

**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010**

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

Staff Present: Henry Taylor, Town Manager, Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary and Michelle Rondeau, Student

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Horner requested "Plaque" be added as Item 9.4.

10/110 Councillor Fraser moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

10/111 Councillor Boutin moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS

1. Accounts

10/112 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$156,612.47 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:00 p.m. – Bogdan Jovtoulia – Property Tax Arrears and Penalties

Henry Taylor, Town Manager advised that Mr. Jovtoulia called and is unable to attend the meeting. It was Council's wish to go forward with this item. The Town Manager explained that under the Municipal Government Act this company is responsible for the tax arrears and penalties and recommend that Council give no forgiveness.

10/113 Councillor Wyatt moved to concur with Administration's recommendations and grant no forgiveness on penalties for Mr. Jobtoulia. CARRIED. A letter will be sent advising of Council's decision.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Canada Day Invitation

This item was received for information.


2. Alberta Health Services – Community Discussion on Alberta Health Act

This item was received for information. Councillor Fraser recommended that the Director of Marketing and Development refer this to the Doctor Recruitment Committee.

3. SeeVirtual Tour - May Report

This item was received for information.

4. Plaque

 Deputy Mayor Horner advised that he was approach by a group of citizens that wish to acknowledge the long term service of a resident by placing a plaque on one of the benches. Council agreed in principle and asked that the group be advised to contact administration for arrangements.

BYLAWS

1. Bylaw No. PI 5/10 – being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta to Provide for the Control and Regulation of the Town of Gibbons Municipal Cemetery.

It was the consensus of Council that no changes would be made to the current Cemetery Bylaw at this time. The Town Manager advised that the new forms would be incorporated into a policy and brought to Council for approval.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

Meetings and Events:

Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life

Town staff have entered a team and plan on participating in the Relay for Life in St. Albert on June 12th. To date we have committed pledges in the amount of \$ 2,600 for our team. We are excited to participate in this very worthy program as a Town and encourage you to participate with us by sponsoring one of our team members.

Cabinet Minister Tour

I attended with members of Council the informal meeting with the Honorable Mr. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation. Mr. Ouellette again invited Town Council to send a letter to him outlining the Town's concerns regarding the Highway twining Project. As per Council's instructions that letter has been sent.

Town of Gibbons Business Association Luncheon

This was the first time I have been able to attend this meeting there was a very good turn out, they elected new board members and I was able to meet many of the local business owners in our town.

Edmonton Regional Tourism Group

Gary and I attended an update of the program where they outlined the services that they provide and they wish to express their thanks to the town for our continued support. During their presentation they talked about a number of services but the one that was of most interest was their Rural Community Adaptation Program, this program is designed to assist farmers that have chosen to develop operations within the Agriculture Tourism Industry.

Gibbons Fire Department

I attended a meeting with the fire department on June 1, 2010 along with Deputy Mayor Horner. I took the time to express the town's heartfelt "WELL DONE!" on their efforts during the Thorhild Fire.

Capital Region Boards – Regional Evaluation Framework

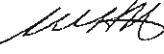
Gary and I attended the Regional Evaluation Framework on Friday June 4th in Fort Saskatchewan.

Deputy Mayor Horner asked that Council receive the changes.

Tour of Town Office by the Grade 4 Class at Landing Trail School

I had the pleasure of again welcoming the students to the Town Office. As always, it was a treat to host our youth as they explore what we do a Municipal Government.

Municipal Election 2010

 As I reported at the last meeting, Debbie Turner acting as the Returning Officer for this election will be taking training on the elections act and receiving information regarding changes in the *Elections Act* on June 10, 2010. She has indicated that nomination packages will be available to be picked up at the Town Office during regular office hours starting June 11, 2010. A notice will be placed in the Town news letter and be placed on the Town Web site that the packages can be picked at the Town Office. This year we will be requiring the Nominees to provide us this contact information when they pick up their packages as there are usually additional changes and information that will need to send to them. Ads will periodically appear in the local papers from now to the Nomination date which as of yet to be established.

Engineering Issues

I toured the Sanitary Lift Station Project on Monday and the project is still on time. They are still pouring the concrete shell which is to be done on Wednesday (weather permitting) and the pump shed and pumps are expected to be installed soon.

Construction on Phase Two (the Trunk Extension) has not started, there are still some last minute details to be worked out with Alberta Transportation with respect to line depth. This will likely result in additional costs however we are expected to still be well under budget for that total project.

Streets and Road Construction and Reclamation

Nothing to report at this time. Pilot holes have been drilled and we are awaiting the reports from our engineer.

Grants

We invited Dave Winch from Transportation to come to Gibbons and provide training on the Electronic reporting system. The training was very productive and the town has completed are reporting requirements for 2010.

Planning and Development

I have attached the permit summary for the period ending June 01, 2010. In addition, I have met with developers from the Strata project with respect to a phase one development of subdivision 7A. In addition, an application for a commercial development is in process for Councils consideration later in June.

Staffing

We have hired a new front end receptionist, Christine Steventon; she will be starting June 16th.

Gibbons Before and After School Care

FCSS Program in partnership with the Sturgeon School Division, has begun to research the possibilities of opening a Licensed "Before and After School Care" in Gibbons School. A survey will be sent to parents within the next week to assess the response to this program.

Background

Dolphin Daycare currently offers 16 spaces for B/A Care. Their spaces are full and have been for the past year. There are 8 Kindergarten children in that daycare currently that needs to move to B/A Care next school year. There is no space for them at the Daycare.

Our long term goal is not to enter into competition with local business providing this service rather to provide a much needed soft-service to families in our community. Fees, etc will be the same as Dolphin Daycare so that competition is not created. The proposed licensed program will allow lower and middle income families to be eligible for subsidy dollars from the Provincial Government.

This program is another milestone in obtaining the goals set out in our new Sustainability Plan.

Summer Meeting Schedule – Council Meetings

It is usual that Councils modify their meeting schedules to only one meeting during July and August to accommodate vacations. Does Council wish to do this? If so, what dates in both July and August would you like to schedule these meetings. For simplicity sake I recommend that you meet on July 28th and August 25th as these are the fourth Wednesdays of each month and you would normally have meetings on these days. This would mean that July 14th and August 11th meetings would be cancelled.

Councillor Boutin moved that the July 14th and August 11th regular meetings of Council be cancelled and they will only meet for the July 28th and August 25th meetings. CARRIED.

Freedom of the Town 2010

Contact has been made with the Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment for a ceremony to take place in late fall. The proposed dates are Saturday, September 25, Saturday, October 2 or Saturday, October 16. Details to follow.

2. Public Works' Report

Water

Chlorine is good.

Reservoir is at 100%

Sewer

Sewer lines are good, no complaints.

Industrial Park holding tanks are being pumped out once a week now.

We are diverting the overflow water from the coin op to use for watering trees/flowers; this does not go into the sewer line now.

Roads

Checking for Potholes and filling as required.

Dust control was applied last week.

Normal Friday routine.

Parks

Behind in grass cutting due to standing water.

Will be removing wooden structure at Poplar Park when time permits.

Park inspection will be done in the next few weeks.

General

Most flowers are planted/hanging baskets are going up today.

Lift station construction is on schedule.

Spray park - we sodded in front of the washrooms.

West entrance sign is 75% complete. Just siding to install.

Working on curling club board walks.

1600 mower has a fuel injector line leak. Should be fixed this week.

One more Scotch pine is going to be planted at the West entrance sign to fill a hole.

2 Swedish aspens which are stunted are going to be planted by the washrooms in Poplar Park.

Main street trees have been planted/replaced for this year.

Councillor Fraser asked that Administration let Public Works staff know that there are pot holes on both sides of the street in front of the post office and also along 51 street between 49th and 50th Avenue.

3. Permit Report – May 2010

This item was received for information.

4. Director of Marketing and Development – GEEDT Notes

This item was received for information.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Senior Supper

Councillor Smyth advised that the Seniors Supper will be held tomorrow, June 10th. Councillor Fraser advise that he will be say grace at the supper.

2. Gibbons Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Horner and the Town Manager attended this meeting. The Deputy Mayor advised that the Department along with the Association are hosting a BBQ tonight. The Department is also giving tours to the kindergarten classes on June 18th and will be helping out the seniors with the pancake breakfast on July 1st.

3. Grade 9 Farewell

Councillor Boutin attended the Grade 9 Farewell. She also advised that Brian Farrell will be moving to Guthrie School.

4. Sturgeon Historical Society Pancake Breakfast

Councillor Fraser attended the pancake breakfast.

5. Lord Strathcona – Change of Command

Mayor Nimmo attended the Change of Command.

6. Business Association Luncheon

Mayor Nimmo attended.

7. Air Cadet – Change of Command

Mayor Nimmo attended.

8. NAIG

Mayor Nimmo spoke at the NAIG meeting hosted by Gibbons.

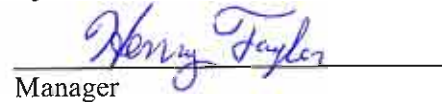
9. Tawatinaw Communities Future

Mayor Nimmo will attend this meeting next week.

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



Mayor



Manager