

5. Purpose of the Committee of the Whole Discussion

Councillor Wyatt expressed concern as to why are above mentioned meetings being held and what is their pupose. Councillor Wyatt does not feel these meetings are necessary. He is requesting to put a motion on the floor to stop separate Committee of the Whole meetings. Councillor Fraser explained purpose of the meetings is to provide well documented background for items on the agenda of the next council meeting following the Committee of the Whole meeting, in preparation for the council meeting.

Councillor Horner agrees with Councillor Fraser, that Committee meetings are valuable to discuss items prior to bringing them forward to the council meeting.

09/202 Councillor Wyatt moved to make changes to the scheduling of the Committee meetings as required not as scheduled. CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

Military Exercises – Further scenario exercises will be conducted by 1 CER on September 14 – 16, 2009. There were personnel that either weren't able to participate in the August exercises or require additional training. The military will inform the media as they did before.

2009 Sewer Project – We have received three bids for the lift station and the amounts look favorable. Our engineer will investigate the bids and then make a recommendation. Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure will tell us their decision soon on where best to put the force-main in relation to the future HWY 28A alignment. We also will submit a request to the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission for their Board to consider in September. (This request is in regard to using the Commission's right-of-way for the force-main.) Following this will be the tender process.

Manager Involvement at Council Meetings – Kelly Taylor, Debbie Turner, Eric Lowe and Gary Spitzig have been giving reports during Council Meetings. These sessions are meant to provide information on what has been happening, and what is upcoming in the various functions of our Town. It also provides an opportunity for Q&A . I spoke with Mayor Nimmo about how often these presentations should be made to Council and we agree that they should occur on a quarterly basis. They could be scheduled on either Council Meeting or Committee of the Whole agendas.

Meetings before the Council meeting

Meeting with M.L.A Jeff Johnson, Council, Debbie Turner - August 27 – Gibbons. This was a good opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas with our Provincial Government representative.

Municipal Sustainability Plan, Citizen's Advisory Group Meeting – September 1 – Gibbons There was a good discussion on the topid of "governance". There will be a final meeting at the end of September and then the findings of Activation Analysis will go to Council. They plan to have a booth at the Town Wide Garage Sale to show residents what the process has been about so far.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 2 – Gibbons

AUMA Mayor's Caucus – September 3 – River Cree Resort

I attended the morning session of this meeting. It included a President's Update in which we heard that the AUMA is experiencing some financial difficulties. The staff and Board are implementing some cost cutting measures and are looking for ways to increase revenues in AMSC. There was a resolution to present only one financial resolution at the Convention. This resolution would be regarding municipal sustainability. The decision to limit the number of resolutions will come to the Convention. A new AUMA office building was purchased and moving day will take place in 2010. We will get more details at the Convention.

CRB Transit Cost Sharing Formula Committee – September 3 – Chateau Louis

The group is getting close to making a recommendation to the Transit Committee, which will then be presented to the Capital Region Board.

Fall business breakfast at Sturgeon County – Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Horner, Fraser, Gary Spitzig and Town Manager, Mark Oberg will attend.

Group municipality question and answer meeting with the Premier – Questions by Council should be forwarded to myself and Mayor Nimmo. Together we will select most important questions and bring them forward to the Premier.

CRB meeting update – CRB map was brought forward in the last meeting. September 17, 2009 will be notice of motion on the above subject. On October 1st subject will be voted on. Gibbons is not marked as priority growth area.

Traffic Impact Assessment was completed by Engineers on the West Gibbons Area Structure plan and will now go to CRB for review.

2. Public Works Report

a) Water

- Chlorine is good.
- Reservoir is at 80 %.
- 3 Hydrants were repaired.
- Test on reservoir pumps failed again from the Fire Hall. Everything works in the Pump house this is a phone line problem, we may have it repaired. Will test it again next week.

b) Sewer

- Industrial Park sewer will be fixed within the next couple of weeks. Hopefully this eliminates our problem.
- Manhole checks are ongoing.

c) Roads

- Sweeping is ongoing.
- Dust control is still holding, but lanes are starting to pothole. We will leave them for a while without grading.
- Car counter is out will get a reading next week.

d) Parks

- Inspections were delayed hopefully next week.

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Memo

- Fish pond is very low, we don't want to fill it due to Lift Station construction very soon.

e) Arena

- Ice will be ready by Tuesday.
- Most arena repairs are complete a few minor ones left.
- Olympia (Zamboni) is back.
- Minor welding repairs are completed.
- Roof repair is completed.

f) General

- Valve check coming this month.
- Spray Park will be closing and winterized this month.
- Sidewalks will be done next week weather permitting.
- Concession may open no later than September 22nd.
- Everything is ready for garage sale.
- We are repairing the Teen Center.
- One of our Dumpsters is at the Museum.
- We are looking at extending the hanging basket signs out another 12 to 14 inches to prevent the signs from being blocked.

3. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received for information.

4. Permits Report Issued for the Month of August, 2009

This item was received for information.

5. Significant Events Report – August 2009

This item was received for information.

6. Director of Marketing & Development Report

This item was received for information.

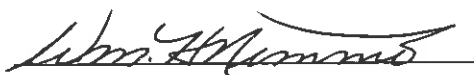
Councillor Boutin questioned when will the Council receive requested report on blue bag recycling program that was requested few months back during one of the meetings. Town Manager will look into this.

09/203 Councillor Wyatt moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

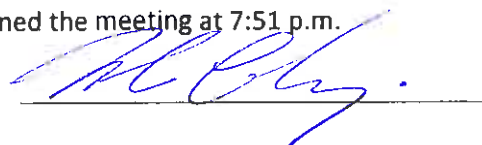
COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting
All of the Council participated in the Committee of the Whole Meeting.
2. Meeting with Jeff Johnson
Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner attended this meeting.
3. CRB Meeting
Mayor Nimmo attended this meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.



Mayor



Manager