

**MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010**

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

Staff Present: Henry Taylor, Town Manager, Gary Spitzig, Director of Marketing and Development and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Town Manager requested an in-camera at the end of the meeting.

10/116 Councillor Smyth moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Deputy Mayor Horner advised that under Committee Reports Item #2 should read Gibbons Regional Business Association not just Association.

10/117 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 9, 2010 be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS**

1. Accounts

10/118 Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$501,988.20 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

2. Monthly Statement – April 2010

10/119 Councillor Wyatt moved to approved the monthly statements for April 2010 as presented. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. June 29<sup>th</sup> - All Council Meeting – Attendance

All of Council will be attending this meeting. The Town Manager advised that the venue has been changed to the Pioneer Club, 4916 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Redwater at 5:00 p.m.

2. Canada Day Events

This item was received for information. The Mayor was asked to speak at the flag raising.

3. AB Transportation – 2010 Streets Improvement Program Grant Approval

This item was received for information.

4. Cemetery Forms

Councillor Boutin moved concurrence of the new forms. Councillor Fraser asked that the Cemetery Bylaw be amended to include a double marker.

Motion was tabled.

5. Sturgeon Regional Economic Development Committee – Terms of Reference

Deputy Mayor Horner advised that the Terms of Reference received by Council are incorrect. The Purpose says one thing and the Memorandum Agreement says another. It was suggested that this item be forwarded to the All Council Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> in Redwater.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Sturgeon County – Roseridge Landfill Rezoning Application

The Town Manager advised that administration has no concerns. This item was received for information.

## **BYLAWS**

1. Bylaw No. PI 4/10 – Being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta Respecting Waterworks and Sewer Servicing in the Town of Gibbons and to Provide for the Collection of Water and Sewer Charges in the Town.

10/120

After a lengthy discussion, Councillor Fraser moved to table this Bylaw until August.  
CARRIED.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

1. Town Manager's Report

June 10, 2010

I invited Bill Dolman from MPS to provide staff with Legislative and process training regarding planning and development. I have also arranged for update training for Council after the election.

I also attended the Seniors Dinner at Landing Trail School; unfortunately, my visit was brief because of other commitments that evening.

June 11, 2010

I have been with Alberta Environment with respect to getting clarification of the management of the wetland area located at the end of 51<sup>st</sup> Street on the south end of Town. Although, Alberta Environment encourages the maintenance of the natural storm retention area; however they agree that the authority to manage this area falls within our local authority.

June 16, 2010

Eric, Gary and I attended a table Top exercise in Redwater sponsored by NR CARE. The event was attended by some 50 individuals from industry, the Province, Municipal First Responders, Municipal Public Communications and DEM's. The exercise was very well organized although a little cramped in terms of time but it was a great opportunity to view emergencies from the other parties perspective as well as networking benefits.

I also attended the Regional Economic Development Committee meeting held in the Sturgeon County Office and was provided with an opportunity to report on some of the Economic Opportunities that the Town is involved in.

June 17, 2010

I met with Sturgeon County Bylaw Enforcement along with Eric. We toured the Town and discussed some enforcement issues facing our town.

June 18, 2010

This was the last day of the practicum period for Michelle. This was a very positive experience for both her and the Town. She found particular value in attending Council Meeting. The whole experience helped her cement education theory with the reality of working within an organization. This is a program I will be supporting in the future.

June 21, 2010

The Sturgeon County CAO's met at the Sturgeon County Office as a follow up to the conference call we had on May 18<sup>th</sup> in preparation to the all Council meeting to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> in Redwater (meeting time 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm). At our meeting we discussed the following:

- Regional Disaster Services Project Review
- Regional FCSS Delivery Model
- Regional Employee Health and Safety Project
- Regional Governance Model

All of the above are still in the exploration stage. Our progress on these issues will be discussed at the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

June 22, 2010

The Town has convened the regional subdivision and development appeal board to hear an appeal regarding residential development on commercially zoned land. At the time of this report no decision was made on the appeal.

The Mayor advised that this appeal was withdrawn at the last minute by the Appellant.

Waste Water Lift and Trunk Extension:

The Life Station phase of this project is on schedule however, there is a change in the project that will increase the actual construction costs by a total of \$107,000 the Town's portion of this change in work is approximately \$34,000. The reason for the change is that we are required to ramp down the flow rates of the lift station pumps so that the commission processing plant flow capacities are not exceeded.

With respect to the trunk extension we will be seeing additional costs with respect to some criteria set by Alberta Transportation with respect to line depth due to the Highway twinning. At the time of this report these increases to the trunk extension were not completed.

Overall even with these changes to the project the Town will still be under to projected estimates and available funding for this project as a whole.

2. Public Works' Report

Water

Chlorine is good.

Reservoir is at 95%

Water meter installs are about 2 a week.

Sewer

Sewer lines are good no complaints.

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

Problem lines will be flushed when RENE's is available.

Roads

Checking for Potholes and filling as required.

Parks

Grass cutting we are almost caught up.

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

Park inspection will be done in the next few weeks.

General

Flowers are planted/hanging baskets are up.

Lift station construction is on schedule. Force main line is being installed.

West entrance sign is 75% complete. Just siding to install. This will be done next week if time permits.

Working on Curling club board walks.

1600 mower has been fixed.

One more Scotch pine is planted at the West entrance.

Two Swedish aspens which are stunted are going to be planted by the washrooms in Poplar Park. Hopefully this week.

Cemetery utility shed is 98% complete.

3. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received for information.

4. Community Services Director's Report

Meetings attended:

- o May 31- Literacy Ad Hoc Committee
- o June 3- Family Violence Prevention Meeting
- o June 4- Gibbons School meeting- re: Before/After School Care
- o June 10- Seniors Dinner
- o June 15- Canada Day Committee



Sturgeon Literacy

Dyvonna Inkster has resigned from the Adult Literacy position but will maintain her position in ESL. Advertisement for this position will commence in July with a closing date of July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Freedom of Town

Contact has been made with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) regarding a parade in late September/early October. We should have confirmed dates soon.

FLY Program update

Our FLY program has created a lot of interest this year. We have accepted 28 FLY volunteers out of the 37 twelve to seventeen-year-olds that applied. We have an estimated 760 volunteer hours that we will be filling with the FLY's.

Summer Programs in the Park update

Sturgeon County is thrilled with the response they are receiving from Gibbons. Our community members have registered for more programs than the other municipalities combined. Apparently advertising works!

Registrations for our own programs are picking up. We are half way to the minimums for our new preschool programs. Advertising will go through the schools tomorrow to boost registrations.

ABC Camp

I have found a facilitator for this very successful program and it will be a go! Parent Link Centre has agreed to provide the equipment and programming each week. It's exciting that we have a full spectrum of summer program this year.

Sunflower Community Resource Program Stats

I have attached a copy of the identified gaps in services within Sturgeon County. A particular concern is the increase in the Food Bank usage in the month of as compared to last quarter.

Seniors Horizon Grant

I had very good feedback from the government regarding the Seniors Horizon grant that has been submitted. We will find out by September if we will be awarded the \$25,000.00 requested to expand the Walking Club programming.

CFEP Grant

We will have feedback from this grant submission by June 30, 2010. Unfortunately, we had to withdrawal the Skateboard portion of this grant due to new Alberta Government regulations. I will discuss the Skateboard Equipment grant with Gibbons school in the fall.

Gibbons Lions Club

This club has folded as of June 30, 2010 due to lack of volunteers. The volunteer crisis is concerning in Gibbons a more and more organizations are sharing the same concern. There is a new trend in volunteering and we need to look at creative ways of addressing this need.

Before and After School Care

We are going forward with an application to the Provincial government to create a new B/A Care program in Gibbons School. The Sturgeon School Division, Gibbons School and Gibbons Community services are partnering in this project in order to fill a gap in services.

It is not our intention to compete with the existing daycare but to create more spaces for childcare for our residents. Currently the Dolphin Daycare has 16 spaces for B/A Care and they are full. I have fielded four calls in the past 3 weeks regarding people that would like to move to Gibbons, but will not because of the lack of care here.

The charge for the child care will be exactly the same as the daycare in order to ensure that no competition is created.

Gibbons Skipping Club

We will be offering a new skipping club in the fall for children in grades 2+. We were approached by a coach in Redwater who has offered to start this club up and run it for the 2010-2011 seasons.

Gibbons Guides

I have been approached by the Girl Guides to open a new group in Gibbons. They will meet tentatively on Tuesdays in the fall.

5. Director of Marketing and Development – Quarterly Report

This item was received for information.

6. Significant Events Report – May 2010

This item was received for information.

1. Sturgeon County – May 2010 Incident Report

This item was received for information.

10/121 Deputy Mayor Horner moved to accept the Staff Reports as presented. CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Seniors Supper

Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Smyth, Parsons, Wyatt, Boutin and Fraser all attended. Councillor Smyth advised that it was well received and senior's week received positive feedback. Councillor Fraser said grace.

2. Curling Club

Councillor Smyth attended. There were a couple of issues but they have been taken care of.

3. Community Services Board

Councillor Smyth attended. Canada Day Events are planned and this year we have more community involvement. Summer Program registration is going good. Freedom of the Town will be held at the end of September or first week of October. Councillor Smyth also advised that the Lions Club and UCW have folded.

4. Penny Carnival at Gibbons School

Councillor Smyth attended this event.

5. Roseridge Landfill

Councillor Parsons attended and advised that a 400 ft containment fence on the south east corner will be built. Screened compost has been delayed should be available soon. They are now open late on Monday's until the last Monday in August. They have rehired the auditor for next three years

6. Capital Region Waste Minimization Committee

Councillor Parsons attended this meeting. They are looking on funding for next year.

7. Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission

Deputy Mayor Horner attended. They are dealing with the sale of water to Thorhild Highway 28 and 63 Water Commission and funding issues.

8. Sturgeon Region Economic Development Meeting

Deputy Mayor Horner attended with Henry Taylor and Gary Spitzig. They discussed the Terms of Reference and Memorandum Agreement.

9. Fort Saskatchewan Fish and Game Fishing Derby

Deputy Mayor Horner attended. Gibbons was well represented.

10. Annual Cadet Review

Councillor Wyatt attended and found it very interesting and was honored to be there.

11. Sturgeon Historical Society

Councillor Wyatt advised that they cleared \$1915.93 at their Chicken Supper. They will also be entering a float in the parade.

12. Vitalization Conference

Councillor Boutin attended and advised that it was an excellent conference.

13. Redwater Freedom of the Town

Councillor Boutin attended and advised that it was really good. Mayor Nimmo also attended.

14. Library Board

Councillor Boutin attended and they are gearing up for the summer reading program and they are also entering a float in the parade.

15. Sturgeon County Mayor's Golf Tournament

Mayor Nimmo and Councillor Fraser participated.

16. Sturgeon Foundation

Councillor Fraser attended and reported that the official opening of the new lodge will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. They are having a financial review of the operations done and should have the 1<sup>st</sup> report soon. The Foundation received a donation from the Sturgeon Mayor's Golf Tournament. They are also reviewing their utility usage.

17. Sturgeon County Breakfast

Councillor Fraser attended the Sturgeon County Breakfast. Neil Shelly and Doug Bertch gave an update on the Northwest Upgrader.

18. Tawatinaw Community Futures

Mayor Nimmo attended the Annual General Meeting and was elected Chair.

19. Fort Saskatchewan Hospital

Mayor Nimmo attended the donation ceremony. Athabasca Oil Sands donated a half a million dollars to go toward a CAT scanner and \$250,000 for a healing garden.

10/122 Councillor Fraser moved to go in camera to discuss a land issue. CARRIED. Council went in-camera at 8:12 p.m. Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner declared a conflict of interest as they are on the Appeal Board and left the room at 8:33 p.m.

10/123 Councillor Boutin moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 8:41p.m.

Mayor Nimmo and Deputy Mayor Horner returned to the room at 8:41p.m.

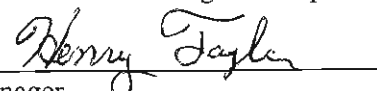
Bylaw No. PLU 1/10 – Being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta Amending Land Use Bylaw No. PLU 8/06 of the Town of Gibbons.

10/124 Bylaw No. PLU 1/10 being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta Amending Land Use Bylaw No. PLU 8/06 of the Town of Gibbons was read a second time on a motion by Deputy Mayor Horner. CARRIED.

10/125 Bylaw No. PLU 1/10 being a Bylaw of the Town of Gibbons in the Province of Alberta Amending Land Use Bylaw No. PLU 8/06 of the Town of Gibbons was read a third and final time on a motion by Councillor Fraser. CARRIED.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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