

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

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

Council Absent: Mayor Nimmo

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

As there was a quorum present, Deputy Mayor Horner called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

10/151 Councillor Wyatt moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting – August 25, 2010

Councillor Fraser asked that under Committee Reports Item #4 Sturgeon Foundation - it should read “They are talking about the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Northridge Place.”

10/152 Councillor Fraser moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2010 be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS**

1. Accounts

10/153 Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$191,928.11 be ordered paid. CARRIED.

2. Monthly Statement – June 2010

10/154 Councillor Smyth moved to approve the monthly statements for June 2010 as presented. CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENTS**

1. Staff Sgt. Mac Richards – Morinville RCMP

Staff Sgt. Richards attended the meeting to give Council an update as there has been a number of incidents happen in town. He explained that the stats are coming up lower than they have in the past 3 years. Property Crime is lower, thefts haven't shown much movement and traffic is on par. The detachment has been doing school patrols as well as regular patrols. He expressed the importance of citizens calling in when they see something going on and for citizens to be proactive, locking vehicles, not leaving valuables in vehicles and being good neighbours. If incidents are not being reported the RCMP cannot take action. Crime rate is low in Gibbons compared to other communities and no matter what, there will always be crime. Staff Sgt Richards considers Gibbons a safe place to live. Everything is on par from the last three years considering the community has grown.

Councillor Fraser asked if there is always follow-up to the calls, as he has heard concerns from residents. Staff Sgt Richards advised that there should be and if there isn't he wants to hear about it.

Staff Sgt Richards left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Meeting Fees and Charges

With elections approaching the Town Manager asked that Council submit any outstanding expenses before October 6, 2010.

2. Sturgeon Regional Partnership Committee – Terms of Reference

10/155 Councillor Boutin moved to accept the Sturgeon Regional Partnership Committee – Terms of Reference as presented. CARRIED.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Jurassic Forest – VIP Reception

Mayor Nimmo (2), Deputy Mayor Horner (2), Councillor Wyatt and Parsons (2 each), Councillor Fraser (1) and Town Manager Henry Taylor (1) will be attending the VIP Reception on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. Policy GA 48-10 – Execution of a Development Agreement

10/156 Councillor Wyatt moved to approve Policy GA 48-10 – Execution of a Development Agreement as presented. CARRIED.

3. Sturgeon County - Economic Development Fall Business Breakfast

Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Horner and Town Manager Henry Taylor will be attending.

4. See Virtual 360 – August Report

This item was received as information.

5. Community Services Recommendations to Council

The Gibbons Community Services Board had the following recommendations for Council from their June 16, 2010 Meeting:

### **Regarding Resignation of Board Member:**

The Gibbons Community Services Board regrettably recommends the acceptance of Christine Steventon's resignation from the Board, affective June 16, 2010.

### **Regarding Board Member Appointment:**

The Gibbons Community Services Board recommends the appointment of Ashley Tegart to the Community Services Board, for a two year term ending December 31, 2011.

The Gibbons Community Services Board has the following recommendations for Council from their Special Budget Meeting August 30, 2010 Meeting:

### **Regarding Resignation of Board Member:**

The Gibbons Community Services Board regrettably recommends the acceptance of Darren Longstaff's resignation from the Board, affective June 28, 2010.

### **Regarding Board Member Appointment:**

The Gibbons Community Services Board recommends the appointment of Chad Sonnenberg to the Community Services Board, for a two year term ending December 31, 2011.

The Gibbons Community Services Board recommends the appointment of Terri Saunders to the Community Services Board, for a two year term ending December 31, 2011.

10/157 Councillor Smyth moved concurrence with the above mentioned recommendations. CARRIED.

## STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

### **Staffing:**

The competition closed for the Planning Economic Development and Sustainability position on August 31<sup>st</sup>, interviews are scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, I will have a decision made on September 10<sup>th</sup> with the successful candidate starting about mid October.

### **Road Projects 2010:**

As you are aware the road projects have started. The preconstruction meeting with our engineers and public works staff was on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Progress on these projects to date include;

- Removal of the old asphalt on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 51<sup>st</sup> Street to highway 28. A Road Closure will be in effect from 52nd Street along this route from September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The contractor has indicated that the new overlay of this road will be completed before the Town Wide Garage Sale.

- The pavement has been removed from the 49<sup>th</sup> Street overlay project and the base has been repaired and new road gravel has been placed. The paving is expected to be done on Tuesday.
- The outdoor Rink has the base material removed and the “fines” from the other projects has been used to add support to the base. Paving is also expected to occur on Tuesday.

#### **Sewer Lift and Forced Main:**

Contractor is continuing to work on the lift station building and installing the electrical and mechanical infrastructure. Completion, as I reported last meeting, is still set for late September.

#### **By-law Enforcement:**

At the last Council meeting I was directed to look into finding a solution to evening coverage in the Town. Although I have met with the RCMP, Sturgeon County By-law officers and the CAO's to determine what options are available to the Town I have no recommendations to bring forward at this time.

Mayor Nimmo, Councilor Wyatt and I met with Staff Sergeant Richards with respect to some recent events in the Town. The meeting concluded with a commitment from S/Sgt Richards to increase RCMP presence in the Town.

#### **Meeting of all Community Groups:**

An invitation will be extended to all community groups to a meeting tentatively scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to look at ways we can combine resources, look at grant opportunities and generally give the various groups in Town an avenue to communicate together and with the Town directly.

#### **Sturgeon County Regional Partnership CAO's Meeting:**

The Town of Gibbons hosted the Sturgeon County Regional Partnership CAO's meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup>. At this meeting the CAO's reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the partnership committee and were ask to take them to their respective Councils for ratification. We also looked at funding issues surrounding recreational facilities. To this end, the town will be gathering information as to rural usage of town facilities. The ultimate goal will be to develop and recommend amendments to the current funding structure.

#### **2. Public Works Report**

##### **a) Water**

-Chlorine is at 1.0 mg/ltr average for two weeks. The minimum chlorine is 0.5 mg/ltr the high is 1.5 mg/ltr. This is at the reservoir. We also do grab samples at various locations through the Town 5 days a week and send in a Bacterial Test to the lab once a week from various spots around Town.

-Reservoir is at 95%

-We are installing water to the lift station, we just have to connect to the two Curb stops now.

-The Chlorine analyzer in the pump house is being moved and recalibrated. We are waiting for the Water Commission guy to show up.

##### **b) Sewer**

-Camtrac will be inspecting River View, 51 Street from 48 Ave to 51 Ave and some of the old core if money permits.

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

-In-line hit the Bon Accord sewer line by Long Riders it was repaired within 2 hours all appropriate agencies were notified, there was no environmental impact.

-We will be cleaning the catch basins this fall.

##### **c) Roads**

-Potholes and being filled as required and time permits.

-Line painting is on going the wet weather slowed him down a bit.

-Crack filling is completed.

-Sidewalks are done except for the Asphalt rehab, which will be completed shortly.

-50 Ave from 52 Street to Hwy 28 will be closed for resurfacing from 6am 8 Sept to 9 pm 9 Sept.

-49 Street between 48 and 45 Ave and the outdoor Arena will be paved this week weather permitting.

d) Parks

-Grass growth has slowed down. West entrance slopes will be done this week. We will do a touch up mowing this week for garage sale.

-Will be removing wooden structure at Poplar Park.

-We will be putting some washed sand in some of the parks.

e) General.

-Flowers were vandalized in various areas around Town, nothing overly bad but still being done. It was reported. The pots are being removed after the Town wide garage sale.

-Lift station construction is scheduled to be completed around end October.

-West entrance sign is complete. Except for the Topsoil and seeding in front of it, this will be done this month.

-Weed control has been completed.

-The concession and lobby floor of the arena has been washed and waxed it looks great.

-The 40 foot sea container will be moved to the PW yard in the next few weeks. Once the shelves are installed the 20 foot one.

-The 2 tub sink in the Concession is complete.

-Arena ice is on schedule for the opening on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

-Garage sale signs are out.

Councillor Smyth advised that the ice at the arena is fantastic. The Power Skating instructor informed her that it's the best ice she has been on this year.

Councillor Fraser indicated that he appreciated the more detailed Public Works Report.

3. Significant Events Report – July Report

This item was received as information.

4. Significant Events Report – August Report

This item was received as information.

5. Building Permit Report

This item was received as information.

6. July Permit Report

This item was received as information.

7. August Permit Report

This item was received as information.

8. Community Services Director's Report

Meetings attended:

-June 18- Edmonton Evergreen Directors meeting

-June 24-25- Mental Health First Aid

-June 29- Canada Day Committee meeting

-July 1- Canada Day

-July 7- Primary Care network meeting

-July 19- ABC Camp meeting (Parent Link Centre)

-July 22- Parent Link meeting

-July 29- Edmonton Evergreen Directors meeting

-July 14- Sturgeon River Historical Society meeting

-August 18- Sturgeon River Historical Society meeting

-August 31- LDSH(RC) meeting

1. Sturgeon Literacy

Nicole Catagas has been hired as the new Sturgeon Literacy Coordinator effective September 7, 2010.

2. Freedom of Town

I met with Major John Cochrane to discuss details of the Freedom of the Town Parade to be held Saturday, October 2. They are still waiting for confirmation from Brigade on the details, but they foresee no reason that they will not get the go-ahead. Tentatively details are as follows:

- Parade start time will be 10:00 a.m., with an approximate 60-90 minutes from beginning to end
- Entrance of the parade will be from highway 28A
- 16 vehicles- 8 Tanks and 8 Coyotes
- 1 mounted troop
- 100 soldier honour guard
- There is a possibility that the Loyal Edmonton Regiment will pipe the parade in
- Static display planned
- The LDSH(RC) kitshop will be invited to set up
- Media- they are taking care of all media contacts- the Journal, Global, Breakfast T.V. I did confirm with them that our local papers will be informed also.

3. Summer Programming update 2010

We had a very successful summer in all our programs. Final reports will be available at the end of September.

4. Seniors Horizon Grant

We are still waiting to find out if we will be receiving this grant. We should hear by the end of September.

5. CFEP Grant

We were informed that we will not be receiving this grant for the Echo Glen Playground replacement. It is also noted that municipalities are now no longer eligible to apply for this grant.

6. Before and After School Care

We have canceled this program due to low enrolment.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. CSB

Councillor Smyth attended and advised they had their budget meeting; as well they discussed the Freedom of the Town scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councillor Smyth also advised that the "Before and After School Care" has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

2. Meeting With Staff Sgt. Richards, Morinville RCMP

Councillor Wyatt advised that the Mayor, Town Manager and himself met with St. Sgt. Richards in regards to the latest rash of vandalism in town. Councillor Wyatt advised that St. Sgt. Richards expressed the importance of the residents reporting anything suspicious. He also advised that they would do extra patrols.

3. Waste Water Conference

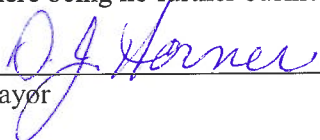
Councillor Fraser advised that he will not be at the Sept 22 regular meeting as he will be in Calgary at the annual Wastewater Conference.

4. Capital Region Water Services Commission

Deputy Mayor Horner attended and advised that at the November meeting they will be making a decision on the twinning of the water line to Redwater.

The Press asked that the agenda be put on the website.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Horner adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

  
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