

**THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 8, 2008 AT 5:30 PM**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Tye, and Van Otterloo.

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch  
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo, Debbie Ross

**AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the Agenda as amended:  
Additions under New Business:

- 10.) FCSS Letter
- 11.) Letter from CIA (Communities in Action)
- 12.) Correspondence Package MSI funding
- 13.) Canadian Badlands
- 14.) Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Workshops
- 15.) Oyen Public School Letter
- 16.) PEP (Palliser Economic Partnership) Presentation

**CARRIED**

**PREVIOUS  
MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2007 as corrected (misspelling of Christie Snell to correct to Kristie Snell). **CARRIED**

**AG SOCIETY  
ROAD**

Mayor Wilson reported on his meeting with the AG Society on January 7, 2008.

Proposed road was then discussed. It would remove 3 RV camp sites as well as shorten 2 sites if to be built. It was discussed what the costs may be, and where the funding will come from.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to obtain an estimate for the cost of construction of an access road to the Crossroads Center. **CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT**

Council reviewed the Public Works report submitted by Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky. Council discussed Assistant Town Foreman Position.

**RECREATION  
REPORT**

Council reviewed the Recreation Report submitted by Recreation Director Edward Peacock.

**RECREATION  
BOARD**

Councillor Bedwell presented a list with five volunteers of possible Recreation Board members and the Municipal Administrator presented two more possible volunteers from ad in paper. As there were 7 volunteers for 5 positions a vote was taken. Voting was tallied by Secretary Debbie Ross.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the following be appointed to the Oyen & District Recreation Advisory Board for a one year term:

- Paul Lijdsman
- Conny Hertz
- Glen Smigelski
- Doug Jones
- Sheila Davidson

**CARRIED**

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- BY-LAW NO. 781-07  
ATCO GAS  
FRANCHISE  
AGREEMENT** It was moved by Councillor Tye that By-Law No. 781-07 be given second reading. **CARRIED**
- It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that By-Law No. 781-07 be given third reading. **CARRIED**
- DRAFT  
BY-LAW 782-08  
BORROWING** Draft By-Law No. 782-08 was presented to Council for adoption. Being a By-Law to authorize the Council of the Town of Oyen to temporarily borrow for the purpose of financing operating expenditures.
- It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that By-Law No. 782-08 be given first reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that By-Law No. 782-08 be given second reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- It was moved by Councilor Van Otterloo that By-Law 782-08 be presented for third reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that By-Law 782-08 be given third reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- AMBULANCE  
SERVICES** Council brought forward concerns with regard to Ambulance services. Councillor Tye stated that the Big Country Medical Clinic Board will be meeting January 9, 2008, and these concerns will be discussed and will be setting up a meeting with representatives from Town Council, Special Areas, MD of Acadia No. 34, and Palliser Health representatives, Tom Seaman, Howard Snodgrass, Howard Barker and Bert McFayden.
- IN CAMERA-6:28 PM** It was moved by Councillor Tye to go In Camera at 6:28PM. **CARRIED**
- OUT OF CAMERA  
6:38 PM** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to go Out of Camera at 6:38PM. **CARRIED**
- PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE –  
SALARIES** It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the Salary Grid for the Town Employees, effective January 1, 2008, as recommended and presented by the Personnel Committee. **CARRIED**
- Town of Oyen Salary Grid is hereby attached as “Attachment A” to these minutes.**
- INTERIM  
BUDGET** It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the 2007 budget for the 2008 Interim Budget. **CARRIED**
- RESTORE  
GOLF  
CLUBHOUSE** A letter was received from Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing informing that the Town of Oyen was approved for a grant under the 2007 Municipal Sponsorship Program in the amount of \$20,308, which includes the priority bonus for the Restoration and Upgrade of the log golf clubhouse.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Town of Oyen enter into an agreement for the 2007 Municipal Sponsorship Program grant for funding for the restoration and upgrade of the log golf clubhouse. **CARRIED.**

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- PITCH-IN ALBERTA** Council reviewed the membership for Pitch- In Alberta (\$175 per year) and agreed not to renew.
- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Town of Oyen remain a member of the Trail of the Buffalo at a cost of \$901.00. **CARRIED.**
- RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE** A letter was received from the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance requesting 2008 financial support based on 50 cents per capita.
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the 2008 financial support of 50 cents per capita to the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance. **CARRIED**
- TOWN OF OYEN POSTCARDS** The Municipal Administrator presented to Council for review a proposal from Robert F. Wild, Wild Aerial Photography Services Ltd. to develop a line of Postcards, Calendars & Posters for the Town of Oyen.
- Council will review for next meeting. Council requested that the proposal be forwarded to the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce.
- FCSS** A letter was received from the Oyen FCSS requesting funding from the non-profit portion available under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Program. This funding would be in addition to the Town's current FCSS municipal contribution of 20%.
- Council will review at the Special Council meeting.
- MSI FUNDING** The Municipal Administrator presented to each member of Council an information and correspondence package on the 2007-2008 Municipal Sustainability Initiatives Program for the Town of Oyen and proposed projects for funding.
- CANADIAN BADLANDS** Councillor Lehman reported on an E-Mail received from Canadian Badlands stating that only one representative is required on the marketing committee.
- SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARDS** The Municipal Administrator presented to Council a list of Subdivision & Development Appeal Board workshops that will be held.
- OYEN PUBLIC SCHOOL** A letter was received from the Oyen Public School inviting the Mayor to attend the 2008 Winter Active Campaign, which launches 9:00 AM, January 18, 2008.
- PEP** A letter was received from Palliser Economic Partnership informing of a PEP presentation for Oyen, Empress, Cereal, and Acadia Valley to be held on February 5, 2008, before regular Council meeting at 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM.
- HKRWC** Councillor Lehman reported on the Henry Kroeger Water Commission meeting he attended and stated that there will be an increase of \$0.02 on the energy surcharge.

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- CORRESPONDENCE**
- 1.) Invitation to 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Havre Chamber of Commerce. January 19, 2008 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.
  - 2.) RCMP Report from Corporal Terry Link.
  - 3.) CIA meeting on January 19, 2008.
  - 4.) Town Audit Johnston, Morrison, Hunter and Co.
  - 5.) Letters and Brochures from Alberta Affairs regarding Training.
  - 6.) Traveling Art Show.
  - 7.) Members HKRWC meeting
  - 8.) 2008 Seniors Service Award Application. The deadline is February 29, 2008.
  - 9.) Email regarding Mayors and Reeves January 31, 2008 Drumheller

**ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the following list of accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED**

**COUNCILLORS CORNER** Councillor Bedwell requested permission from the Council to prepare a write up called “Councillors Corner” to keep the public of the Town of Oyen informed and place on Town Website and The Oyen Echo. A sample would be provided before publishing.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to accept the request of Councillor Bedwell to prepare “Councillors Corner”. **CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. **CARRIED**

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