

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008 AT 5:30 pm**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Bedwell, Christianson, Schroeder, and Tye.  Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councillor Van Otterloo
<b>GUESTS</b>	Keystone XL Pipeline representatives, Darren Paquin and Randy Wright Alberta Electric System Operator representatives, Ramaiah Divi and Matt Gray
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised. - Additions under New Business:  6. Remembrance Day Wreath Laying 7. Recording Motions 8. Letter from Red Deer River Watershed Alliance <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	Councillor Bedwell informed Council of corrections to be made in the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 7, 2008.  Correction of name “Mary Collins” under “Victim’s Services”  Correction of spelling “Personnel Meeting” on page 5.  It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to adopt the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 7, 2008 as corrected. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</b>	Councillor Bedwell informed Council of the following amendment:  Replacing of “Bedwell” to “Lehman” to represent the Town of Oyen on the Canadian Badlands.  It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the minutes of the Organizational Meeting as amended. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE</b>	Representatives from Keystone XL Pipeline Project, Darren Paquin and Randy Wright met with Council to discuss the upcoming Keystone XL Pipeline Project and to answer any inquiries that Council may have.  Keystone XL Pipeline representatives, Darren Paquin and Randy Wright, take leave at 6:36PM.
<b>ALBERTA ELECTRIC SYSTEM OPERATOR</b>	Council was given a presentation by Alberta Electric System Operator Representatives, Ramaiah Divi and Matt Gray to discuss what AESO carries out and discuss and answer any inquiries Council may have.

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Alberta Electric Systems Operator representatives, Ramaiah Divi and Matt Gray, take leave of the Council Chambers at 7:45PM.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**XMAS LEVEE** Councillor Bedwell inquired if any decision has been made regarding the Town of Oyen 2008 Christmas Levee.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that the Christmas Levee will not take place for the year of 2008 and will be revisited in the future.

**FCSS** Councillor Christianson inquired if there have been any solutions to the FCSS payroll.

The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that she had contacted the Municipal Administrator of Hanna, Geraldine Gervais, and also contacted the Town of Consort. Municipal Administrator brought forward concerns that the FCSS employees are not Town employees even though the Town does their payroll they may not qualify for benefits.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that a written clarification from the Benefits Administrator should be received.

**OFFER TO PURCHASE-LEE** Discussion took place with regard to the offer to purchase Lots 17, 18, & 19, Block 6, Plan 0810303.

The Council together with the Oyen Rec. Advisory Board and Palliser Municipal Services are in the process of developing a Master Plan for the Recreation area and these properties are included in this plan. It is to be noted that these lots are unserviced.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that Lots 17, 18, 19, Block 6, Plan 0810303 are currently not for sale. **CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Report not received.

**RECREATION REPORT** Council reviewed the Recreation Report submitted by Recreation Director, Edward Peacock.

**IN CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to go in camera at 8:11PM. **CARRIED**

**OUT OF CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to go out of camera at 8:31PM. **CARRIED**

**OYEN JUNIOR SPORTS** The Oyen Junior Sports Association has purchased a 45 passenger bus and are requesting to add to the Town Insurance Policy until their policy is in place. The Oyen Junior Sports Association is presently under the Town of Oyen Insurance policy.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Town of Oyen place the Oyen Junior Sports passenger bus under the Town of Oyen Policy for the purpose of transport from Medicine Hat to Oyen only. **CARRIED**

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**LETTER –  
VANOTTERLOO**

A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. Van Otterloo with regard to an accident that occurred at the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen forward the received letter to the Town of Oyen Insurance Company.

**CARRIED.**

**BASEBALL  
ACADEMY**

Council was reminded of the meeting on Friday, November 14, 2008, at 2:00 PM at the Oyen Legion Hall regarding a Baseball Academy in Oyen.

**T.H.S.P. LOGO  
SIGNS**

Council received a package from Tourism Highway Signing Program with regards to Phase 2 Logo Signs, which will replace old Community Business Signs with new Business Community Signs. The Council was presented with three options from Guide Signs Industries Ltd.:

1. Removal of the old CBS and elect to have no new Logo signs at all;
2. Removal of the old CBS and allow Guide Sign Industries to market and supply new Logo signs as per the contract with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation; or
3. Removal of the old CBS and manage the new Logo signs directly. Either Through the Town Administration, the Chamber of Commerce or a nominated third party.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen choose Option 1. **CARRIED**

**TRAIL OF THE  
BUFFALO**

Council received an email with an attached information sheet from Cindy Heidecker, Trail of the Buffalo regarding advertisement sponsorship opportunities in the 2009 Trail of the Buffalo Guide.

Discussion took place.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the ½ Page advertisement at the cost of \$500.00. **CARRIED**

**WOODLANDS  
COUNTY**

Council received a letter from Woodlands County regarding World's Largest Icon or Community Icon Passport Project.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that the Town of Oyen will not participate in the project.

**NEW TOWN  
LOGO**

Councillor Lehman brought forward to Council the possibility of modernizing and updating the Town of Oyen Logo.

Councillor Lehman to search for samples to present to Council.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY** The Oyen Legion is requesting a Council representative to lay a wreath at the epitaph in Oyen on November 11, 2008.

Mayor Wilson to lay wreath at epitaph on Remembrance Day.

**RECORDING MOTIONS** Council discussed and reviewed the recording of motions/resolutions that all of the Council members are in favor of as “Carried” or “Carried Unanimously”.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that all motions/resolutions will be recorded as “Carried Unanimously” when all Council members are in favor of a proposed motion/resolution. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RDRWA** Council received a letter from the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance requesting an annual financial contribution to help fulfill the mandate and timelines set out in the Water for Life Strategy. The contribution will be in the amount of \$552.50 based on \$0.50 per capita.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen agree to support the Red Deer Watershed Alliance Water for Life Strategy in the amount \$552.00 based on \$0.50 per capita.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECREATION BOARD** Councillor Christianson reported to Council of a Recreational Meeting she attended on October 8, 2008 which discussed a 5 year plan, for the RCMP Centennial Park, and the Baseball Academy.

**FCSS** Councillor Christianson reported to Council of a Family Community Support Services meeting she attended on November 4, 2008.

**MARIGOLD** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council of a new software system for the Municipal Library.

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION** A letter was received from Alberta Transportation informing that based on the Town of Oyen grant application under the Community Airport Program for pavement overlay of the Runway, Taxiway and Apron at the Oyen Municipal Airport, the Town of Oyen is eligible to receive 100 percent grant funding or \$598,640.00.

**AUDITORS** Council received a letter from Johnston, Morrison, Hunter & Co. LLP regarding the 2008 Town of Oyen Audit. Council members wish meet with the Town Auditors when audit is complete for discussion and review.

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- J.E.P.P. GRANT** The Municipal Administrator reported that an application for funding under Joint Emergency Preparedness Program has been forwarded for the purchase and installation of a power generator at the Oyen Fire Hall for back up power.
- SENIORS FALLS PREVENTION** Council received an email from Alberta Center for Injury Control & Research requesting that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim November as Seniors Falls Prevention Month.
- It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim the month of November as Seniors Falls Prevention Month.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- AUMA** Council received registration information for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association: The Municipal Water Conservation Workshop on November 20 – 21, 2008 at the Red Deer Lodge & Conference Center in Red Deer.
- RDRWA** Council was informed of a Red Deer River Watershed Alliance: Urban Watershed Management meeting being held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.
- Council received an email from Red Deer River Watershed Alliance regarding Open Houses.
- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** Council received an email from Trail of the Buffalo regarding Notice of General Meeting and copy of October 23, 2008 minutes.
- DISCOVER BURIED TREASURE** Council received a notice of presentation regarding Discover Buried Treasure in Oyen being held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Oyen & District Seniors' Recreation Center.
- INVITATIONS** Council received invitations to Fall General Meeting on November 19, 2008 and SAMDA Tourism Marketing Workshop on November 26, 2008 at the Oyen Super 8.
- ALBERTA PLUS 55 WINTER GAMES** Council received a letter and schedule of Zone Playoffs for the Alberta Plus 55 Winter Games from February 9 – 22, 2008.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the following list of accounts be approved for payment.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Lehman to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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