

FEBRUARY 23, 2015 MINUTES

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Cheryl Phillips
Gordon Nicholson
Carol Descoteaux
Lyle Sipe
CAO: Greg Gayton
Elise Mumert – Reporter for West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.
2. Minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular Council meeting
MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 02/15/22**

2. Business arising from the Minutes:
There was further discussion about the intermunicipal meeting. It was felt that due to the larger number of attendees at the meeting now with the City of Grande Prairie participating we may need a larger venue than the Golden Age Centre. It was decided to hold the meeting at the Hythe Legion. CAO advised that he was trying to get Mabel Sudnik to do the catering.
Councillor Descoteaux advised that the annual general meeting for Community Centre Society will be held in May now instead of April.
4. Representation:
 - a) Sgt Carolyn Respet – Beaverlodge RCMP detachment - Did not attend. Will meet with Council in March.
 - b) Monica Shaw – FCSS Report

5. Meeting Attended:
Councillors reported on meetings attended.

6. Correspondence:
 - a) Hythe Community Centre – request for donation
A letter was received from the Hythe Community Centre, regarding the Ladies Nite Out, they were proposing to hold on May 30, 2015. The letter is asking for a donation towards this event.
MOVED by Councillor Phillips to donate \$50.00 to the Ladies Nite Out. **CARRIED 02/15/23**
 - b) Abandoned well setbacks
Council reviewed correspondence regarding Abandoned well setbacks. Some discussion ensued regarding the well on the northeast corner of the Village.

Monica Shaw joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Council reviewed the FCSS report. Ms. Shaw discussed the meeting with the MLA's, to discuss FCSS funding for the 2015-2016 Provincial budget. She noted that despite Provincial funds that have been spend on parent link and other programs, it seems that many children in the West County area are still not well prepared for school. More effort needs to be put into ensuring that preschool programs are effective in this area. Monica noted that a new program, "Beyond the Books", had just commenced, there

are presently sixteen children and ten mothers involved in the program.
Ms. Shaw discussed the Passionate Heart Awards that were held on February 13, 2015 in Grande Prairie.
Monica also attended a meeting regarding early childhood development in Valleyview with the other FCSS Directors in our area.

Monica Shaw left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

c) Beaverlodge Victims Services

Council received an email from Bernadine McPherson at Beaverlodge Victims Services. They have booked Community Centre Board room for a training and focus group on Thursday, April 23rd. They would like to donate a park bench to the community as part of the event on April 23, 2015. They are asking the Village to assist with site prep and cover any cost associated with the site preparation.

Council discussed a number of options for the placement of the stone park bench that was donated by Victims Services. It was decided to have a temporary location for the park bench in front of the Community Centre or if that does not work out, the second option would be to have it in front of the Village office. The long term plan would be to have it at the Rae Dolemo Park.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve the temporary location of the park bench and also the permanent location as discussed. **CARRIED 02/15/24**

d) AUMA membership

Council reviewed a letter from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. The letter elaborated on the benefits of the Village retaining its membership in the association. An invoice for the 2015 membership was also attached.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to pay the AUMA Membership for 2015. **CARRIED 02/15/25**

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Appointment of Library Board Members – Maureen Yuill & Carrie Hogg. As discussed at the last meeting the Library Board has two new members.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to approve the appointment of Carrie Hogg and Maureen Yuill as Hythe Library Board members. **CARRIED 02/15/26**

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux noted that she had renewed the Village's ad for the Hythe Community Calendar for 2015.

Councillor Sipe asked that we ensure that the pavement patch is ordered early this year, we do not want to be caught without pavement patch in April and May of this year as we were last year.

There was some discussion about the pavement patch barrels that were already in the shop. CAO noted that there were about eight barrels there. Council suggested that the barrels be turned upside down and some research be done to see if they can be used. CAO will pass this information on to our new Public Works Supervisor, Kenny Huey.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go into Camera. **CARRIED 02/15/27**

Elis Mumert left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

9. In Camera:

a) Organizational Options

b) Personnel Matter

While in camera, Council discussed some Organizational Options and a personnel matter.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go back into open session.

CARRIED 02/15/28

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Phillips that the meeting be adjourned.
02/15/29

CARRIED

Time of adjournment was 6:35 p.m.