

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
Village of Lumby
Village Office, Council Chambers
Monday, March 2, 2009

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

Members Present: Mayor Eric Foster
Councillor Kevin Acton
Councillor Lori Mindnich
Councillor Tracy Williamson
Councillor Ben Winters

Staff: Ken Klassen, Financial Officer
Frank Kosa, Administrator

Gallery: There were seventeen persons present in the gallery

09/043 Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Acton that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

09/044 Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Williamson that minutes of the February 16, 2009 Regular Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

09/045 Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Mindnich that the minutes of the February 16th, 2009 Public Hearing be adopted.

CARRIED

Delegations:

Mr. Murray Tekano, District Manager for the Okanagan-Shuswap Ministry of Transportation presented Council with an overview of the various operations within, such as operational maintenance, rehabilitation and capital works. The budget of the district is approximately \$1.2 billion annually. Mr. Tekano stated that he expected the 2009-10 budget

to place a higher emphasis on capital projects, in an effort of the Province to stimulate the economy.

Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Tekano for his presentation.

Mr. Jeff Bray, Manager Government and Regulatory Affairs for Shaw Communications presented Council with an overview of the corporations activities within Canada, BC and Lumby. The corporation offers, cable TV, high speed internet and telephone services. The firm continues to improve services to meet the needs of its clients. He thanked Council for the opportunity to introduce the firm and the services they offer.

Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Bray for the presentation.

Rob Smailes and Anthony Kittel, representing the Regional District of North Okanagan presented Council with an update on the Growth Management Plan for the North Okanagan Region.

Mr. Smailes stated that the Growth Management Plan is a priority of the District, and that the Board of Directors has set a date of June, 2011 to have the plan in final form. Mr. Smailes request is that the Board of Directors is seeking confirmation of the Terms of Reference for a the Study from the various local governments, as the study was started in 2008, and with the recent elections, the Board was of the opinion that the newly elected Councils should have the opportunity to review the goals of the plan and confirm their support, as the document will offer a major planning direction for the Region.

Mr. Kittel offered a general overview of the various components of the Plan, being Economic, Agriculture, Air Quality, Transportation and Urban growth. Mr. Kittel gave some detail on each of the major components and looked forward to Council's support of the study.

Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Smailes and Kittel for their presentation.

Cheryl Altwasser thanked Council for the opportunity to present Council with the background of their Seniors Housing Committee, and introduced the members to Council. She then offered a brief history of the committee, and stated that the committee would appreciate the opportunity to work with Council to have a Seniors Facility in Lumby to serve the community, being Lumby, Area D and E residents.

Pat Pointer, being a member of the Committee stated that the desire of the committee was to have a facility to serve all residents of the greater community and that they looked forward to working with Council to create a facility that would serve the community for health services and seniors housing.

Cheryl Altwasser and Pat Pointer filed with Council written presentations.

Mayor Foster thanked the presenters and stated that Council would add their request for a committee to the agenda.

09/046 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Acton that the following resolution be forwarded to the Southern Interior Local Government Association for discussion at its annual conference:

WHEREAS the Province sets by regulation the per capita amount that a municipality may borrow under Section 178 Short Term Capital Borrowing and the amount has not increased for many years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have opportunities to infrastructure capital programs because of increased cost sharing programs being provided by the Federal and Provincial governments but may not have the reserves necessary to complete them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province increase the per capital limit of \$50 to \$100 under the provisions of Section 178 of the Community Charter, for Short Term Capital Borrowing.

CARRIED

09/047 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Williamson that the following resolution be forwarded to the Southern Interior Local Government Association for discussion at its annual conference:

WHEREAS the Province has developed a Property Tax Deferral program which is being expanded annually to include more eligible participants;

AND WHEREAS municipalities do not receive payment for the Deferred Taxes until well after their Property Tax penalty date and have foregone the penalty; while the Province collects an administration fee and interest from the Property Tax penalty date and does not in turn compensate affected municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province transfer to municipalities the interest they earned from the Property Tax due date to the date of actual payment.

CARRIED

09/048 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Winters that the memorandum dated February 25, 2009 regarding Strategic Community Investment Fund be received as presented and further that Council authorizes the signing of the agreement and that the excess funds be reserved until 2010.

CARRIED

09/049 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Mindnich that the Village of Lumby supports the application to the Community Development Trust Job Opportunity Program as developed by Cabin Forestry Services Ltd for upgrading trails which will assist in tourism marketing and create employment for forestry workers.

CARRIED

Councillor Williamson declared a conflict and vacated the Council Chambers.

09/050 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Acton that the Village purchase a quarter page ad in the Lumby Minor Hockey Provincial Playoff Program, for the amount of \$150.

CARRIED

Councillor Williamson returned to the Council Chambers.

09/051 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Winters that Council establish a Select Committee of Council that will consist of Council and three members of the public and further that Council

develop a Terms of Reference for the Committee to explore and report to Council on the development of a Senior's Housing Facility and Campus of Health Care.

CARRIED

09/052 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Acton that the correspondence items be noted and filed.

CARRIED

09/053 Moved by Councillor Winters seconded by Councillor Williamson that the information items be filed.

CARRIED

09/054 Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Mindich that the accounts for a the period of February 13 to February 26, 2009 in the amount of \$207,856.86 be approved.

CARRIED

Council Reports:

Councillor Williamson that she will be attending the next Health Services Society Meeting in March.

Councillor Winters reported that he attended the Lumby Days Society Meeting and they group was well on its way for the planning of the 2009 festival. He further stated that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and that the Chamber was in discussion with Esso relating to the old bulk station site, and that a letter would be coming from the Chamber to the Village. The Chamber is in the process of completing the Mobile Marketing Trailer by having the sound equipment installed through a local supplier. Mayor Foster requested Councillor Winters to remind the Lumby Days Society that the Village is waiting for their 2008 Financial Statement, in order that their application for a grant can be considered.

Councillor Acton reported that he attended the White Valley Community Resource Society Meeting, and that there were no issues brought forward that Council should be aware of.

Councillor Mindnich reported that she was appointed to the Policy and Planning Committee and the Vernon Stakeholders Library Committee through the Okanagan Library Board.

Mayor Foster reported that the activities of the Regional District were progressing, in the budget preparation for 2009 and that the District has eliminated and combined several of their Committees in an effort to better use administrative time and make the operation more efficient.

09/055 Moved by Councillor Williamson that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Eric Foster

Clerk