

MINUTES OF MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Lyle Sipe
Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Cheryl Phillips

CAO: Greg Gayton
Dave MacGregor – Reporter, West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
 2. Minutes of the July 13, 2015 regular Council meeting
MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the July 13, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 08/15/102**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

There was some discussion about the invoice from Highway 43 Services. It was noted that the invoice in question was not a Public Works invoice but was instead an invoice for servicing fire department equipment.

There was some further discussion about the suggestion about Canada Flag decorations on the lamp posts. It was noted that these do not have to be built for full sized flags, a good example are the hanging flags that Tags has on their building.

Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment Commander Carolyn Respet joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

4. Representation:

- a) Debbie Balderston – Cemetery Report

- b) Carolyn Respet – RCMP Report

Sgt. Respet reviewed her quarterly report with Council, covering the period of April 2015 to June 30, 2015.

There was some discussion about highway 43 patrol. Carolyn noted that 56% of tickets issued on highway 43 are for speeding, this covers the area between Wembley and Demmitt.

Vehicle thefts have been an ongoing problem. Some Councillors commented that sometimes you can read on facebook about various local thefts. Sgt. Respet cautioned people from putting on too much information regarding vehicle thefts or circumstances as criminals do monitor social media to look for opportunities.

Sgt. Respet reported that Constable Ryan Cashell has left and a new officer will be replacing him in due course. She also advised that she will be leaving her post in Beaverlodge on September 7, 2015 as she has been promoted. She will be assuming command of the Valleyview detachment at that time. In the interim after she is gone and before the new Sergeant is hired, Graham Johnston will be the acting Sergeant.

Councillors wish Sergeant Respet the best of luck on her new position in Valleyview.

Sergeant Respet noted that the Beaverlodge Detachment would like to work with the local communities in doing an auction of items that had come into their possession, this included evidence, recovered stolen property for which there is no owner. Council indicated that the Village of Hythe would be willing to work with her on a project to

auction off some items, with the revenue from the auction going to a charitable cause. Sergeant Respet will also present this idea to the Beaverlodge and Wembley town Councils.

Sergeant Respet left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Council then joined by Debbie Balderston of the Cemetery committee. Deb was present to give Council an update on activities the committee had undertaken to improve the Cemetery. Ms. Balderston noted that there should be some rules regarding planting trees in and around graves. It was decided we will hold a meeting to discuss a new cemetery bylaw in the fall. Different municipal cemetery bylaws are available on the internet.

Cemetery committee would like to redo the signs at the cemetery, they would like place a sign at the gate that says "All burials need to be registered at the Village of Hythe office"

They would like to plant some spruce on the South side of the cemetery, Don Pearson has indicated that he would donate some spruce trees for this project. In order to facilitate the planting of the trees, they would like to move the existing dirt pile to the south west corner of the cemetery.

The committee would also like to do a plaque for Eldon Shail. The plaque would be a tribute to the time and effort Mr. Shail spent volunteering for the community at the cemetery.

The committee would like to restore the small building where the mapping and the register are located. Plans are still in the works to build a gazebo out there. Deb felt that we should be looking at having a spring and fall clean up out at the cemetery. There was some discussion about the County grass cutting this year at the cemetery. Staff will check into what the County mowing schedule has been for the Hythe cemetery, possibly there is some way the Village and the County can work together to enhance our grass cutting service there.

Debbie Balderston left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Kenny Huey joined the meeting at that time.

c) Ken Huey – Public Works Report

Council reviewed the Public Works report that had been submitted in the Council package.

There was some discussion about preparation for the fair.

Mr. Huey noted there was some issues with the Ferris mower and the mower has been taken to Cassidy's Equipment in Wembley for repair.

The new paving equipment has arrived. Public Works staff attended a training session on using the equipment. It has been in town for over a week doing some paving patching.

It was noted that we have some surplus road patch, which is probably no longer useful for us, staff will look into seeing if any other municipally would be interested in buying the road patch from us.

Kenny Huey left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Max MacAulay joined the meeting at that time.

d) Max MacAulay – Grader Leasing

Max MacAulay noted that he has just purchased a grader for personal use near his property, he would like to grade the service road near property and use his grader for snow clearing in the winter. He was wondering if the Village was interested in possibly making use of the grader. It was noted that this is a 140 G Caterpillar Grader. The

rental rate including operator would be \$140.00 per hour.

Mr. MacAulay then requested Council's input on extension of the service road. He would like to extend the service road further west to accommodate new development. He requested that Council consider some cost sharing on this project. Council advised that they would discuss it further, later on in the meeting.

Max requested that the signs alongside the road be moved further back in to the ditches to allow for snow clearing.

Council agreed to discuss his request.

Max MacAulay left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors reviewed the meetings they attended from July 13, 2015 to August 10, 2015.

Councillor Descoteaux reported that she had been to a few Library board meetings and also meetings of the Community Centre board.

There was some discussion about the Community Centre entrance door, the automatic opener not working. CAO will be contacting Northgate Electric about that.

Councillor Nicholson reported that he had attended the Hythe Arena cheque presentation ceremony and a sod turning ceremony for a new senior centre in Clairmont.

6. Correspondence:

- a) Municipal Sustainability
- b) Canada 150 Community Grants
- c) Minister for Seniors – grants in lieu

Items 6 a), b) & c) were received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Reserve Bids – Tax Sale Properties

It was noted that the taxes on one property had just been received today so there is only one property that needed to go to public auction on September 3rd, 2015.

Council noted that the grass at Blanche Anweiler property should be cut. Staff noted that Public Works has gone in there and cut the grass in the past.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips that the minimum reserve bid for Lot 25, Block 1, Plan 8120869 be \$11660.00. **CARRIED 08/15/103**

- b) Report re: ACP Projects- received for information.
- c) Certification Exams- received for information.
- d) Public Works Report- received for information.
- e) Bylaw #526 – further readings

Council then reviewed Bylaw #526, this is a new Bylaw that will replace our existing legislation regarding dogs.

Bylaw #526 had been given first reading at the July 13, 2015 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to give Bylaw #526 second reading. **CARRIED 08/15/104**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to give Bylaw #526 third reading. **CARRIED 08/15/105**

Council asked about some communication with the public now that the new Bylaw has been passed. CAO will be offering a press release advising the public of the changes.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Some discussion about replacing the fire pits at the campground, this might be a good winter project to embark on.

It was suggested that a new book by Alec McPherson, call Hythe's Hockey History might be a good promotional item for the Village to purchase. Staff will look in to buying some copies.

Councillor Phillips asked that the neighbor next door be given a weed notice for their back yard.

CAO asked for some assistance in judging the parade floats this year. Councillor Sipe will assist with judging the parade floats.

Dave MacGregor left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go into Camera. **CARRIED 08/15/106**

9. In Camera

Council then moved on to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

a) Land Sale Matter

While in camera Council discussed a Land Sale matter and a request that had been made at a previous meeting regarding proposed Canada Day event.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 08/15/107**

Council went back into open session at 8:05 p.m.

MOVED by Council Phillips to advise Madeline Hombert that Council decline to financially support the proposed July 1st, 2016 Canada Day Celebration. **CARRIED 08/15/108**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to cancel the August 1st, 2015 tax penalty on roll #1060000 - Hythe Motor Inn, in the amount of \$2,936.24. **CARRIED 08/15/109**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to give Teare Creek Contractor's Limited 90 days' notice to remove all vehicles, heavy equipment, moveable buildings and other items from the site. **CARRIED 08/15/110**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 08/15/111**

Time of adjournment was 8:14 p.m.