

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of Council  
Village of Lumby  
Village Office, Council Chambers  
Monday, May 4, 2009

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

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

Absent: On Leave      Mayor Eric Foster

Staff:                      Ken Klassen, Financial Officer  
                                 Roger Huston, Public Works and Parks Superintendent  
                                 Frank Kosa, Administrator

Gallery:                      There were eight people present in the gallery

**09/100** Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Acton that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

**09/101** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Winters that minutes of the April 20, 2009 Regular Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Delegations:

Deputy Mayor Williamson welcomed the parties present in the gallery, and informed them that Council would depart from tradition in relation to the normal procedure for acknowledging delegations in order that Council may receive input on the 2009-2013 Financial Plan, and more particular matters of concern relating to the 2009 Operating and Capital Budget. Deputy Mayor Williamson requested that the parties respect the process and that Council would listen to their input and respond accordingly.

Margaret Simons, 2230 Linea Crescent expressed concern as to the hard economic times, and suggested that the contract for the planters and hanging baskets in the business core could be replaced with artificial plants in the baskets which would last for a greater period and may produce a cost saving to the Village.

Deputy Mayor Williamson responded by stating that the contract for the baskets was approved in 2008 as a two year contract, and when the contract was tendered it was awarded to the lowest bidder. She stated that Council would take her suggestion under consideration for the 2010 budget process, and what options Council may consider for the future. Deputy Mayor Williamson thanked Ms. Simons for her input.

Scott Robar, 2219 Linea Crescent stated that the contract for the plants appears high and that perhaps Council can review the contract in future years.

Deputy Mayor Williamson thanked Mr. Robar for his input.

Dwayne Hackett, 1945 Saddlevue Avenue expressed his concern with the high increase of 8.45%.

Deputy Mayor Williamson, requested the Director of Finance to review the background for the proposed increase in taxes.

The Director of Finance stated that the increase in the proposed budget consists of many factors, such as a new service being added, that being Community Policing, secondly, that the Village has in the past received Fire Inspections and Investigations through the Regional District, and this service is no longer being offered through the District, and the Village has entered into a contract with the City of Vernon for the service, which is a requirement under the Provincial Fire Act. The Village is the recipient of major capital funding grants from the Province to assist in the replacement of the Shuswap Avenue Bridge and a Multi-purpose trail from Cedar Ridge Street to JW Inglis School. The works are estimated at \$700,000 and the cost to the Village is \$200,000 of that amount. It is just good business for the Village to proceed with these projects. Other matters that have an influence on the proposed budget was the decrease in industrial assessment, due to the closure of two industrial operations, this created a decrease of approximately \$25,000 in the current tax revenue. In developing the budget all matters are taken into consideration, such as services provided, risk management

and the cost of services acquired to provide the services, being the inflation factor.

Dave Otten, 2253 Cedar Ridge Court questioned what the cost of living increase is, within the budget, and secondly questions if the rural areas contribute to the capital improvements such as the bridge on Shuswap Avenue. He further questioned the method of valuating the average home assessment of \$253,000, stating that there are not many homes within the Village at that value, and that when a tax increase is levied; it seems it never comes down.

The Director of Finance stated that the inflationary cost of living is the provincial cost of 3.3%, for future years 2.5% is the estimated amount. The rural areas do not contribute to capital improvements for Village infrastructure. The program developed to determine an average home assessment is based on all residential properties, less vacant lots and mobile home park units; the mathematical equation is then the number of developed residential properties into the assessment of those properties.

Deputy Mayor Williamson requested from the Director of Finance if there were concerns expressed by participants attending the Open House.

Mr. Klassen stated that five persons attended the Open House, and that he reviewed the Financial Plan with the residents. He stated that in reviewing the material that there was acknowledgement that increases in services and the capital improvements will increase the tax rate, and although not being overly pleased, it was acceptable.

**09/102** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Mindnich that the Council approve the Tower of Care sign as designed and to be installed at the west pull-off on Highway #6.

CARRIED

**09/102** Moved by Councillor Acton seconded by Councillor Winters that the Village supports the application for funding under the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for Stage Three of the Water Supply System and that administration proceed to file the application.

CARRIED

**09/103** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Winters that the Village adopt the Occupational Health and Safety Program for the Village's operations, subject to the financial considerations, within the Village's Financial Plan.

CARRIED

**09/104** Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Winters that the Revenue Policy Disclosure Statement Requirements as required by the Community Charter be approved.

CARRIED

**09/105** Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Acton that By-law 697-2009, being the Village of Lumby Financial Plan for the years 2009-2013 be given first reading.

CARRIED

**09/106** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Mindnich, that By-law 697-2009, being the Village of Lumby Financial Plan for the years 2009-2013 be given second reading.

CARRIED

**09/107** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Winters that By-law 697-2009, being the Village of Lumby Financial Plan for the years 2009-2013 be given third reading.

CARRIED

**09/108** Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Acton that By-law 698-2009, being the Levying of Rates for Municipal, Hospital, School and Regional District be given three readings.

CARRIED

**09/109** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Mindnich that the correspondence be noted and filed.

CARRIED

**09/110** Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Winters that the information items be noted.

CARRIED

**09/111** Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Acton that the accounts for the period of April 21 to 30<sup>th</sup> be approved in the amount of \$49,152.88.

CARRIED

**09/112** Moved by Councillor Acton, seconded by Councillor Mindnich, that a Special Meeting of Council be held on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the 2009-2013 Financial Plan By-law 697-2009 and the Tax Levying 698-2009.

#### Council Reports:

Councillor Williamson reported that she will be attending the Lumby and District Health Services Society meeting being held the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Councillor Williamson informed Council that the Society has approached Interior Health for additional hours of operation for medical services as to the lab hours extension, and that the request has been not been approved. Councillor Williamson stated that she will have further information for Council after the next Society meeting.

Councillor Acton reported that the White Valley Community Resource Centre's revenue sources are below normal and that they may be seeking assistance prior to year end. They are seeking other revenue sources, through various senior levels of government programs. Councillor Acton stated that he will be meeting with the administrator of the District to review the Fire Department budget in respect to the decrease in fire inspection and investigations and the impact on the Village's budget.

Councillor Mindnich reported that the Okanagan Regional Library will be attending a policy and strategic planning session in mid-May.

**09/113** Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Acton that the Council approve the grant to the Lumby Day's Society in the amount of \$2,000, subject to the Society filing with the Village a 2008 Financial Statement.

CARRIED

**09/114** Moved by Councillor Acton that the Regular meeting of Council be adjourned, and that Council move into an in-camera meeting.

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Deputy Mayor

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Clerk



