

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 5, 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**

Chamber of Commerce – Kari Kuzmiski, Marvie Kenny, Imogene Hauck  
Christie Dick – SAMDA  
Corporal Terry Link – R.C.M.P.

**HI-WAY 9 INTERSECTION**

The Municipal Administrator had met and invited Corporal Terry Link to attend the Council meeting to express concerns with regards to the accident that recently occurred on the intersection of Highway #9 and Highway #41 and supporting a request to reduce the speed limit on Highway 9 through the intersection to 80 km/hr.

The Municipal Administrator recommends that a letter be sent to Alberta Transportation with a request to reduce the speed limit to 80 Kilometers an hour on Highway #9 through the intersection. The Oyen RCMP will also send a letter supporting this request.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town of Oyen send a letter to Alberta Transportation requesting that the speed limit on Highway 9 through the intersection be reduced to 80 km/hr. Letter to be CC: Honorable Jack Hayden, MLA. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Corporal Terry Link takes leave of the Council Chambers at 5:38PM.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

4. Street Cleaning
  5. FCSS Office Assistant
  6. Visitors Information Centre
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Councillor Bedwell informed Council of corrections to be made in the previous minutes of April 7, 2009.

Correction of “green lit” under New Signage Entrance

It was moved by Councillor Christianson to adopt the previous minutes of April 7, 2009 as corrected.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OLD SWIMMING POOL**

Councillor Van Otterloo inquired about the old swimming pool and suggested possibly filling the empty pool with dirt, until funds are established to demolish the old swimming pool facility, to eliminate any hazards.

Discussion took place.

Municipal Administrator to discuss with Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky.

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- LETTER FROM BERG ET UX** Councillor Christianson inquired about the letter of request from Arthur and Ann Berg to subdivide and purchase a portion of R11, Plan 7510963.
- The Municipal Administrator informed Council that this is Municipal reserve land and certain regulations under the Municipal Government Act apply, therefore further investigation is required.
- SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 15, 2009** It was moved by Councillor Christianson to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting on April 15, 2009 as circulated. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Representatives, Kari Kuzmiski, Marvie Kenny and Imogene Hauck reported to Council that Kari Kuzmiski is the new appointed President of the Chamber of Commerce. The representative reported and discussed with Council on the following:
- Entrance Signage** – Met with Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky and it was agreed to place the proposed entrance signage on Town property on 4<sup>th</sup> Street east north of the original planned site – better access and no power lines. Plans for new sign to commence immediately. Municipal Administrator stated that in accordance with the Town of Oyen Land Use By-Law a Development permit is required.
- Cigarette Butts** – Concerns with regard to cigarette butts littering the front of Town businesses. Discussion took place and it was suggested that this maybe a project for the BLAST group at the Public School.
- Proposed Baseball Academy** – Inquiring as to what is happening with this project. Councillor Christianson stated that it was reported at the Oyen Recreation Board meeting that the Committee for the Baseball Academy will be holding a Public Forum/meeting in June, 2009.
- Mrs. Kuzmiski, Mrs. Kenny, and Mrs. Hauck take leave of the Council Chambers at 6:30PM
- SAMDA** Christie Dick, SAMDA did a presentation to Council on the past and current projects as well as funding budgets for SAMDA. Mrs. Dick discussed inquiries that Council had.
- Christie Dick, SAMDA takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:50PM.
- RECREATION REPORT** Council reviewed the Recreation Report submitted by Recreation Director, Edward Peacock.
- LETTER OF RESIGNATION** Council received a letter of resignation from Connie Heath as Board Member on the Oyen Municipal Library Board effective March 31, 2009.
- BUDGET MEETING** It was moved by Councillor Christianson that the Town of Oyen Budget meeting be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers. **CARRIED**
- NATIONAL NURSING WEEK** Council received a letter from College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta with a request to proclaim, May 11– 17, 2009 as National Nursing Week.
- It was moved by Councillor Tye that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim May 11 – 17, 2009 as National Nursing Week in the Town of Oyen.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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<b>STREET CLEANING</b>	Councillor Bedwell inquired on plans for street cleaning. The Municipal Administrator reported that she had met with Town Foreman, Darcy Dobrosky and that street cleaning will be commencing next week.
<b>FCSS</b>	Council received a letter form FCSS Director, Heather Norris, informing Council that Amanda Gulka has been hired as the new Office Assistant, and that the FCSS is requesting permission to have Ms. Gulka on the Town of Oyen payroll.  Discussion took place.  It was moved by Councillor Lehman to approve of including the office assistant position for the Oyen FCSS on the Town of Oyen payroll with only the necessary deductions. <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>
<b>VIC</b>	The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that Debbie Ross and the Visitor's Information Centre staff is attending training in Edmonton. The staff for the current year will be Marissa Fowlie, Travel Site Supervisor and Jillian Pratt, Kristen Smigelski and Kris Kuhn as Travel Councillors. The staff's first day will be May 11, 2009 and the Visitor's Information Centre will open May 15, 2009.
<b>ALBERTA HEALTH UNIT</b>	Councillor Van Otterloo reported to Council of a teleconference meeting he attended on May 4, 2009.
<b>RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD</b>	Councillor Christianson reported on the Recreation Advisory Board meeting she attended on April 15, 2009.
<b>POOL LANDSCAPING</b>	Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on a Pool Landscaping Committee meeting she had attended.
<b>ACADIA FOUNDATION</b>	Councillor Lehman reported on the Acadia Foundation meeting he had attended.  The target date for Phase 1 of the Oyen Lodge Project remains at July 31, 2009.
<b>PEP</b>	Mayor Wilson reported to Council on a Palliser Economic Partnership meeting he had attended.
<b>SWINE FLU</b>	The Municipal Administrator updated and discussed with Council the recent outbreak of Swine Flu.
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	A letter was received from Alberta Emergency Management Agency informing that the Town of Oyen was successful for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) for the purchase of emergency backup generator for the Oyen Fire Hall.
<b>STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b>	A letter was received from Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, informing that the Town of Oyen is approved for \$66,300.00 under the Streets Improvement Program.
<b>CN RAIL</b>	An E-Mail was received from Palliser Regional Municipal Services updating Council on the CN Rail Continuance Committee.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	The Municipal Administrator and Council reviewed the balance of the Correspondence listed on the May 5, 2009, Council meeting agenda.

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**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$3,399.12 be approved for payment.

Councillor Van Otterloo abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest.  
**CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the remaining list of accounts be approved for payment. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to adjourn the meeting @ 8:10PM  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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