

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

Council Present: Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Horner, Parsons, Rollison, Sandahl and Wyatt

Council Absent: Deputy Mayor Fraser

Staff Present: Henry Taylor, Town Manager, Lanny Boutin, Manager of Sustainable Development and Chris Sutherland, Recording Secretary

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Councillor Horner requested an in-camera session to discuss some general issues and added Item 8.4 - "Community Centre Grant". The CAO also requested an in-camera session to discuss a development issue.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

11/028 Councillor Horner moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting – February 9, 2011

11/029 Councillor Sandahl moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2011 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**ACCOUNTS**

1. Accounts

Mayor Nimmo moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$37,088.21 be ordered paid.

Councillor Horner questioned whether cheque 20110288 was a possible duplication. Mr. Taylor will investigate and report back to Council.

11/030 Councillor Sandahl moved that the total accounts payable in the amount of \$37,088.21 be ordered paid with the above consideration. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Sturgeon County – Response to Draft Functional Planning Study – Highway 28A:03

This is information requested by Council and was received for information.

 2. NAMRC Membership

11/031 Mayor Nimmo moved that Council reconsider membership with the Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves Caucus. CARRIED.

11/032 Councillor Wyatt moved that we maintain membership with the Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves Caucus for a fee of \$300.00. CARRIED.

3. Removal of Councillor Sandahl's Tabled Motion

Councillor Sandahl withdrew his motion to support the Bruce Turner Memorial Fastball Tournament as a tourism event by waiving the rental of the ball diamonds. This item was looked after by the Community Services Board.

4. Community Centre Grant

Councillor Horner requested information on the Community Centre Grant (application, approval and received dates, etc.). The CAO will compile a summary report for Council.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Select Engineering Consultants Ltd. – Highway 28A Safety Audit/Acceleration Ramp Options Quote

11/033 Councillor Sandahl moved to approve the expenditure for this project providing Sturgeon County was notified of our intent. CARRIED.

Councillor Horner suggested that administration ask Sturgeon County for any concerns they may have and also ask if they would be willing to pay for half of the study.

2. Gibbons Community Services Board Recommendations To Council

11/034 Councillor Rollison moved to concur with the Gibbons Community Services Board recommendations and regretfully accept the resignation of Irene Heath and Dawn Rubin from the Community Services Board he also moved to approve the amendment of Policy No. CSB 09/03 to read “Cancellation requests prior to the deadline date of a course will be subject to an administration fee of 1/3 of the fee of the course, up to a maximum of \$25.00 per course.” CARRIED.

Council requested that letters and plaques be sent to Ms. Heath and Mrs. Rubin in appreciation of their volunteer services.

## STAFF REPORTS

1. CAO's Report

Mr. Taylor gave a verbal CAO Report.

### Lift Station

The lift station project is down to the final stages. We are awaiting ATCO Gas to run the main line and hang the meter, which should happen Thursday or Friday. Pressure testing the lines is complete and has passed. We are now ready to move into the commissioning phase of the project. The only obligation the contractor has left is landscaping and cleaning up of the site. The project is winding down.

### Pottery Guild

Kelly Taylor, Lanny Boutin, and Mr. Taylor met with the Pottery Guild to see how the town could help, as they are experiencing financial and manpower challenges. They discussed possible grants and promotional advertising.

2. Public Works Report

- a) Water

-Chlorine is at 1.3 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 80% it has been maintaining this level steady.

- b) Sewer

-Industrial Park holding tanks are being pumped out once every two week now.

-No backups this reporting period.

- c) Roads

-Snow removal is still ongoing, we are grading and picking streets as time and other jobs permit.

-Lanes are frozen again they should be good if we get another thaw.

-51 Street between 50 and 48 ave is a nightmare, this frozen with potholes and we have graded and put gravel in it but due to the weather conditions and us not having a ripper it goes back to the pot hole state within a few days. We will continue to maintain it the best we can.

- d) Parks

-Nothing until spring.

-Outdoor arena is cleared flooding is ongoing.

- e) General

-Lift station construction should be ready for Commissioning the first of March(knock on wood) They are putting the gas line in on the 22/23 Feb and power to the small lift station no later than Feb 25th.

-JCB was in at the dealer for repairs this week should be around \$4000.00 it was brakes and the reason the cost is high for brakes is that they are inside the differential housing. Then the cost of transportation one way must be added.

-The complaints about snow and ice are ongoing, but on the good side we have had a few compliments.

2. Fire Chief's Report

This item was received as information.

4. Sturgeon County – January 2011

This item was received as information.

5. Significant Events Report – January 2011

This item was received as information.

6. Community Services Report

Meetings/Events attended:

Jan 21-22	-Council Retreat
Jan 25-26	-FCSS Outcomes Training
Jan 27	-FCSS/Recreation Regional meeting
Jan 29	-Community Gardens Workshop (CIB)
Feb 2	-SALC meeting
	-Gibbons school meeting (grants)
Feb 4	-CIB National Steering Committee meeting
Feb 11	-Sturgeon Pottery Guild meeting
Feb 15	-Parent Link Centre meeting

1. New Program Coordinator

Amanda Richardson started in this position just before Christmas 2010. She will be responsible for program planning, special events and the Youth Centre. This is a new part-time position (18 hours/week).

2. Step- By Step Update

Darryl Tetz will be joining this group during his practicum. He is a retired teacher from the Sturgeon School Division that is currently a student in Grande Prairie College.

3. "The Shack" Gibbons Youth Centre

Is gaining popularity quickly and there have been an average of 15 Youths attending per night. We have started to advertise for The Shack via newsletters which were handed out at Gibbons School and on Facebook. Many of the Youth have said that the newsletter is what drew them into the Youth Centre. On February 12th there was a Movie Madness held from 5pm-10pm. There were 18 Youth that attended, 3 of which were youth from Bon Accord. There have been talks about having a Youth Dance at the end of March or early April at the Community Hall.

4. Volunteer Week

Will be a Super Hero theme- "League of Volunteers".

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Emerging Trends

Councillor Rollison attended this workshop and found it quite informative and helpful in understanding the many instances where the law profession enters into the everyday administration of municipal life. Mayor Nimmo, Deputy Mayor Fraser and Councillors Sandahl and Wyatt also attended.

2. FCSS

Councillor Rollison attended and reported that Misty Smith has been granted a 3 month leave of absence due to conflicts with work. Elections were held, Ashley Taggart has been appointed the new Chairperson with Terri Saunders as Vice-Chair. The recreation program

refund policy was altered for cancellations. A Community Volunteer Income Tax program will be provided.

3. Administration Law

Councillor Rollison and Sandahl attended this 2 day course. Councillor Rollison advised that with passing of this program attendees can register with the Provincial Government who can assign registrants with Combined Assessment Review Boards where required. Participants can sit on the Local Assessment Review Board, the Combined Assessment Review Board and the Municipal Government Board.

4. Community Centre Meeting

Mayor Nimmo, Councillors Horner, Rollison, Sandahl and Wyatt all attended this meeting.

5. FCSSAA Provincial Board

Councillor Rollison advised that he has decided to sit on the FCSSAA Provincial Board.

6. Roseridge Landfill Open House

Councillor Parsons attended and advise they had a great turn out. Mayor Nimmo and Councillor Wyatt also attended. They were both impressed with the Manager's presentation.

7. Sturgeon County's Mayor Breakfast

Councillor Horner and Wyatt attended.

8. Northwest Upgrader Announcement

Councillor Horner and Wyatt attended, it was a very well attended and very exciting.

9. Family Day

Mayor Nimmo and Councillor Sandahl attended the Family Day Events.

10. Library Board

Councillor Sandahl attended and advised that they are reviewing their policy regarding wages and benefits and also their personnel policy regarding yearly staff reviews. They are also looking at the possibility of the Cow bus program for July or August. Karen Rubin was elected Vice-Chair.

11. NAMRC

Mayor Nimmo attended. Discussion topics were: how to become a better lobby group, funding for senior housing and transportation and also Landuse Frame work. Chris Moore, Chief Information Officer for the IT Branch for the City of Edmonton gave a presentation on what they can and can't do. He also suggested that we could tap into their open data program. Bob Black, Edmonton Arena Group also gave a presentation.

12. Alberta Health Services

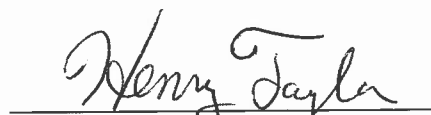
Mayor Nimmo and the CAO met with a couple of representatives from Alberta Health Services. AHS would like to do a needs assessment on the community. They also discussed the Primary Care Network.

11/036 Councillor Horner moved to go in camera to discuss general and development issues. CARRIED. Council went in-camera at 7:52 p.m.

11/037 Councillor Horner moved to revert to normal sitting. CARRIED. Council reverted to normal sitting at 8:18 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Nimmo adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
Manager