

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

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

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

GUESTS Corporal Terry Link

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

12.) Letter from Communities in Bloom
13.) Letter from Fruit Truck Vendor, Jaquelen Law
14.) Traffic Speed Concerns
15.) FCSS Letter & Agreement
CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES Councillor Lehman informed Council that there is a correction needed in the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting on June 3, 2008

Addition of Councillor “Lehman” under Internet Line.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the minutes of the regular Council meeting on June 3, 2008 as corrected
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING Councillor Schroeder brought forward a complaint regarding the new waste site attendant, Paul Geier

CRIME REPORT Corporal Link reported to Council of the crime rate in Oyen.

Corporal Link discussed Draft Bylaw No. 785-08 with Council and gave his approval.

Discussion took place with regards to vehicles speeding
Possibilities such as speed bumps or speed traps were discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Report not received

RECREATION REPORT Council reviewed a report from Recreation Director, Edward Peacock regarding concerns with the Access Road to the Crossroads Center.

Council discussed the concerns brought up by the Recreation Director

CENSUS The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that the population of the Town of Oyen is currently 1,105 and that the population had increased since the past census.

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**ACADIA
FOUNDATION
SERVICING
PROJECT**

The Council of the Town of Oyen received a tender from MPE Engineering. The bid came in at \$366,000.00 and \$4200.00 for 120 ft of pipe.

Council discussed and concerns were brought up forward with increased funding costs.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that that Council of the Town of Oyen meet on July 15, 2008 at 5:30PM regarding water and sewer servicing for the Acadia Foundation. **CARRIED**

**CROSSROADS
CENTER
ACCESS ROAD**

Council received a letter from the Ag Society requesting an east access road. The letter stated that the Ag Society would be willing to partner with the Town of Oyen in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Discussion took place with regards to an access road and future plans/ it was discussed that the construction of an access road would mean demolishing parts of the new RV Park.

Council discussed establishing a master plan for the recreation area. Council also discussed establishing planning board and having an open house and forum. The Municipal Administrator recommended that a letter be written to Palliser Regional Municipal Services, requesting their aid in developing a master plan.

Municipal Administrator to contact Palliser Regional Municipal Services and to have reply by August meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Ban Otterloo that the plan for an access road to the Crossroads Center be revisited in the future, once a 5 year master plan is completed for the designated recreation area. **CARRIED**

**DRAFT BYLAW
NO 784-08**

Council was presented with a letter requesting an amendment to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 723-98 for the legal description of Lot 7, Block 9, Plan 6980AW- from commercial to residential.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Bylaw No. 784-08 be given first reading. **DEFEATED**

**TANGIBLE
CAPITAL ASSET
PROGRAM
PROPOSAL**

The Municipal Administrator presented Council with a quote from the Grant Municipal Group (Alex Simpson & Pat Burns) to complete the Town's Tangible Capital Assets Program in the amount of \$8700.00 + GST. The Municipal Administrator recommended that Council consider this proposal as it must be completed by 2009. The Municipal Administrator advised the Town of Oyen has received a Grant to help complete the Tangible Capital Assets Program.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen accept the quote from Alex Simpson and Pat Burns operating as the Grant Management Group to complete the Tangible Capital Assets Program. **CARRIED**

**ASSESSMENT
SERVICE
CONTRACT**

It was reported to Council by the Municipal Administrator that the Town of Oyen Assessor, Mel Harper will be retiring and that Harper will be searching for assessors with enough experience to replace him, in Red Deer. The Municipal Administrator would like to meet the candidates.

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DELIVERANCE OF SAFETY CODES BY PALLISER Council received a letter from Palliser Regional Municipal Services advising they are amending their title to Palliser Regional Municipal Services Limited, requiring new agreements to be signed with the Town of Oyen.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen enter into a new municipality agreement with Palliser Regional Municipal Services Limited. For the deliverance of Safety Codes. **CARRIED**

OYEN & DISTRICT GOLF CLUB Council received a thank you letter from Pat Kuhn inquiring if the Town of Oyen would be able the Oyen & District Golf Club in the Budget.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that the Town of Oyen would not be able to include the Oyen & District Golf Club in the Budget due to the Lease & Maintenance Agreement. The Municipal Administrator to send a letter.

DAN HERTZ Council received a letter from Dan Hertz with regards to a complaint for Lot 9, Block 7, Plan 7510963, 603 McCracken Place.

Council discussed the situation, The Municipal Administrator to send letter attached with Bylaw No. 723-98.

DOUG'S AG FOODS & JD'S LIQUOR STORE Council received a letter with a request for fairness during Main Street Closures for Special Events. The events that take place on Main Street have a negative affect on the businesses located on the closed streets

Council discussed and directed Municipal Administrator to forward the letter to the Chamber of Commerce.

FCSS Council received a letter from Oyen FCSS Director Heather Norris regarding advertising of wages and benefits upon hiring a new coordinator.

Council discussed and directed the Municipal Administrator to look into more information/options and talk to Oyen FCSS Director, Heather Norris.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM Councillor Bedwell and Councillor Christianson presented Council with landscaping costs for the new pool. Councillor Bedwell and Councillor Christianson reported that Charlie Snell will donate dirt (top soil) as long as a receipt is given. It was also reported that volunteers with loaders and trucks will be needed.

Discussion took place on costs and earthmoving.

Councillor Bedwell reported to Council that landscaping of the new pool will be at an estimated cost of \$20, 000.00.

FRUIT TRUCK Council received a letter from Jacqueline Law, operator of the Fruit Truck, concerning the fee of \$500.00 for a business license and a quarterly license was requested.

Discussion took place and it was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the fee was the most reasonable price to be charged and no amendment will take place of the business license fee. **CARRIED**

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FCSS FUNDING AGREEMENT	Council received an amended funding agreement from Alberta Children's Services for an increase in funding in the amount of \$3,722.00. It was moved by Councillor Christianson that the Council of the Town of Oyen enter into the amended funding agreement. CARRIED
HIGHWAY SIGNAGE	Council was updated by the Municipal Administrator on the current status of the Signage to be placed on the highways.
FUEL AT AIRPORT	The Municipal Administrator reported to Council on the fuel at the airport. Municipal Administrator still to look into it.
NEW SIGNAGE	The Municipal Administrator reported to Council on the New Signage for the entrance to Town.
PALLISER REGIONAL	Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Palliser Regional Meeting BBQ he attended.
CEMETERY CLEAN-UP	Councillor Bedwell reported that the Cemetery Clean up had been rained out twice, for the dates of Monday June 9, 2008 and Monday June 14, 2008, but took place the following Monday, June 23, 2008. Councillor Bedwell brought forward concerns with regards to weeds on the pathways, gopher infestation and sinking burial covers. Councillor Bedwell also informed Council that the Lion's Club is looking into donating money for trees.
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING	Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the Recreation Advisory Board Meeting she attended.
WAST SITE MEETING TOUR	Councillor Van Otterloo reported to Council on the tour of the Big Country Waste Management facilities he attended in Youngstown.
AIRPORT	Councillor Tye reported on the meeting he had with Gordon Johnsen regarding the Airport Fuel. Further details still being looking into.
ATCO	Mayor Wilson reported to Council of the Golf Dinner Celebration with representatives from ATCO.
MSI FUNDING	Council received a letter from Honorable Ray Danyluk regarding 2008 Municipal Sustainable Funding in the amount of \$237,907.00.
UNCONDITIONAL MUNICIPAL GRANT	Council received a letter from Honorable Ray Danyluk regarding an Unconditional Municipal Grant in the amount of \$3,349.00.
STREET IMPROV.. PROGRAM	Council received a letter from Hon. LukeOullette, Minister of Transportation advising we are eligible for a grant of \$65,949.00 - \$60.00/capita under the 2008 Street Improvement Program.
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS	Council received a letter and information from the Federation of Independent Business regarding the Alberta Spending Watch report, outlining how Oyen (1.56) fared against the provincial average (1.65) with regard to fiscal spending increases for the 2000-2006 period.

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**LEARN AT
WORK WEEK**

Council received a letter from Lind Johnson requesting Mayor Wilson declare September 22 – 26, 2008 as Learn at Work Week. Mayor Wilson declared September 22 – 26, 2008 as Learn at Work Week with the Town of Oyen.

**OYEN RCMP
CRIME REPORT**

Council was presented with the RCMP Crime Report from Corporal Terry Link.

**ACCOUNTS TO
BE PAID**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$1,262.32 be approved for payment. **CARRIED**

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

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

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