

## MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

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

CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

2. Minutes of the May 11, 2015 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the May 11, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 05/15/76**

Council was advised that Dan Dibbelt from the Peace Region Economic Development was not available to attend tonight but he will be attending a Council meeting in the near future.

Public Works Supervisor Kenny Huey joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

He noted that the new Kubota tractor had been a good addition it really works well for cutting grass in large areas quickly.

There was some discussion about the sewer main repair that was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had received some assistance from other municipalities such as the Town of Sexsmith and the Town of Beaverlodge. Colin Juneau had been our primary backhoe operator. It was noted that the excavation was filled in on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Andy Tiesenhausen had used the camera on some of the lines, there were some other issues that were noticed east of the repair location.

Councillor Sipe noted that some of the picnic tables at the camp ground were in need of repainting, a lot of the paint has peeled off.

Monica Shaw joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Kenny Huey left the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Monica noted that the Volunteer Pancake supper had gone well the attendance number for this year was 142. Total cost of the event was approximately \$785.00. She did receive a \$500.00 grant from the province and a \$250.00 contribution from the County. Council had some comments on the volunteer week event. Councillor Descoteaux noted that Council should be involved in counting the ballots for the Ken Brandsetar Volunteer of the Year award and requested that the vote counting remain at the Council Chambers with Council present. There was some discussion about reading the nomination comments, some Councillors felt that people who submitted nominations for Volunteer of the Year with the idea in mind that their comments would be kept confidential. Some of them were surprised to hear their comments read aloud at a public gathering. Monica Shaw felt that the sharing of the comments added more background information about the winning volunteer. She stated that other people had supported the idea.

Ms. Shaw noted that play castle is going to one day a week and then they will be hosting a play and learn on the Thursday of the week.

FCSS has added a baby massage to program to the service and this has been a successful program.

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> is Trauma Drama in Hythe. There is good participation from the

Hythe Fire Department, plus there will be good participation from the school.

Monica Shaw left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

4. Representation:

- a) Dan Dibbelt – Peace Region Economic Development (did not attend)
- b) Public Works Report
- c) FCSS Report

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillors reported on the meetings they attended from May 11, 2015 to May 25, 2015.

Councillor Phillips gave Council an update on the Glas House, the Pioneer Home Board may need further financing to complete the project.

6. Correspondence:

a) Water and Wastewater Operations – High School Course

It was noted that Water and Wastewater Operations courses will be offered in the schools for students interested in Water and Wastewater Operation Systems. The goal is to help students decide if they would be interested in Water and Wastewater Systems as a career. Received for information.

b) GPREP – ICS for Elected Officials

GPREP is sponsoring a course for Incident Command Systems for Elected Officials. This is happening on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Council did not feel that that would be a workable day for them.

c) Beaverlodge Victims Services

Notification of their June 12<sup>th</sup> golf tournament – received for information.

d) Peace Library System

The Peace Library Systems 2014 annual report was received for distribution to Council members – received for information.

e) West County Community Foundation

Council received correspondence regarding the West County Community Golf Tournament. This will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Riverbend Golf Course. The foundation was requesting some funding assistance. Council agreed to be a course sponsor at a cost of \$140.00.

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips to sponsor \$140.00 to the West County Community Foundation Golf Tournament on August 15, 2015. **CARRIED 05/15/77**

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Council reviewed information on the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. Applications must be sent in by June 17, 2015. There had been some discussion about making an application about making repairs to the pool. Council did not feel that it would be appropriate at this time. Council felt a better alternative would be to apply for a splash park or a play park.

b) Seniors Week Activities

Council reviewed information on the Senior Week Activities.

c) Backflow Valve requirements

Council discussed distributing some information about the need for Backflow Valves to prevent sewer damage in basements. Mayor Burgess felt that we need to be getting the word out to the residents about the need to have Backflow Valves in their houses to prevent sewer issues. It was decided to do some advertising in the West County News and send a flyer out in the Hythe Post Office.

There was some discussion about the requirement for Backflow Valves in insurance policies. Some research will be done on insurance coverage to see if a Backflow Valve will affect the insurance policy.

Service Integration – CAO reviewed some information on Service Integration. There is a meeting on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for CAO's to discuss this. Grande Prairie County Council has indicated they would like to see a committee with Councillors in attendance.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Council felt that there should be some advertising for water rationing. There was concern about people watering the lawns during the heat of the day. Residents should be encouraged to water lawns between the hours of 9:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. that way water is not lost to evaporation.

Councillor Sipe was concerned that the Hythe Pioneer Home does not have a back-up generator. This may cause issues when there is a power outage at the Home. CAO will discuss the matter with the Pioneer Home CAO.

Councillor Phillips reported the Richard Smith has some material in his back alley easement. The back alley easement should be kept clear for fire and emergency purposes. Staff will look into that matter.

There are also some cars behind Frances Makela's house that maybe infringing on to the back alley. There will be some enforcement so people do not block the back alleys. Council discussed a recent incident involving a staff member, it was decided that the CAO should be sending out emails to Councillors when there are incidents occurring that they should know about.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to go into Camera. **CARRIED 05/15/78**

9. In Camera:

a) UFA – property information

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips to go back into open session. **CARRIED 05/15/79**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 05/15/80**

Time of adjournment was 7:05 p.m.