

MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

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 5:15 p.m.

2. Minutes of the April 27, 2015 regular Council meeting

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the April 27, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 05/15/65**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

Council discussed a few of the issues noted in the minutes. There was discussion about a property on 105th avenue which the County Bylaw Enforcement Officers are presently dealing with.

Councillor Sipe advised that there had been some feedback from the Fire Department regarding the fire training exercise on the weekend of April 25th for vehicle extrication. There had been some discussion back and forth between the Public Works Supervisor and the fire department members.

It was noted that we hadn't dealt with Greg Longson's request yet.

Holly Sorgen, Executive Director of Grande Prairie Community Futures joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

4. Representation:

a) Holly Sorgen – Community Futures

Ms. Sorgen gave a presentation on the services offered by the Community Futures organization as well as loans to businesses, community futures does offer other services. This included business training, succession planning and acting as facilitators for strategic planning sessions. Holly Sorgen noted that Grande Prairie Regional Community Futures has been awarded a three year contract with the federal government, so there is some stability in the near future. However they are dealing with financial issues and looking for some strategies to make organization more self-sufficient. This included looking at a business incubator program as an asset that can generate rental revenue for the organization.

They are also looking at services they can provide on a fee for services bases. While it is not their preference to do so, they may be looking for contributions from municipality's in the future to ensure the long term sustainability of the organization.

Holly Sorgen left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors reported on the meetings they attended from April 27, 2015 to May 11, 2015.

6. Correspondence:

a) City of Grande Prairie – Municipal Govt. Day
The City was inviting all municipalities to participate in some activities for municipal government day on Wednesday, June 10, 2015. No one is available to attend.

b) Peace Library System – Board Highlights
It was noted that Marcy Mac has been designated by the Library Board to attend the Peace Regional Library Board meetings. She had attended the May 9th, 2015 meeting.

c) AUMA Board News – received for information

d) Hythe Pioneer Home – Operating Assistance Grant
The Hythe Pioneer Home is requesting a grant from the Village of Hythe for the operation of the public transportation bus.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve a \$2,000.00 grant to the community bus. **CARRIED 05/15/66**

d) Water and Wastewater Survey

A consultant had done a community survey to ascertain each community's needs in terms of water/sewer services. This was received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Bylaw #525 – Mill Rates

Bylaw #525 established the 2015 mill rates for property taxation and the minimum tax.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to give first reading to Bylaw #525. **CARRIED 05/15/67**

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to give second reading to Bylaw #525. **CARRIED 05/15/68**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to consider Bylaw #525 third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 05/15/69**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to give Bylaw #525 third reading. **CARRIED 05/15/70**

b) Tractor Bids

Council reviewed three quotes for replacement of an existing municipal tractor. Quotes had been received from Cassity Equipment Sales of Wembley, Rocky Mountain Equipment - a Case dealer in Grande Prairie and from Grande Prairie Kubota. The Village had also received an offer to purchase the old 1494 case tractor. There was some discussion about the options available to Council. The CAO, Public Works Supervisor, Mayor Burgess and Councillor Sipe had toured all three dealerships and looked at various tractors on Tuesday, May 5th. There was some discussion about the size needed for the loader bucket, and other issues.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to approve the quote from Grande Prairie Kubota for a Kubota Tractor with a loader and land pride 96" mower. **CARRIED 05/15/71**

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to accept the offer from Highway 43 Services of Hythe for the 1494 Case Tractor, with front end loader, blade and mower. **CARRIED 05/15/72**

c) South Peace Community Learning

Council reviewed an invitation from South Peace Community Learning for an event on Thursday, May 21st in Beaverlodge to discuss adult learning. No one is able to attend.

d) Cheque Summary – Cheques # 20150244 - # 20150306

Council reviewed cheque #20150224 – 20150306 – this was received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Descoteaux asked if the grant for automatic doors had been received, she was advised that yes the money was presently here.

Mayor Burgess inquired about the Hythe Transfer trucks that were running at night in the Tags parking lot. It was suggested that he could file a complaint with the noise bylaw with Grande Prairie Regional Enforcement.

Elise Mumert left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Councillor Phillips was concerned about a resident who was pruning the Village's trees on the boulevard in front of his house. The resident will be advised that the Village will look after the pruning of trees and the CAO will contact the resident and ask him not to do any more tree trimming.

Council noted that there was an issue at Dave Christie's property. Clayton Christie is often parking on the road there and he leaves a lot of mud on the road, this mud should be cleaned up.

Renay Morgan and Michelle Huey joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m. They are here to discuss the fate of the Hythe swimming pool for the 2015 season.

It was noted that the process of gathering quotes for repairs has been slow as a lot of contractors are busy this time of year. There are only a few specialized contractors that can repair the pool tank where the marmites siding is lifting.

Michelle had a pool repair specialist who starts up Max Maculay's pool each year stop by and look at the Hythe pool on Saturday, May 9th. The pool repair specialist noted a lot of deficiency's with the pool and questioned whether it would be worthwhile to continue putting money into repairs, as it looks like it will be a sizeable expenditure need to redo the concrete and the tank. It was also noted that the mechanical system was not available for inspection, but that is probably another issue that needs to be looked at.

Renay Morgan noted they have not received a qualification from anyone qualified to be a pool manager, they did not feel comfortable taking applications from people who wish to be life guards or pool cashiers because the fate of the facility is uncertain. They did not want people making plans for the summer based on the possibility of a temporary possession there.

There was also some discussion about the timing of trying to get repairs done and still have the pool open for a significant portion of the 2015 season.

After considerable discussion it was decided not to proceed with a pool opening in 2015, this will allow us time to research the need for repairs on a more rational schedule and then with an idea in mind to have a long term decision in place for the 2016 season.

Michelle Huey and Renay Morgan left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Phillips to go into Camera. **CARRIED 05/15/73**

Council went into Camera at 7:20 p.m.

9. In Camera:

a) Personnel Matter

While in Camera, staff discussed a personnel matter

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to go back into open session. **CARRIED 05/15/74**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councilor Nicholson that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**

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Time of adjournment was 7:42 p.m.