

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 1, 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
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as amended – Additions under New Business:
- 08) Q91 – Town Advertising
 - 09) Ann Berg’s Appreciation Night
 - 10.) FCSS Letter
 - 11.) SAMDA Notice
 - 12.) Communities in Bloom Letter
- CARRIED**
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 4, 2008, as circulated.
- CARRIED**
- GOLF CLUB HOUSE** The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that Norwood Restoration will be starting April 2, 2008, to side the exterior of the Golf Club House.
- PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Council reviewed report submitted by Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky. The Municipal Administrator reported that Wyatt Girletz has been hired as the Public Works Assistant Foreman, and will be starting April 7, 2008.
- RECREATION REPORT** Council reviewed report submitted by Town Recreation Director, Edward Peacock.
- RED DEER RIVER ALLIANCE** Councillor Lehman reported on a Red Deer River Alliances meeting he attended in Trochu.
- ACADIA FOUNDATION** Councillor Lehman reported on the bi-weekly construction meetings of the Acadia Foundation.
- PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS** The Municipal Administrator presented to Council proposals of costs from MPE Engineering for Geotechnical Investigations for the following proposed Capital Projects:
- Extension of Water/Sewer Services – Oyen Lodge - \$3,410.00
 - Oyen Airport resurfacing - \$3,385.00
 - Street Improvements – Various Sites - \$3,875.00
 - Ag Building Access Road Upgrade - \$3,020.00
- The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to determine the subsurface soil conditions at the sites in order to provide geotechnical design and construction recommendations for the developments.

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Council reviewed and discussed. The Oyen Lodge Extension of Water/Sewer services Project to proceed with the Geotechnical Investigation as grant funding has been approved. The Ag Building Access Road Upgrade requires further information and investigation before approval for the geotechnical investigation is approved. Council instructed the Municipal Administrator to request MPE Engineering to attend next meeting to review and discuss.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the proposals for the Geotechnical Investigations for the proposed Airport Resurfacing Project and the proposed Street Improvements for Various Sites Project. **CARRIED**

TELUS LAWSUIT The Municipal Administrator reported that the Town of Oyen together with every municipality in the Province of Alberta which collected Tax Revenue from Telus regarding linear assessments during the 2004 year has been served with legal documents related to two court actions commenced by Telus Communications Inc. Municipal Administrator contacted the Lawyer acting on behalf of all AUMA and was informed that there is a proposed hearing on April 14, 2008, and he will notify the Town after this.

PUMP STATION UPGRADE A letter was received from MPE Engineering Ltd. recommending that Progress Certificate No. 7 be paid to MJB Enterprises Ltd for work completed in November, 2007 and release of Builder's Lien Holdback.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen payment of Progress Certificate No. 7 to MJB Enterprises in the amount of \$108,907.30 plus GST. **CARRIED**

OYEN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY A letter was received from the Oyen & District Historical Society informing Council that all artifacts and storage items have been removed from the old bank building and that the roof has been leaking for the past few years. They have not been in the position to repair the roof or keep up the maintenance on the building and are therefore turning the building back over to the Town.

Council discussed the matter. The Municipal Administrator informed Council that the roof and entire building is unstable and unsafe. Also all Town records and files are stored in the basement of the building and must be moved. MA informed Council that she is proposing moving all records to the old fire hall as soon as the ambulance is no longer utilizing the east bay.

TOWN PICTURE Councillor Christianson discussed with Council the black and white long strip Town Picture that was taken in 1928. Councillor Christianson inquired if the Town of Oyen was interested in making more copies of the picture for future use. Ann Berg has the negative.

Council to look into it in the near future.

CAT COMPLAINTS The Municipal Administrator informed Council of an increased amount of cat complaints that have been received. Council was also informed that there are no Bylaws or animal control officers to deal with the problem.

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The Municipal Administrator to contact other municipalities to inquire of their solutions with the problem and seek advice.

**HIGHWAY 9 &
41 SIGNAGE**

The Municipal Administrator reviewed and updated the Council on the Highway 9 & 41 Tourism signage. A letter of response was received from Guide Sign Industries Ltd. once again informing that Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation does not support a fourth sign on Highway 41, north of Highway 9 strictly on the program guidelines.

Council discussed and instructed Mayor Wilson to contact the Ministers of Infrastructure & Transportation to assist in resolving the above issue.

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Council reviewed and discussed old business listed on the back of the agenda.

Q91

Councillor Lehman reported to Council different radio advertising programs available to the Town from Q91/John Ostra.

The programs included:

- A generic ad - to be aired every month - costing \$5,720.00/year
- Talk of the town - to be aired 1/week - at the cost of \$2,496.00/year
- Two 15 second spots - 5 days/week - at the cost of \$3,640.00/year

The Council of the Town of Oyen concur to decline the proposals at this time, however will review at a later date.

ANN BERG

Councillor Christianson reported and updated Council the plans for Ann Berg's Appreciation night.

The set date will be Saturday May 3, 2008 at the Oyen Legion Hall. Cocktails to be 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM with supper and a program to follow.

Town office will make programs, posters, tickets, certificates, complimentary ticket list and Oyen Echo ad.

FCSS

A letter was received from Heather Norris, Oyen FCSS Director/Community Worker requesting the following:

- 1) The Bridging the Gap Conference, which will be held at the Oyen Legion Hall on April 12, 2008 requests the presence of Mayor Wilson or a Councillor.

Councillor Schroeder to attend.

- 2) Proclaim April 27 – May 3, 2008 as Volunteer Week.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim the week of April 27 – May 3, 2008 as Volunteer Week. **CARRIED**

- 3) Mayor Wilson or a Councillor bring greetings to the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day held on April 30, 2008. Mayor Wilson will attend.

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4) Financial support from the Town to assist with the costs of Oyen's Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. (Contributed \$500.00 previous year)

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen contribute \$500.00 to the Oyen FCSS to assist with the costs of the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. **CARRIED**

SAMDA

The Council was informed that there is an "Opening Gates to AG Tourism" presentation on April 10, 2008 9:00AM – 3:30PM at the Oyen Seniors Center. The cost of attending is \$20.00 per person and \$35.00 per couple.

**DUMPING AT
THE RCMP PARK**

Council discussed the dumping of dirt, mud, trees, etc., that is occurring at the site west of the RV Campground in the Oyen RCMP Centennial Park. This is not a dump site and has not been approved by Alberta Environment.

A letter was received from Communities in Bloom/Grow Oyen with regard to the above.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that no dumping of any kind be allowed at the site on the southwest corner of the RV Park and "NO DUMPING ALLOWED" signs be placed at the site. **CARRIED**

CEMETERY

Councillor Tye reported on the condition of the cemetery and informed Council that the cemetery clean-up day will be held on Monday June 2, 2008.

**RECREATION
ADVISORY
BOARD**

Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on March 20, 2008, with Julie Friesen. Attendees included Recreation Director Edward Peacock, Paul Evans, the Recreation Board Members, and the Municipal Administrator. Absentees were Doug Jones and Erin Logan.

**MERIDIAN
BOARD
TRAINING**

Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the meeting he had attended.

**ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$1961.56 be approved for payment. **CARRIED**

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

It was moved by Councilor Tye that the remaining invoices be paid. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:19PM. **CARRIED**

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