

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010**

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

Absent Was: Councillor Wyatt

Staff Present: Eric Lowe, Superintendent of Public Works and Zeljka Strazza,
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. Councillor Smyth requested to add 9.5 to New Business, Community Services Board recommendation to accept two board members resignations.
2. Councillor Smyth requested to add 9.6 to New Business, Community Services Board recommendation to accept new appointments to the Community Services Board.

10/009 Councillor Parsons moved additions to the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

10/010 Councillor Smyth moved the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Regular Meeting – January 13, 2010
Deputy Mayor Horner advised that item # 5 in Committee Reports was not a
Constituency Meeting and should be changed to luncheon Honorable Ray Danyluk and
MLA, Jeff Johnson.

10/011 Councillor Fraser moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on
January 13, 2010 be adopted as corrected. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS

10/012 Mayor Nimmo moved that the accounts in the subtotal amount of \$ 194,195.93 be
ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Boutin declared pecuniary interest and left the room at 7:04 pm.

10/013 Councillor Fraser moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$ 194,589.68
be ordered paid. CARRIED.

Councillor Boutin returned to the room at 7:05 pm.

APPOINTMENTS

S/Sgt. Mac Richards did not attend scheduled appointment at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sturgeon County – Delorey Subdivision Approved Conditionally

This item was received for information.

2. Bon Accord/Gibbons Food Bank – Thank You Letter

This item was received for information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Appoint Henry Taylor as CAO effective February 8, 2010 and to
give Mayor Nimmo the authority to sign the contract with Mr. Taylor.



- 10/014 Councillor Fraser moved to approve the resolution. CARRIED
2. Government of Alberta –New Vendor Selected for Emergency Public Warning System Upgrade

This item was received for information.
 3. Sturgeon Foundation – Board Meeting Highlights


This item was received for information.
 4. Fort McMurray Trade Show – April 30 – May 2, 2010

This item is being brought forward for further discussion to the next Council Meeting scheduled on February 10, 2010.
 5. Community Services Board Recommends to Council to accept resignation of Lore Grant and Donna Floden from the Community Services Board effective December 31, 2009.

Councillor Smyth moved to accept Community Services Board Recommendation. CARRIED.
- 10/015
6. Community Services Board Recommends to Council to accept new appointment of Darren Longstaff for a 2 year term and Christine Steventon for a 2 year term, to the Community Services Board effective January 1, 2010.

Councillor Smyth moved to accept Community Services Board Recommendation. CARRIED.
- 10/016

STAFF REPORTS

1. Acting Town Manager's Report
 1. Landrex – Wedgewood Development Agreement
The Wedgewood Development Agreement is on hold for now...until they feel Gibbons Market is more stable.
 2. Christmas Tree Pickup
Public Works Staff picked up approximately 50 Christmas trees on January 15th. This worked well and hopefully alleviates the trees being dumped and is much more convenient for our residents than trying to cut to fit into the waste bins. We will advertise earlier next year and do the same.
 3. Proposed Community Centre and Library
I received a call from the Architect, Bob Scott, Enigma & Variations Architecture. He was looking for an update on this project. I advised that we were uncertain at this time...that it was on hold and not eliminated. He indicated that his initial projected costs might be somewhat high in today's economy, as industry is highly motivated and that lumber prices are much lower.
 4. West Gibbons Area Structure Plan
Received a call from Sturgeon County regarding our Sturgeon River Valley Joint Area Structure Plan, as this forms part of the West Gibbons ASP (west bank) Sturgeon County Council will be addressing the Joint River Valley ASP at their meeting on Tuesday, January 26th. They are considering two options: to amend the Joint ASP or to rescind the Joint ASP.
 5. Strategic Plan – Activation Analysis
Asked D. Conway if she could advise when Council might see a draft report of our Strategic Plan. They are finalizing the plan and will take to the Citizens Advisory Group early in February. Council should have the Draft Report for their February 24th meeting.
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6. Joint Purchase of Fire Trucks

Our Joint Municipal Sponsorship Grant application has been received by Municipal Affairs. With the Canadian dollar strong we should see some good pricing on the Fire Trucks. Now we just wait to hear about our grant application.

7. Joint Quality Management Plan – Safety Codes Council

The Town of Gibbons has provided Administration of the Joint QMP since its inception. I met with Sturgeon County's new Deputy Fire Chief, Pat Mahoney. Sturgeon County has offered to provide the Administration portion of the Fire Discipline only. This makes sense as they have a vested interest, the knowledge and the manpower to ensure compliance.

8. Sturgeon County – Mayors Business Breakfast – Wednesday, February 17th
Please let Annette or Cindy know if you are planning on attending as they can ensure the cheque for payment at the door is correct.

9. Council Expense Forms

Using Direct Deposit for our payroll needs has resulted in a few necessary changes. In order to assure your expense claims are included on your monthly cheque, please have your forms in by the 15th of that month. Thank you.

2. Public Work's Report

a) Water

- Chlorine is good
- Reservoir is at 100%

b) Sewer

- Sewer lines are good at this time.

c) Roads

- Snow removal is going good, we have River View and Williams Park left to do. This will be done this week starting tomorrow with signs going out today.
- Last week we completed Birch, 43 Ave (this includes 47st that joins 43 Ave) and 50 St off of Birch and Poplar. Towed a total of 2 vehicles. The signs seem to be working.
- At the Northern Area Ideas Group I asked about public safety while moving snow, the only real answer is flag people, which we just don't have the manpower to accomplish this. Our operators will take extra care in ensuring this operation is done as safe as possible.

d) Parks

- Nothing until spring.

e) Arena

- Compressor went down on Friday it was a fuse.

f) General

- Outdoor arena seems to be getting good use.
- Equipment is running well.

3. Town of Gibbons – Bylaw Services Significant Events Report 2009

This item was received for information.

4. Sturgeon County – December report.

This item was received for information

5. Community Services Director Report

Meetings attended:

November 24th – Joint Use Meeting at LTS



December 3rd – Joint Use Agreement LTS

December 9th – FCSS Advocacy Training

December 10th – January 6th Medical Leave

January 7th – January 15th – Medical Leave ½ days

January 16th – CAO interviews

January 19th – Literacy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

January 20th – Meeting with Shelly Greenwood, Gibbons School Councilor

1. Community Survey

Council has put this on hold as the work from Activation Analysis is duplication. We are waiting for the report from them regarding the community focus group meeting that have been held.

2. Outdoor Arena Lights

We have set the lighting hours at 5:30 pm – 11:00 pm, 7 days a week. The lights are automatically reset if there is a power outage or surge. If anyone goes by the arena and notices the lights out during these times, it would be appreciated if they could contact the Town the next day. We will not know if the lights are working consistently as it is outside the hours of the Town Staff.

3. Medical Leave

I was gone for part of December and January due to eye surgery. The first surgery was done on December 10th and the second was on December 21st. The problem has been corrected and I have been back to work full time since January 18th.

4. Sunflower Community Resource Program

We are interviewing for a new Program Coordinator on Thursday, January 21st. We hesitated to replace Teena as we were unsure of the status of the funding for the coming year. We have been advised by Region 6 Child Services to go ahead and hire for a short-term contract. More information regarding the funding will be released in the next few weeks. Diane Jackman has also taken leave until March 31, 2010 due to her husband's health.

5. Freedom of the Town 2010

I have made contact with the Lord Strathcona's regarding a Freedom of the Town Ceremony. We are looking at June as the Regiment is over committed with Afghanistan and the Olympics.

6. Fire Chief's Report

1. Calls to date: - Town Calls 3 so far this year.

- County calls 6 this reporting.

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2. Current membership is 25.

3. Day (Monday to Friday) response is a concern; there is not a lot we can do at this time. No change to this statement. Hopefully some of the new members will be around through the day.

4. Raffle for the Quad was won by Janine Bouvier from Casa Vista and the TV was won by Mollie Huser from Calgary we made \$ 20,613.44 on the raffle.

5. Upcoming event is Hot Dogs on Family Day at LTS

6. I attended a County Chiefs meeting on January 21st, highlights are:

o Switch over to Strathcona Dispatch is expected to happen this year, date and time to be determined.

o New training has been developed, it will be under the province now.

o New Deputy Chief is Pat Mahoney, Emergency Services Officer is Wayne Rose.

7. 2009 year in review is as follows:



Membership was up as high as 31 we are down to 25 right now with about 10-15 reliable. We will be recruiting again.

County 133 broken down as follows:

MVA	32	
Grass Brush Fires	33	
Vehicle Fires	9	
Structure Fires	5	
Medical assists	6	
Stand downs	19	
Nothing Found	10	This includes Flare stacks
Remaining	14	Alarms, Train derailment, Fuel Spills
Misc	5	Includes a dumpster fire

Town Calls 20 broken down as follows:

CO2 alarms	6	
Stars Landings	3	
Med Assists lift	2	
Fires	7	2 Garbage, 3 Grass/brush and 2 Veh
Fuel Spill	1	
Turck into Macs	1	

- o Unfortunately 4 fatalities total in both of the above.
- o Different calls for us this year, a train derailment, a truck through Macs and a Ford Ranger Broken in half.
- o Redwater Fire first night I had 19 members attending and of course this petered out over the next few days but the initial call within the 6 hours I had the 19 members. Total hours on this fire was 390 man hours.
- o Man hours for the county actually on scene not including Redwater fire 147 this is not including the 2 hours minimum either.
- o Man hours for the Town 16.5.

Training has been great this year, our recruit program is working great, when Will is done with the new members I am confident they are ready for any scene under direct supervision of course to ensure how to perform under pressure.

School bus extrication training was very full and information day for all who participated. If you didn't learn something then you weren't paying attention.

We did a low angle rescue course started on a Friday night at 6 pm and finished approximately 7 pm on Sunday full days very good instructor and well put on.

The company was called Tech Rescue (Technical Rescue Training and Services). Instructor was George Hanus.

So far this year we had two structure fires, one mutual aid to Redwater and one of our own, this is 2 of our 6 county calls.

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Deputy Mayor Horner moved that the staff reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Smyth attended CAO interviews on January 16th, Community Services Board meeting on January 20th and Community Services Board Development on January 23rd.

Councillor Parsons participated in CAO interviews on January 16th.

Deputy Mayor Horner attended an open house for the Power Transmission Line on January 27th and has asked the council for approval to attend Economic Development course put on by ECD Alberta on March 26 & 27th.

 Mayor Nimmo attended the CRA meeting on January 14th, CAO interviews, GIS Committee meeting, NR Care, Community Services Board development on January 23rd.

Councillor Wyatt attended Historical Society meeting and Remembrance Ceremony in Gibbons.

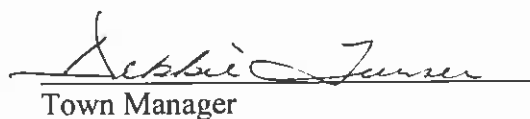
Councillor Boutin was at the Library appreciation supper and attended Community Development through Citizen Engagement put on by AUMA.

Councillor Fraser attended the waste water meeting and advised \$ 89 million of projected capital waste project is going ahead, CAO interviews, Sturgeon Foundation meeting on January 20th and Community Services Board Development on January 23rd.

As there was no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Mayor



Town Manager