

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 7, 2009 AT 5:30 PM**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Van Otterloo and Tye.
- Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch  
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
- GUESTS/ DELEGATIONS** Don Bamber, Darren Opheim, Ann Berg, and Gordon Johnsen – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Parking.  
Christie Dick – SAMDA  
Sham Malhortra – Residential Lots
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.  
Additions under New Business:
7. SAMDA Representation
  8. Pool Landscaping
  9. Town of Oyen Spring Clean Up
- Additions under Correspondence:
10. Letter from Oyen District Health Care Foundation – Doctor’s Offices
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- CHRISTIE DICK SAMDA** Christie Dick unable to attend Council meeting, therefore not present at meeting.
- PREVIOUS MINUTES** Councillor Bedwell informed Council of corrections to be made in the previous minutes of March 3, 2009.
- Correction of “Georgine Westgard” under Previous Minutes.
- Correction of “Proposed CN Rail closure” under CN Rail.
- Councillor Christianson informed Council of corrections to be made in the previous minutes of February 2, 2009.
- Correction of date under Celebration 2009 in February 2, 2009 Minutes.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 24, 2009** It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 24, 2009 as circulated. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE PARKING** Delegates Don Bamber, Darren Opheim, Ann Berg, Gordon Johnsen attended the Council meeting to discuss with Council their concerns and inquires with regards to Council’s decision to rescind all permissions given to park on Town of Oyen property.
- Discussion took place with regards to the situation.
- The Municipal Administrator informed Council and the Delegates that the letter was sent to people on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for reason being that, on record, there was a motion that the people on South 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue were given permission to park on Town Property.

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Delegates Don Bamber, Darren Opheim, Ann Berg, and Gordon Johnsen take leave of the Council Chambers at 6:25PM

**SHAM  
MALHORTRA**

Not present at meeting.

**RECREATION  
REPORT**

Report not received.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT**

Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky not present at meeting – on compassionate leave.

**2008 FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to approve the 2008 Town of Oyen Financial Statement. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen have a Special meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, to further review and discuss the 2008 Town of Oyen Financial Statement. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TAX RECOVERY-  
PUBLIC AUCTION**

Municipal Administrator reported to Council that a Public Auction was required to be set for Tax Recovery for Lots 1,2,3, Block 2, Plan 4490AR.

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act a date and time must be set, the auction must be advertised, and the price must not go lower than that of the assessed value of the property.

Discussion took place.

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Public Auction for Lots 1,2,3 Block 2 Plan 4490AR, be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 2:00PM, in the Council Chambers, at a reserved bid of \$58,550.00 Cash. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PLAN**

The Municipal Administrator informed Council that the Town of Oyen must complete and adopt a Community Sustainability Plan as it is a requirement to to receive grant funding.

Discussion took place. The Municipal Administrator to contact Julie Friesen to assist with the completion of the Community Sustainability Plan for the Town of Oyen.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to contact Julie Friesen to assist with the Community Sustainability Plan for the Town of Oyen.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2008 FIRE CHIEF'S  
REPORT & BUDGET**

Council reviewed the 2008 Fire Chief's Report and 2009 Budget submitted by Mr. Paul Lijdsman, Fire Chief.

**FCSS**

Council received a letter from the Family Community Support Services with a request for financial assistance in the amount of \$500.00, from the Town of Oyen, for supplies during Volunteer Week.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of the request from the FCSS in the amount of \$500.00 for supplies during Volunteer Week. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- ALBERTA SENIORS ADVISORY COUNCIL** Council received a letter from Alberta Senior's Advisory Council with a request to proclaim June 1 – 17, 2009 as Senior's Week.
- Mayor Wilson proclaims June 1 – 17, 2009 as Senior's Week.
- SAMDA REPRESENTAION** Council was informed that there was another open position for a Town of Oyen representative on SAMDA.
- It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to appoint Paul Christianson as a Town of Oyen representative on SAMDA. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- POOL LANDSCAPING** Councillor Bedwell presented to Council a proposal of expenditures for the pool landscaping.
- In total the costs would come to approximately \$24,000.00.
- It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to approve the Pool Landscaping Committee's proposal in the amount of \$24,000.00 for costs for landscaping at the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- SPRING CLEAN UP** Discussion took place with regards to a date being set for the Town of Oyen Spring Cleanup.
- The Town of Oyen Spring Cleanup will take place Thursday, May 14, 2009.
- ACADIA FOUNDATION** Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the Acadia Foundation Site Meeting he attended. Councillor Lehman reported of an issue with the boilers underneath the new lodge and it would cost \$28,000.00. Further completion of the project will not be completed until issue is resolved. Councillor Lehman reported that the issue has been resolved.
- LIFE LEASES** Councillor Lehman reported to Council on the Senior's Life Lease Project meeting he attended and that 9 deposits had been made.
- TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Trail of the Buffalo conference call he had participated in.
- MARIGOLD LIBRARY** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Marigold Library System meeting she had attended.
- VICTIM'S SERVICES** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Victim's Services meeting she had attended on April 6, 2009 at the Town of Oyen Council Chambers.
- CN RAIL** Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the CN Rail Meeting she had attended.
- YOUTH COORDINATOR** Councillor Christianson reported to Council that Wanda Greenwood is the new Youth Volunteer Coordinator and is currently operating the Youth Fad Pad.
- SAMDA & RESPECT IN SPORTS** Councillor Christianson reported on the Annual SAMDA Meeting she had attended. Councillor Christianson reported on the Respect in Sports Program that was held on April 1, 2009 which was lead by former NHL Player Sheldon Kennedy.

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- MEDICAL DENTAL BOARD** Councillor Tye reported to Council on the Medical Dental Board Conference call he was involved in on March 23, 2009. Councillor Tye reported that he had been appointed as a representative for the Town of Oyen.
- PEP** Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a Palliser Economic Partnership Round Table meeting he attended together with other Mayors and Reeves.
- CORRESPONDENCE** The Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the Correspondence listed in the April 7, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.
- LETTER FROM BERG ET UX** Council received a letter from Art and Ann Berg with a request to subdivide and purchase a portion of R11, Plan 7510963, Block A, Plan 7510279 which is 25 x 100 feet.
- Discussion took place.
- The Municipal Administrator to obtain further information before a decision is able to be made.
- ANNUAL MEETING** Discussion took place with regards to the Town of Oyen Annual Meeting.
- It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Annual Meeting of the Town of Oyen be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:00PM with coffee and donuts to be served. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- OLD SWIMMING POOL** The Municipal Administrator reported to Council with regard the removal of the old swimming pool.
- A preliminary cost estimate was presented to Council in the amount of \$60,000.00 to demolish and remove fence and concrete.
- Discussion took place.
- NEW SIGNAGE ENTRANCE** Council was informed that the new Signage to the entrance of the Town of Oyen has been green lit.
- STREET IMPROVEMENT** Discussion took place on the Street Improvement Project.
- Municipal Administrator reported that approval for grant funding has not yet been received.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$8,452.50 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**
- ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Councillor Lehman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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