

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 7, 2008 AT 5:30 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch  
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councillor Schroeder

**GUESTS**

ATCO Representatives Renee Hebert, Alana Liddell.  
Delegate Doug Jones.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.  
- Additions under New Business:

9. Keystone Pipeline
10. Victims Services
11. FCSS Letter
12. Canadian Badlands Alberta Travel Map
13. Letter from Randy Lee

**CARRIED**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Councillor Lehman informed Council of corrections to be made in the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 2, 2008:

Correction of “CARRIED” to “CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY” on the motion to present for third and final reading under “Draft Bylaw No. 786-08”, “Draft Bylaw No. 787-08”, “Draft Bylaw No. 788-08” and “Draft Bylaw No. 789-08”, .

Councillor Bedwell informed Council of corrections needed in the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 2, 2008:

Addition of “should wait” under “Business Arising”

Deletion of “with” under Baseball Academy.

Correction of the spelling “first” under “Draft Bylaw No. 786-08”

Deletion of duplicate sentence under “Pool Landscaping”.

Deletion of “that” under “Water, Sewer Servicing”.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to adopt the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 2, 2008 as corrected.

**CARRIED**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting on September 9, 2008 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

Councillor Bedwell inquired if any information has been obtained from Palliser Planning with regard to the development of a master plan for the recreation area. The Municipal Administrator reported that a meeting has been scheduled for October 9, 2008, at 1:00 PM in the Town Office.

Councillor Bedwell inquired about the non slip flooring at the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Center. The Municipal Administrator informed Council that the Recreation Department and the Town of Oyen are looking into non slip flooring and obtaining samples and quotes.

Councillor Bedwell reported to Council that a Public Works Report would be required for the next regular Council meeting of November 4, 2008.

Councillor Lehman reported to Council that he had spoken with John Oostra regarding advertisements for the Town of Oyen. It was concluded that there was not a sufficient amount in the budget to include advertisements.

Council to revisit Q-91 advertisements for the Town of Oyen next year.

**ATCO  
ELECTRIC**

Council was given a presentation by ATCO Electric Representatives, Renee Hebert and Alana Liddell regarding Street Light Conversion Rates.

The Municipal Administrator presented with Proposal Letter from ATCO Electric.

ATCO Representatives take leave at 6:30PM.

**BASEBALL  
ACADEMY**

Delegate Doug Jones reported to Council regarding the Baseball Academy and answered any inquiries that Council had.

Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the tour of the Baseball Academy facilities in Vauxhall he attended on October 5, 2008.

Doug Jones takes leave at 6:51PM

**OFFERS TO  
PURCHASE-  
TAX FORFEITURE  
PROPERTY**

Council received two (2) bid offers on Lot 8, Block 19, Plan 135FT - Tax Forfeiture Property.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen accept the bid to purchase Lot 8, Block 19, Plan 135FT from Paul Lijdsman in the amount of \$15,059.00. **CARRIED**

**ORGANIZATION  
MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Christianson that the Organizational meeting be held on October 29, 2008 at 5:00PM in the Council Chambers. **CARRIED**

**OYEN LEGION  
BRANCH 208**

A letter was received from the Oyen Legion Branch 208 requesting financial assistance for maintaining the Legion Hall from funds received from the Special Areas Annual Recreation Mill Rate grant. Council reviewed the Special Areas Recreation levy allocation for the Town of Oyen and it only includes recreation facilities within the Town.

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It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Municipal Administrator write a letter to the Oyen Legion Branch No. 208, to clarify that the Special Areas Mill Rate grant only applies to recreation facilities and not community halls for the Town of Oyen. **CARRIED**

**CANADIAN  
NURSING  
ASSOCIATION**

Mayor Wilson presented Council with a proposed proclamation declaring 2008 the Centennial Year of the Canadian Nursing Association.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that more information is required on what actions the Mayor should take.

Mayor Wilson to meet with Barb Lowe with regards to the subject.

**RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE WEEK**

Council received a letter from Donald Head, Correctional Service Canada, requesting that the Council of the Town of Oyen declare November 16, 2008 to November 23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen declare November 16, 2008 to November 23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week. **CARRIED**

**INTERIOR  
RENOVATIONS**

Council received a letter from Jerome Scory, requesting approval to complete interior renovations to the property located on 101 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East for the purpose of renting as residential and that the proposed construction does not contravene any Town of Oyen By-Law.

The Municipal Administrator reported that the property of Mr. Scory's is zoned commercial and in accordance with the Town of Oyen Land Use By-Law under discretionary uses this construction and use could be approved under Motels and motor hotels. Palliser Regional Municipal Services were contacted and they concur.

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to approve Mr. Jerome Scory's request to complete interior renovations to the property located on 101 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East for the purpose of renting as residential subject to all required permits applied and approved under the Safety Codes Act and Alberta Building Code. **CARRIED**

**POLICY 04-08**

Councillor Bedwell presented to Council draft Policy 04-08 to celebrate and award Councillors who have served the Town of Oyen.

Councillors will receive the following after having served:

- **21 years**  
An appreciation supper and a chime clock with name and years service engraved.
- **Over 3 Terms**  
An engraved plaque
- **Under 3 Terms**  
A framed certificate of appreciation.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to adopt Policy 04-08.  
**CARRIED**

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**CHRISTMAS  
LEVY**

The Council discussed the Annual Christmas Levy and the possibilities of discontinuing the Annual Christmas Levy.

It was concluded that Council will discuss the Christmas Levy in further detail at the next Council meeting on November 4, 2008.

**KEYSTONE  
PIPELINE**

Councillor Lehman brought forward to Council concerns that have been brought up with regards to housing and food servicing facilities that are serving the Keystone Pipeline Workers.

Discussion took place on possible solutions. The Municipal Administrator recommended to Council that the Council meet with Keystone/Ledcor representatives to discuss concerns. Mayor Wilson will go and meet with Keystone representatives to obtain a set date and time to meet.

**VICTIM'S  
SERVICES**

Mayor Wilson reported to Council that he had received a phone call from a representative from Victim's Services, requesting that an elected official of the Town of Oyen be appointed to the Victim's Services Committee and attend meetings. The meetings will be spread through Drumheller, Hanna, and Oyen.

Councillor Bedwell to contact Geraldine Gervais and Mariel Collins regarding the matter.

**FCSS LETTER**

Council received a letter from FCSS Director Heather Norris regarding Town of Oyen payroll.

It was discussed that the FCSS was not under the authority of the Town Council and that the FCSS is its own identity.

Municipal Administrator to contact Town of Hanna and the Town of Consort to see how their FCSS payroll is being handled.

**CANADIAN  
BADLANDS**

The Municipal Administrator presented an advertising proposal from the Badlands for the 2009 Travel Map Guide. Council reviewed the costs of each advertisement size. The Municipal Administrator stated that there is funds in the budget to approve of the same size as 2008.

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Town of Oyen approve of the Half Page Ad for the 2009 Canadian Badlands Travel Map Guide in the amount of \$1,375.00.

**CARRIED**

**RANDY LEE**

Council received a letter from Randy Lee offering to purchase Lots 17, 18, 19, Block 6, Plan 0810303 from the Town of Oyen, and would develop the area by landscaping the area.

Council discussed the matter and it was concluded that the Council of the Town of Oyen will review the letter for their next meeting on November 4, 2008.

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<b>MAYORS &amp; REEVES</b>	Councillor Lehman reported on a Mayors and Reeves meeting he attended on September 12, 2008.
<b>AUMA</b>	Councillor Lehman reported on the 2008 Annual Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Convention he attended together with Mayor Wilson, Municipal Administrator Debbie Kovitch, and Councillor Christianson.
<b>POOL LANDSCAPING</b>	Councillor Bedwell reported to Council that the Communities in Bloom, Town of Oyen and Alberta Tree Movers all assisted in the completion of phase 2 of the landscaping of the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Center.
<b>PERSONELL MEETINGS</b>	Councillor Bedwell reported on Personnel Meetings she had been attending.
<b>FALL CLEANUP</b>	Councillor Bedwell inquired as to when the Town of Oyen Fall Clean-up is to be scheduled . Municipal Administrator will contact Town Foreman to set date & advertise.
<b>SAMDA</b>	Councillor Christianson reported to Council of a SAMDA Meeting she attended which included a report from Christie Dick, SAMDA.
<b>RECREATION BOARD</b>	Councillor Christianson reported on a Recreation Advisory Board meeting she attended. The meeting discussed the new Shirley McClellan Aquatic Center sign and the score clock for the Senior Men's Diamond.
<b>EMERGENCY PUBLIC WARNING SYSTEM</b>	Councillor Van Otterloo reported to Council of an Emergency Public Warning System course he attended together with Mayor Wilson, Municipal Administrator Debbie Kovitch, and Councillor Schroeder.
<b>COUNCILLOR DEPARTURE</b>	Councillor Van Otterloo departed the Town of Oyen Council meeting at 8:17 PM.
<b>RCMP</b>	Mayor Wilson reported to Council on the luncheon meeting he and the Municipal Administrator Debbie Kovitch, attended with RCMP Superintendant Peter Clarke.
<b>MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP GRANT</b>	The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that the 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Grant application was sent for an intermunicipal project with Special Areas & the MD of Acadia No. 34 for the Final Phase – Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre in the amount of \$52,721.60. This includes the final phase of the landscaping and purchase and installation of non slip tiles/product for the Pool Change Room Facility.
<b>TELUS LAWSUIT</b>	Council received a letter from Witten LLP informing that the Partial Discontinuance of Action has been filed therefore the action against the Town of Oyen is ended.
<b>MONTHLY CRIME REPORT</b>	Council received the Oyen RCMP Monthly Crime Report from Corporal Terry Link.

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- DRUG LECTURE** Council received an email inviting Council members to attend a Drug Lecture that is taking place on October 29, 2008, 6:00PM at the Hanna Legion Hall. Council to inform Municipal Administrator if attending.
- GROWING IN RURAL ALBERTA** Council received a letter from Growing in Rural Alberta regarding a Rural Development Symposium in Medicine Hat on October 27 and 28, 2008.  
  
Councillor Bedwell and Councillor Christianson will be attending.
- BEYOND BRIDGING THE GAP** Council received a letter with regards to Beyond Bridging the Gap on October 10, 2008 from 11:30AM to 1:30PM at the Special Areas office in Oyen.
- MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE** Council received an email from Municipal Marketplace informing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Municipal Communications Conference on November 24-25, 2008 in Ottawa.
- GRAB THE GRANTS /FUNDERS FORUM** Council received a notice from Community Futures notifying Council of the Grab the Grants/Funders Forum on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 6:30PM – 8:30PM in Edgerton.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the invoice from Darrow Tye, in the amount of \$130.00, be approved for payment.  
  
Councillor Tye abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest.  
**CARRIED**  
  
It was moved by Councillor Tye that the balance of accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Tye to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.  
**CARRIED**

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