

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

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Mayor Wilson, Councillors, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Tye, and Van Otterloo.  Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councillor Lehman
<b>GUESTS</b>	Palliser Economic Partnership representatives, Allan Hyland, Tracie Kipta, and Shilpa Stocker  Corporal Terry Link
<b>PEP PRESENTATION</b>	Representatives from Palliser Economic Partnership presented an overview of Palliser Economic Partnership and Business Plans to Council.
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the Agenda as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>OYEN RCMP REPORT</b>	Oyen RCMP Detachment report was presented to Council and discussed. Corporal Link reported on various crime/traffic increases and decreases from previous years.
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 8, 2008 as circulated. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING</b>	It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the special Council meeting of January 22, 2008 as amended. <b>CARRIED</b>  Council reviewed and amended the prioritization of the capital projects as follows:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Water and sewer replacement to the Lodge</li><li>2) Airport runway repairs</li><li>3) Sidewalk maintenance</li><li>4) 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue road to the 895</li><li>5) Street repairs in front of the UFA, Post Office, and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue</li><li>6) Upgrade of fire hydrants</li><li>7) Landscaping at New Pool</li><li>8) Water/sewer replacement</li><li>9) Public works equipment upgrades</li><li>10) Access road to Crossroads Center</li><li>11) Renovations of Town Shop, chambers and Town Office</li><li>12) R.V. Campground</li><li>13) New Curling Rink/Annexation, Development of Residential, Pavement in front of the fire hall</li></ol> It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the 3 year Master Plan as revised prioritized capital projects. <b>CARRIED</b>

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- PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Council reviewed report submitted by Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky.
- The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that due to repairs to a major water break, the whole Town of Oyen's water supply will be shut off on Thursday February 7, 2008 at 10:00 AM for an unknown period of time. Notification to all institutions and businesses done by telephone and advertisement will be placed on Q91.
- RECREATION REPORT** Report not received.
- OYEN COMMUNITY HANDIBUS ASSOCIATION** The Council of the Town of Oyen received a letter from the Oyen Community Handibus Association regarding a request for an Annual Operating Grant of \$2000.00.
- It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve the 2008 Annual Operating Grant in the amount of \$2000.00 to the Oyen Community Handibus Association.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- OYEN CONTAINER DEPOT** The Council of the Town of Oyen received a letter from the John Van Otterloo with a letter concerning the future outcome for the Oyen Container Depot. The letter requested that the Council assist them with a possible solution for the Oyen Container Depot. The Council discussed and decided on possible solutions.
- Council agreed to write a letter concerning this situation to Big Country Recycling Association, a letter to SAMDA, and a letter to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Mayor Wilson to meet with Christie Dick, SAMDA about the situation and Councillor Schroeder to bring concerns forward to the Chamber of Commerce.
- It was moved by Councillor Christianson to write letter to Big Country Recycling Association, a letter to SAMDA, and a letter to the Chamber of Commerce and that Mayor Wilson meet with Christie Dick, SAMDA and Councillor Schroeder bring concerns forward to Chamber of Commerce. **CARRIED**
- OYEN PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLAN** The Council was presented with updates for the Oyen Pandemic Influenza Plan.
- The Municipal Administrator reviewed with Council and updates were completed.
- ALBERTA PLUS 55 WINTER GAMES** The Council of the Town of Oyen received a letter from Honorable Hector Goudreau, Minister of Tourism Parks, Recreation and Culture, inviting the Town of Oyen to submit a bid for the right to host the 2011 Alberta Plus 55 Winter Games.
- MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEMS** The Council of the Town of Oyen received a letter from Marigold Library Systems regarding a request to proclaim February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 as Freedom to Read Week.
- It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen declare February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 as Freedom to Read Week. **CARRIED**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Report submitted by Municipal Administrator RE: meeting with Medical Director Board members
- 2) Letter & cheque from Special Areas RE; 2007 Industrial Tax Transfer
- 3) Letter from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation 2007 & 2008 Acceptance under AMIP
- 4) Letter from Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission RE: Increase in rates
- 5) 2008 Municipal Requisition – Palliser Regional Municipal Services
- 6) Report from Debbie Ross RE: SAMDA & Palliser Economic Partnership Presentations
- 7) Letter and information from Alberta Tourism, Parks Recreation and Culture Resources of Municipal Historic Resources
- 8) 2007 Statement of Services from Marigold Library System.
- 9) Letter & 2006/2007 Annual Report from Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation
- 10) Copy of Henry Kroeger Regional water Services Commission January 9, 2008
- 11) Copy of Trail of the Buffalo meeting minutes of January 23, 2008
- 12) Letter from Project Porchlight Alberta

**TD BANK**

Mayor Wilson reported that concerns were brought to him from a TD Bank representative with regard to diesel trucks parking and left running near the air cooling vent on the south side of the TD Bank, causing employees to be sent home due to headaches and dizziness.

Discussion took place on the possible solutions or ideas that could be used to help with the concern.

It was moved by Councillor Tye to extend the existing Handicap Parking Zone on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West to the driveway of the TD Bank, effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

**FCSS**

Councillor Christianson presented the Council with copies of the FCSS 2008 Budget. Council reviewed.

**SAMDA**

Councillor Christianson reported on the SAMDA meeting she attended on January 18, 2008.

**LAUNCH FOR  
LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Councillor Bedwell reported on the Launch for Life she attended on January 18, 2008.

**CANADIAN  
BADLANDS**

Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Canadian Badlands meeting he attended.

**TRAIL OF THE  
BUFFALO**

Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Trail of the Buffalo meeting he attended along with Councillor Lehman.

**NEW DOCTOR**

Mayor Wilson reported to Council of the new doctor to be arriving in June.

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**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric be paid in the amount of \$294.31. **CARRIED**

Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from voting due to a possible conflict of interest.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the balance of the accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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