

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
Village of Lumby
Village Office, Council Chambers
Monday, June 16, 2008

Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Eric Foster
 Councillor Deb Leroux
 Councillor Matt McLenehan
 Councillor Elinor Turrill
 Councillor Ben Winters

Staff: Ken Klassen, Director of Finance and Approving Officer
 Frank Kosa, Administrator

Gallery: There were eight people present in the gallery

08/155 Moved by Councillor Turrill, seconded by Councillor Winters that the agenda be adopted, with the addition of a delegation to discuss tax rates.

CARRIED

08/156 Moved by Councillor McLenehan, seconded by Councillor Winters that the Minutes of the June 2nd, 2008 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

Delegations:

Mr. Harold Green of unit 29 in the Villas spoke to Council regarding the large increase in his 2008 taxes, and that the system for assessing taxes was not equitable.

Mayor Foster explained to Mr. Green and the delegation that the method of assessing taxes is under the legislation of Community Charter and the same regulations exist for the entire Province. The Village's 2008 tax rate decreased by 20.47% from the 2007 rate. The larger issue is that the assessed value of the property increased by 47%, and the assessment is

based on market value, and the Village does not control the assessment, and one should study the assessment notice that arrives in January as every property owner has the right of appeal to the BC Assessment Corporation.

Mr. Green requested copies of the minutes when the tax rates were approved. Administration was directed to forward a copy of the minutes to Mr. Green.

Mayor Foster thanked the delegation for their presentation.

08/157 Moved by Councillor Leroux, seconded by Councillor Winters that the Village of Lumby's 2007 Statement of Financial Information be received; and that the Village of Lumby Council pursuant to the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 9(2) approve the Statement of Financial Information; and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Statement of Financial Information Approval on behalf of the Village of Lumby Council.

CARRIED

08/158 Moved by Councillor Leroux, seconded by Councillor Turrill that the Village of Lumby 5th Annual Report and Council Remuneration and Expenses be received as presented and that the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for the Council of the Village of Lumby for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, be received in accordance with Section 168 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

08/159 Moved by Councillor Leroux, seconded by Councillor Turrill that the report on the Water Metering Program and the Staff recommendation be accepted; and further that Administration be directed to prepare a report for Council's consideration as to scenarios for the funding of a Water Meter Installation Program.

CARRIED

08/160 Moved by Councillor Turrill, seconded by Councillor Leroux that Council supports the proposal by the Lumby and District Chamber of Commerce for funding under the Tourism Grant Program for an Event/Mobile Tourism Marketing Trailer to serve Lumby and Area.

CARRIED

08/161 Moved by Councillor Leroux, seconded by Councillor Winters that By-law 682-2008, being a bylaw to amend Zoning By-law 395, 1986 as to the set backs for retaining walls and including a definition for retaining walls be adopted.

CARRIED

08/162 Moved by Councillor Leroux, seconded by Councillor McLenehan that the correspondence items be noted and filed.

CARRIED

08/163 Moved by Councillor McLenehan, seconded by Councillor Leroux that the information items be received.

CARRIED

08/164 Moved by Councillor Leroux, seconded by Councillor Wintners that the accounts for a the period of May 31 to June 12th be approved in the amount of \$85,610.65.

CARRIED

Council Reports:

Councillor Winters had no reports to present.

Councillor Turrill reported that she represented the Village and Council at the Crossroads Graduation in Vernon. She further informed Council that the Rendezvous Committee will be meeting the week of the 16th of June.

Councillor McLenehan informed Council that the Salmon Trail Committee has retained the services of a local artist to paint a historical informational sign to be installed on the Salmon Trail which will depict the history of the industrial lands. The Salmon Trail Guides have been hired for the summer months and the tour days and hours will be advertised in the local paper.

Councillor Leroux had no meetings to report on at this meeting.

Mayor Foster informed Council that the Regional District is proceeding with interviews for the Chief Financial Officer and that the Board is working to resolve outstanding services review issues with the City of Vernon, as to the Greater Vernon Services Committee.

08/166 Moved by Councillor Turrill, seconded by Councillor Winters that Council enter in-camera to discuss matters under section 90 of the Community Charter on matters relating to legal issues.

CARRIED

08/167 Moved by Councillor Turrill, seconded by Councillor Winters that Council revert to an open meeting.

CARRIED

08/168 Moved by Councillor Winters that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Eric Foster

Clerk