

Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
Village of Lumby
Village Office, Council Chambers
Monday, February 15, 2010

Mayor Acton called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Staff: Ken Klassen, Director of Finance
Rob Smailes, Planner, RDNO
Frank Kosa, Administrator

Gallery: There were six people present in the gallery

10/033 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Winters that the agenda be adopted, with the following additions:
Delegation, Eric Foster, MLA
Business Items (b) contract for planters
Correspondence (b) Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program

CARRIED

10/034 Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Mindnich that minutes of the February 1, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

Delegations:

Mr. Dave Otten made a presentation to Council on the Village of Lumby budget and five year financial plan. Mr. Otten expressed concern that the tax increases have to stop, as if the costs continue, many people will be on welfare. He further stated that the Mayor has changed his position on the Village's operations in relation to tax increases from a period prior to the last election.

Mr. Otten stated that he has difficulty with the five year financial plan as it does include all of the supporting documentation.

He questioned the amount of funds within the budget and plan as to the costs associated with the proposed Community Forest, he questioned the feasibility of a community forest, and questioned if there was a fee for making the application.

He questioned the budget variation in relation to the fencing at the sewerage lagoon, as to the budget and the final cost. He questioned the wages within the sanitary sewer utility budget, he further questioned the costs associated with the General Government portion of the budget. He suggested that the budget and financial plan was fiscally irresponsible and that the wages should be looked at within the five year plan. He questioned the need for By-law Services, and questioned Protective Services – Community Policing component of the budget.

Mr. Otten filed a copy of a petition being circulated within the Village, and suggested that the padding within the budget be removed. He further made a comment that the Administrator informed a group of ten people that there was no wage increase in the budget, Mr. Otten being one.

Mr. Eric Foster, MLA thanked Council for the opportunity to address the Village as the MLA. Mr. Foster stated that the Government is deeply involved in the final stages of the budget, as based on the Throne Speech. Some of the Government's objectives as set forth in the Throne Speech is to work with the Federal Government to review the legislation and requirements for Environmental Assessments on major projects, such as mining and hydro plants. He stated that each level of government has their own review process, which adds additional costs to the proponents of major industry, and it is the intent of the government to have a combined form of legislation to the environmental assessment process.

The Province is continuing to work towards the generation of more green power, as BC Hydro is sold into the state of California and the state is moving towards purchasing only green generated energy. Mr. Foster stated that within the Throne Speech, the government is instituting a property tax deferral for families that have children under the age of 18. It is proposed that the new legislation will be similar to the legislation that offers property tax deferrals to senior citizens.

Mr. Foster touched on the new kindergarten program and that it will be in all schools by 2011. There will be a childcare program for children 3 to 4 years of age

that will enhance learning opportunities, and this program will involve the private childcare industry.

Mr. Foster stated that the cost of health care and education will continue to rise, and that presently 46% of the provincial budget is directed at health care. He stated that the government is looking towards more private-public partnerships to determine the most efficient method of delivering these services. As an example he referred to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital development, and stated that the budget for that facility which is a private-public development is on time and budget.

Mr. Foster thanked Council for the effort and job they are doing for the community.

10/035 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Winters that the Village approve the disposition of a portion of Lot A, Plan 30783, DL 164, ODYD to the BC Housing Corporation for the development of 16 senior and disabled housing units for a period of 60 years at a lease rent of \$10 and that a formal agreement be prepared for Council's approval.

CARRIED

10/036 Moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Williamson that The Village offer the contract to Naturally Green Acres Gardens for the supply of flower baskets and plantings for the entrance flower beds in the amount of \$4,861.30

CARRIED

10/037 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Winters that third reading be given to By-law 705-2010, being a bylaw to amend the Village of Lumby Official Community Plan 638-2005, to from Administration to High Density for portion of Lot A, Plan 30783.

CARRIED

10/038 Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Green that third reading be given to By-law 706-2010, being a bylaw to amend the Village of Lumby Zoning By-law 395-1986, for a portion of Lot A, Plan 30783 from Senior Assisted Living (CD-1) to Residential Multi-family (R-3) Zone.

CARRIED

10/039 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Mindnich, that

By-law 707-2010, being a bylaw to amend the text of the Village of Lumby Zoning By-law 395-1986, section 902.4 from .766 ha to .21 ha., be given third reading.

CARRIED

10/040 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Williamson that By-law 708-2010, being a bylaw to waive fifty (50%) per cent of the Development Cost Charges on Eligible Developments be given three readings.

CARRIED

10/041 Moved by Councillor Winters, seconded by Councillor Mindnich that the correspondence be noted and filed.

CARRIED

10/042 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Williamson that the information items be noted and filed.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Williamson reported that the White Valley Parks Recreation and Culture met on the 8th of February and finalized the 2010 budget, with a zero increase in the tax rate, however the Committee did take approximately \$38,000 from reserves to meet budget items, such as new swings for the parks in Lumby and Whitevale, and funding for the Cherryville Skating rink.

Councillor Winters stated that he would be attending a Lumby Days meeting during the course of this month, however the final date has not been set.

Councillor Green informed Council that she participated in the teleconference on the new Water Act, and she stated the just of the Water Act is to review Water allocations, licencing and better utilization of the water resources. She informed Council that she attended the Lumby and District Senior Housing Society's

meeting and stated that the society would not be raising the rent on the existing housing units in the current year.

Mayor Acton informed Council that he met with the Chamber of Commerce to explore the grants for the Summer Student program and how the Village could participate in the program. He informed Council that the gazebo located in the parking lot by the Lions Club Campground, which is used for the Salmon Trail programs would be moved to the site of the Chamber Office, as the summer students are involved in the Salmon Trail tours during the summer, and it is more efficient to operate from one location. The gazebo will be moved within the week.

Mayor Acton stated that he met with Colin Mayes, MP for our area, and they discussed the feasibility of funding for an adult/seniors exercise park. Mayor Acton stated that the administration would work with the MPs office staff to explore what funding may be available through programs, as the Federal Government will not be introducing new funding programs, but continue to complete the Stimulus Funding Program.

Administration informed Council that the White Valley Park, Recreation and Culture Master Plan has been installed on the Village's website for the general public's information.

10/043 Moved by Councillor Mindnich, seconded by Councillor Winters that Council enter into an in-camera meeting, under section 90(g) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

10/044 Moved by Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Winters that Council revert to an open meeting.

CARRIED

10/045 Moved by Councillor Williamson that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mayor Acton

Clerk

