

MINUTES OF MONDAY JUNE 22, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Cheryl Phillips
Carol Descoteaux
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton
Dave MacGregor - West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. Minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the June 8, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 06/15/86**

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation for the County of Grande Prairie and Kylee Haining, Recreation and Sport Manager for the City of Grande Prairie joined the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Councillor Nicholson joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Ms. Schur and Ms. Haining explained that they were in the beginning steps of preparing a Joint Recreation Master Plan for the City and the County. They wanted to include all the urban municipalities as well, so that the master plan gave a more thorough representation of the recreation activities and needs not only in the City and County but also all the communities contained within the County. They are hoping to have a mail out survey for fall. They will be asking for community input with a house hold survey, interviews with key stake holders, public events and open houses.

The consultant will be looking at the inventory; utilization of facilities; and trends and issues in terms of the provisions of recreation services.

They were asking for a resolution of support from Village Council, they would also be drawing on the resources of the Village in terms of providing information about the facilities and services with in Hythe. They noted that six indoor facilities have been selected for a more detailed review including a life cycle assessment. The Hythe Arena was one of these six facilities.

Megan Schur and Kylee Haining left the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to support the Joint Recreation Master Plan process as presented, and to send a letter of support. **CARRIED 06/15/87**

3. Business arising from the Minutes: - No business arising from the minutes.

4. Representation:

- a) Regional Recreation Master Plan
- b) Dan Dibbelt – PREDA
- c) Kenny Huey – PW Report

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors reported on the meetings they attended from June 8, 2015 to June 22, 2015.

Councillor Descoteaux noted that she had attended a Continuing Care Board meeting, they are in the process of purchasing some more furniture, also discussing some fundraising.

Councillor Phillips commented that she had received a notice for an upcoming Pioneer Home Board meeting.

6. Correspondence:

a) Village of Pouce Coupe – Canada Day Celebrations

The Village of Pouce Coupe is hosting a Canada Day Celebration on Wednesday, July 1st, 2015. Councillor Nicholson volunteered to represent the Village of Hythe at the celebration.

Dan Dibbelt, the Executive Director for the Peace Region Economic Development Association (PREDA) joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Dibbelt was there to explain the services that PREDA offers its member municipalities. Hythe is one of the 27 municipalities in Northwestern Alberta that are members of PREDA. Mr. Dibbelt explained that PREDA has a advocacy role in lobbying on behalf of municipalities in terms of lobbying for more economic development in Northwestern Alberta. They also will act as an EDO (Economic Development Officer) for municipalities that do not have the resources for a permanent EDO position.

Some recent trends are more ethane fracking going on in the country. There have been some foreign investments in agricultural products, such as canola and honey. The foreign investors find that Northwestern Alberta is a cleaner place to grow produce as compared to some other counties where pollution is an issue.

PREDA meets quarterly and the next meeting is August 7th, 2015 in Valleyview. They can provide many different consulting services. PREDA staff are available to help with municipal websites, to assist on consulting work and to help staff with getting in touch with the appropriate contacts. It was noted that PREDA has a small project grant program. Hythe has participated into contributing to the fund, but has not submitted a grant request since the program's commencement.

There was some further discussion about railway issues and transportation matters.

Mr. Dibbelt commented that this area should be promoting the cost of living in Northwestern Alberta as compared to the cost of living in Northeast BC. It is much more expensive to live in British Columbia with the tax structure and other expenses as compared to Alberta. Dan Dibbelt offered to assist the Village in their efforts in trying to communicate with CN Rail, and also to have some preliminary discussion on land development.

Mr. Dibbelt left the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Kenny Huey joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Huey noted that he had been researching fall-arrest mechanisms a new hoist and chain was required. Cost is approximately \$1900.00. Council advised they would consider it later on in the meeting.

There was some discussion about obtaining fenders for the Kubota tractor. Council felt this could be looked at in the next budget year.

Mr. Huey reported that there were some drainage issues at the compost station. With the recent heavy rainfall the site has not been useable. He questioned whether it was worthwhile to keep the compost station open at all. Council advised that the compost station should remain as a municipal facility.

Mr. Huey identified several properties that need clean up. CAO advised that he would look at both properties and administer the sending out of unsightly notices.

There was some discussion about some old barrels being contained in the Public Works

shop. These had contents that were not readily identifiable, possible could be old road tar from 2007 or earlier. Mr. Huey would like to dispose of them. It was decided to have an environmental consultant look at the material and provide some advice on disposal. Mayor Burgess noted that they were several spots where the tree branches were covering up the street signs. Public Works was advised that they were within their rights to clear tree branches away from street signs, so they are 100% visible. Council asked that a leaking valve at the campground which is in the wash line at the dumping station be repaired.

Kenny Huey left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

- b) Earthmaster – contaminated sites assistance – received for information
 - c) GP County – Dangerous Goods response – received for information
 - d) Safety Codes Council
- Council was advised that the QMP must be updated.
- e) Amisk Hydroelectric Project – received for information

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Dates for July and August Council meetings
- Council discussed the meeting dates for July and August, it was decided to hold the Regular Council meeting on Monday, July 13th and Monday, August 10th.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux that July 13th, 2015 and August 10th, 2015 be the regular Council meeting days. **CARRIED 06/15/88**

Dave Macgregor left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

- b) Northern Alberta Elected Officials – August 10th mtg. – CAO may attend.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Mayor Burgess asked that Kelly Rowat's property be inspected for the necessity of grass cutting.

Mayor Burgess also discussed some issues with fire pits and camp stoves at the campground, many of our fire pits are very old and in need of replacement. There was some discussion about getting a grant from PREDA to help replace those. It was also suggested that we could have Bevan Toews help us out by getting some estimates for the replacement of fire pits.

It was noted that the advertising sign at the campground was not up to date and it needs to be updated.

Mayor Burgess inquired about the possibility on getting some yellow paint on the curves. CAO advised that there are some regulations regarding no parking zones, he will look into that.

Council requested that staff look into the eavestroughing at the Village office. The rear downspout does not seem to be working, and the front downspout should be replaced. Staff discussed a request from Ben Klimach regarding putting handicapped parking on his property at 10021-101 Avenue. There was discussion if putting handy capped signs up without the blue paint on the street. CAO recommended that the blue paint would help assist in enforcement of the handicapped zone.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to put up a handicapped parking sign at 10021-101 Avenue as requested. **CARRIED 06/15/89**

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED 06/15/90**

9. In Camera

- a) Utility assistance proposal
- b) Tax Roll #3150-0001
- c) RCMP – APP
- d) Land proposal

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 06/15/91**

MOVED by Councillor Phillips that the property taxes for account #3150-0001 be paid from the rent received from that property. **CARRIED 06/15/92**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to respond to Alberta Health regarding a land matter. **CARRIED 06/15/93**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to purchase a new harness and winch for the fall-arrest as discussed. **CARRIED 06/15/94**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Phillips that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 06/15/95**

Time of adjournment was 8:19 p.m.