

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 6, 2009 AT 5:30 PM

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

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

LATE ARRIVAL Councillor Lehman – 5:35PM

GUESTS/ DELEGATIONS Colin McNab, MPE Engineering, Darcy Dobrosky, Town of Oyen Foreman John Lijdsman, Marvie Kenny, Diane Walker.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.
- Additions under Presentations/Delegations:

2. Corporal Terry Link, RCMP
3. John Lijdsman, Marvie Kenny, Diane Walker

-Additions under New Business:

8. Letter from FCSS
9. In Camera

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MPE ENGINEERING Colin McNab, MPE Engineering reviewed and answered any inquires that Council may have had regarding the proposed Street Improvements Project.

Discussion took place on concerns and inquires.

Town Engineer Colin McNab takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:35PM.

RCMP Corporal Terry Link updated and discussed with Council concerns and issues arising around the Town of Oyen.

Discussion took place.

Corporal Terry Link takes leave of the Council chambers at 7:15PM

PUBLIC WORKS Town of Oyen Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky discussed inquiries that Council may have had. Council commended Public Works Department on snow removal within the Town of Oyen.

Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky takes leave of the Council Chambers at 7:15PM.

MAYOR

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**COMMUNITY
HEALTHCARE**

Delegates John Lijdsman, Marvie Kenny and Diane Walker informed Council of concerns regarding an article that was written in the Edmonton Journal regarding Alberta Healthcare and the future of rural hospitals. It was requested that Council get involved and take an active part by contacting and discussing with our MLA, AUMA, and AAMDC and other municipalities.

Discussion took place with regards to the subject.

Delegates John Lijdsman, Marvie Kenny and Dianne Walker take leave of the Council chambers at 7:30PM.

**PREVIOUS
MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to adopt the previous minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 2, 2008 as circulated. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SHUTTLE
SERVICES**

The Municipal Administrator informed Council that she had attempted to contact Mr. Jim Cutter regarding a written proposal, for shuttle services from Oyen to Medicine Hat, to be presented to Council. The Municipal Administrator had not heard back from Mr. Cutter.

TOWN LOGO

Councillor Lehman informed Council that Idea Market had emailed him asking if Council had made any decision with regard to designing a new logo for the Town of Oyen.

Discussion took place and Council concluded that they are not interested at this time due to budget restraints.

Councillor Lehman to email Idea Designs of decision.

**RECREATION
REPORT**

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

**DRAFT BYLAW
NO. 790-09
BORROWING**

Draft Bylaw was presented to Council for adoption. Being a Bylaw to authorize the Council of the Town of Oyen to temporarily borrow for the purpose of financing operating expenditures.

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that Draft Bylaw No. 790-09 be given first reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Draft Bylaw No. 790-09 be given second reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Draft Bylaw No. 790-09 be presented for third reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Christianson that Draft Bylaw No. 790-09 be given third and final reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR

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**INTERIM
BUDGET**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen adopt the 2008 budget for the 2009 Interim Budget. **CARRIED**

**PALLISER
REGIONAL-
GRANT
SUPPORT**

A letter was received from Palliser Regional Municipal Services requesting support for the submission and participation of a Regional Partnership Initiative Implementation grant application for Palliser Regional Municipal Services – GIS/IT Field Office Support.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen pass the following:

1. Be it resolved that the Council authorize the Town of Oyen to participate in, and submit a Regional Partnerships Initiative Implementation grant application for Palliser Regional Municipal Services-GST/IT Field Office Support under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Regional Partnerships Initiative; further
2. That the Town of Oyen agrees to contribute their proportionate requisition share towards the required 25 per cent municipal financial contribution component of the implementation grant funding; further
3. That the Town of Oyen agrees that the Town of Hanna be designated the managing partner of Palliser Regional Municipal Services-GIS/IT Field Office Support for the purpose of receiving, administering, allocating, reporting and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; and further
4. That the Town of Oyen agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the implementation grant funds if it is the managing partner, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of a Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other partner municipalities and/or approved participants governing the purpose and use of the implementation grant funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

P. R. M. S.

Council received a notice from Palliser Regional Municipal Planning Services regarding a meeting date change on Proposed CN Closure. Council was notified that the meeting has been moved to January 13, 2009.

**TRAIL OF THE
BUFFALO**

A letter was received from Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association requesting the Town of Oyen to renew membership for 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the 2009 membership to the Trail of the Buffalo Association in the amount of \$850.00 plus GST. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- STOPPED MEMBERSHIP** A letter was received from STOPDED requesting the Town of Oyen renew membership for 2009.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of renewing the 2009 membership to STOPDED at a cost of \$40.00. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ATCO ELECTRIC** Council received the requested information from ATCO Electric with regard to the Street Light Conversion Option.
- Council reviewed and it was agreed that Alana Liddell from ATCO Electric attend the next Council meeting to review their proposal on the Street Light Conversion options.
- FCSS** Council received a letter from the FCSS requesting the 2009 Non-Profit Portion of the Municipal Sustainability Incentive Fund.
- Council to research and to take into consideration.
- IN CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to go in Camera at 7:50PM. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- OUT OF CAMERA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to go out of Camera at 8:00PM **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- NEW SIGNAGE** Council was updated on the New Signage to the entrance to Town. The Chamber of Commerce is in the process of accomplishing the project. Signage to be discussed at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Supper on January 28, 2009.
- COMMUNITY FUTURES** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Meridian Community Futures annual meeting he attended.
- M.A. EVALUATION** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council that the Performance Evaluation on Debbie Kovitch, Municipal Administrator was completed by the Committee.
- SAMDA** Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the SAMDA meeting she had attended.
- CORRESPONDENCE** The Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the Correspondence listed in the January 6, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$107.63 be approved for payment. **CARRIED.**
- Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the remaining list of accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**HEALTH
CONCERNS**

Mayor Wilson to bring forward concerns of delegates Mr. Lijdsman, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Kenny, to the next Mayors & Reeves Meeting on Friday, January 9, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 6, 2009 at 8:30PM. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAYOR

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