

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009 AT 5:30 PM

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Wilson, Councillors Bedwell, Christianson, Lehman, Schroeder, Tye and Van Otterloo.
- Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
- GUESTS/ DELEGATIONS** Town of Oyen Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky
Alana Lytle, ATCO Electric
Doug Jones, Doug Nichols, Allan Stober, Tracey Logan, Georgina Westguard, and Lorie Ford, Baseball Academy
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the Agenda as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- PUBLIC WORKS** Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky reported to Council on the courses that the Public Works employees, Michael Potter and Wyatt Girtetz, will be attending. The Town Foreman also answered and discussed any inquiries and concerns that Council may have had.
- Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky takes leave of the Council Chambers at 5:40PM.
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to adopt the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 6, 2009 as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- ATCO ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS** Alana Lytle, ATCO Electric Representative, discussed and answered any inquiries that Council may have had with regards to the Street Light Conversion Options.
- Alana Lytle takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:00PM
- RECREATION REPORT** Council reviewed Recreation Report submitted by Recreation Director, Edward Peacock.
- Councillor Bedwell inquired if there would be quotes and prices available for the new flooring at the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre. The Municipal Administrator informed Council that Recreation Director, Ed Peacock is presently obtaining estimates for the new flooring.
- STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** The Municipal Administrator submitted and presented to Council estimates and funding proposal for the Streets Improvement Project wherein the Town of Oyen would apply for funding under the Canada – Alberta Building Canada Fund-Communities Component, utilize Provincial grants and borrow funds.
- The Municipal Administrator recommended that the Council hold a Special meeting to review the submitted proposal in further detail.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen hold a Special Council meeting on February 4, 2009 at 12:00 PM to review the proposal for the Streets Improvement Project. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town of Oyen apply for funding under the Canada-Alberta Building Canada Fund-Communities Component for the Streets Improvement Project. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that MPE Engineering proceed with the tendering of the Streets Improvement Project together with the Airport Resurfacing Project, subject to funds in place.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CN RAIL

Mayor Wilson, Councillor Lehman and Municipal Administrator reported on the CN Rail discontinuance meeting held in the Palliser Boardroom in Hanna on Friday, January 23, 2009. An overview of the discontinuance process was reviewed and discussed together with a proposed Rail Discontinuance Recovery Plan wherein a steering committee be formed from Municipal representatives. A Public Forum will be held in both the Town of Drumheller and the Town of Hanna.

Councillor Schroeder, together with Councillor Bedwell as Alternate, are the appointed Town of Oyen representatives on the Palliser Regional Municipal Services, therefore they will represent the Town of Oyen on the Steering Committee.

2008 MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIP

A letter and Agreement was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs for final approval of the 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program in the amount of \$52,722.00 for Landscaping at the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre and purchase and installation of a non-slip tile/product in the Change Room facility at the swimming pool. This was applied for as an intermunicipal project with the MD of Acadia No. 34 and Special Areas participating.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen enter into agreement for the 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program in the amount of \$57,722.00. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DRAFT BYLAW NO.791-09 - DISASTER SERVICES AGENCY

Council was presented with Draft Bylaw No. 791-09 to establish a Municipal Disaster Services Agency for the Town of Oyen.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that Draft Bylaw No.791-09 be given first reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that Draft Bylaw No. 791-09 be given second reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that Draft Bylaw No. 791-09 be presented for third reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that Draft Bylaw No. 791-09 be given third and final reading. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

IN CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to go in Camera at 6:25PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF CAMERA

It moved by Councillor Lehman to go out of Camera at 6:33PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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TAX RECOVERY PROPERTY It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen proceed with the recommendations of the Town Lawyer, Dan Smith of Gordon, Smith & Company with regard to the sale of Lot 8, Block 19, Plan 135 FT.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen appoint Don Sheridan of Municipal Property Consultants Ltd .as the Town of Oyen Assessor for a term 2009 – 2013 inclusive. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PARKING ON TOWN PROPERTY Discussion took place with regards to the parking of vehicles and recreational vehicles on Town of Oyen property south of 7th Avenue.

Municipal Administrator to send letter to those parked on Town Property.

SAMDA Council received a letter from SAMDA Economic Partnership with regards to a consortia funding request for Marketing Initiatives 2009, in the amount of \$413.35 from the Town of Oyen, for:

- Distribution of Travel Alberta Special Areas Brochure/Lure Card
- Full Color ½ page ad – Canadian Badlands Travel Guide 2009
- ¼ Page ad in trail of the Buffalo Travel Guide

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve to pay the consortium request in the amount of \$413.35.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK Council received a letter from Marigold Library System with a request for Council to proclaim February 22 – 28, 2009 as Freedom to Read Week.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim February 22-28, 2009 as Freedom to Read Week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BASEBALL ACADEMY Council was given a presentation with regards to the possible development of a Baseball Academy in Oyen by Delegates Doug Jones, Doug Nichols, Allan Stober, Tracy Logan, Georgina, Westguard and Lorie Ford.

The Delegates for the Baseball Academy also answered any inquiries and concerns that Council may have had.

Delegates for the Baseball Academy take leave of the Council Chambers at 8:15PM

OFFER TO PURCHASE TOWN LOTS Council received an email from Sham Malhotra regarding a request to purchase several lots for sale from the Town of Oyen, for the use of residential building developments.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that the email proposal was not efficient enough to make conclusive decisions.

The Municipal Administrator to contact Mr. Malhotra and request a written proposal or attend a regular Council meeting with a proposal.

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- CELEBRATION 2009** Council received a letter from the South Central High School requesting to rent the arena from Monday, February 18 – 23, 2009 for Celebration 2009 for the purpose of decorating, grad and clean up.
- Recreation Director, Edward Peacock to discuss with South Central High School regarding required finances and rent costs.
- ALBERTA EMERGENCY SERVICE AWARDS** The Municipal Administrator informed Council that there will be an award ceremony for Deputy Fire Chief D. Cody Ball and Captain Troy Maclean on February 26, 2009 at 2:00PM at the Town of Oyen Fire Hall. They will be receiving the Alberta Emergency Services medal which pays tribute to outstanding volunteer members in emergency services for 12 or more years.
- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Trail of the Buffalo meeting he attended.
- VICTIMS SERVICES** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Victim's Services meetings she had attended in Drumheller and in Hanna.
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Annual Chamber of Commerce Supper that she attended on January 28, 2009.
- SHELDON KENNEDY** Councillor Christianson reported to Council that Sheldon Kennedy will be in the Town of Oyen, for a presentation on Respect in Sports, April 1, 2009. Mr. Kennedy will be presenting to various schools and a supper will be held at the South Central High School.
- RECREATION BOARD** Councillor Christianson reported to Council on a Recreation Advisory Board meeting that she had attended on January 24, 2009.
- MAYORS & REEVES** Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a Mayors and Reeves meeting he attended on January 29, 2009.
- DISASTER COURSE** Mayor Wilson reported to Council of a Disasters Course he had taken along with Councillor Schroeder in Strathmore on January 21, 2009.
- CORRESPONDENCE** The Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the Correspondence listed in the February 3, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$126.00 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**
- STREET LIGHT CONVERSION** It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town of Oyen accept the offer from ATCO Electric in the amount of \$64,649.00 to convert the 146 non-invested street lights to the investment rate option. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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