

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 7 AT 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Wilson, Councillors Lehman, Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Tye and Van Otterloo

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch
Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo

GUESTS

Delegates, Marvie Kenny, Lorraine Guckert

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.
Additions under Correspondence:

8. Email from Darren Paquin Re: Excel Pipeline

It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the previous minutes of June 2, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Mrs. Kenny and Mr. Guckert attended the Council meeting to discuss concerns with Council.

Mrs. Kenny brought forward the proposed pathway on the past 7th Avenue at the west end on the Gene Peden Ball Diamond.

The situation was discussed and it was concluded that there was a miscommunication between the Municipal Administrator and Mrs. Kenny.

Mrs. Kenny brought forward to Council a complaint regarding the Town of Oyen waste site attendant Paul Geier.

Discussion took place and Mrs. Kenny to write a letter to the Town Council.

Mrs. Kenny brought forward to Council a complaint regarding the Town of Oyen Summer Students having there coffee break at the Town Office.

Discussion took place.

Mrs. Guckert brought forward a request Council that she and Mrs. Shirley Foot would like to cut down elms on Rose Jardine Avenue and replace them with five (5) blue spruce.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that Council give permission to Mrs. Guckert and Mrs. Foot.

RECREATION REPORT

Council reviewed the recreation report submitted by Recreation Director Edward Peacock.

TENDER – GARBAGE REMOVAL CONTRACT

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to go in camera at 6:22PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved by Councillor Tye to go out of camera at 6:50PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the Council of the Town of Oyen authorize the creation of a committee of two (2) to meet with the lone tender concerning the offer for the garbage removal contract in the Town of Oyen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TAX RECOVERY
PROPERTY**

It was reported to Council that the property of Lot 1, 2, 3, Block 2, Plan 4490AR was put on public auction on June 25, 2009 at 2:00PM in the Town of Oyen Council Chambers and that there was no attendance and no tenders bid.

Then Municipal Administrator informed Council the two options available to them in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. Council may:

1. Become owner under Section 424 of the MGA – Certificate of title retains the “Tax Forfeiture: clause. This means that once the Title is received under the above, the Town can sell the property at any time and according to any conditions it chooses. If the title is taken by the Town of Oyen then the property becomes exempt from further taxation.
2. Become owner under Section 425(1)(b) by depositing in an account in an amount of money equal to the price at which the Town would be willing to sell the parcel under clause (a) (by selling it at a price that is as close as reasonable to the market value of the Parcel). The above is referred to an acquiring “fee simple” title to a property.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that Council would be able to take option 1 and be able to take option 2 at a later date.

It was moved by Councillor Lehman that the Town Council of Oyen take option 1 and become the owner of Lot 1,2,3, Block 2, Plan 4490AR under Section 424 to retain the “Tax Forfeiture” clause.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**WEED CONTROL
INSPECTOR**

It was moved by Councillor Lehman to appoint Trent Caskey as the new Weed Control Inspector for the Town of Oyen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**STREET
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM**

Council was informed that the Town of Oyen is eligible for the Building Canada Funding Stimulus Program.

R.D.R.W.A.

Council received a letter from the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance with a request for approval to become charitable status.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve the change to charitable status.

**ADULT BASIC
LITERARY EDUCATION**

Council received a letter from Darlene Scarff, Coordinator of Adult Basic Literacy Education, with a request that Council grant permission to use Main Street and the Town Office for activities on September 8, 2009.

Discussion took place and it was concluded that Council give permission to Darlene Scarff to have the use of Main Street, Arena and Town Office for activities regarding Adult Basic Literacy Education, with the condition that the Recreation Director, Edward Peacock approves use of Arena.

MAYOR

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2009 TOWN OF OYEN CENSUS	Council was informed that the 2009 population of the Town of Oyen is 1190.
COUNCIL CHAMBER RENOVATIONS	<p>Councillor Van Otterloo inquired to Council with regards to renovations for the Town of Oyen Council Chambers.</p> <p>Discussion took place and it was concluded that a committee consisting of Mayor Wilson and Councillors Schroeder and Christianson would be formed to overlook future renovation plans.</p>
BYLAW OFFICER	<p>Councillor Van Otterloo inquired to Council with regards to the possibilities of sharing a Bylaw Officer with surrounding municipalities.</p> <p>Municipal Administrator to contact surrounding communities.</p>
MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEMS	Councillor Bedwell reported to Council of a Marigold Library Systems meeting that she had attended.
CN RAIL DISCONTINUANCE	Councillor Bedwell reported to Council of a CN Rail Discontinuance Public Forum that she had attended in Hanna on June 23, 2009 along with Mayor Wilson and Councillors Lehman and Christianson.
CITIZEN OF YEAR 2009	Councillor Bedwell reported to Council of the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award for Paul Lijdsman ceremony she attended.
FCSS	Councillor Christianson reported to Council that Jalisa Barnett is the new summer fun Coordinator for the Family Community Support Services.
OYEN RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD	Councillor Christianson reported to Council that Paul Lijdsman made a presentation to Paul Marlatt at the Eagles Golf Tournament on June 27, 2009, for all the years of volunteering and services while resided in the Town of Oyen.
MLA GOLF TOURNAMENT	Councillor Lehman reported to Council of an MLA Golf Tournament he had attended in Drumheller along with Mayor Wilson.
COMMUNITY FUTURES	Councillor Schroeder reported to Council of a Community Futures Loan Applications conference call he participated in.
TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO	Councillor Schroeder reported to Council of a Trail of the Buffalo meeting and conference call meeting he attended on June 18, 2009 at the Town of Oyen Council Chambers.
LEAVE OF ABSENCE	<p>Councillor Lehman takes leave of the Council Chambers at 7:53PM</p> <p>Delegate Lorraine Guckert takes leave of the council Chambers at 8:06PM</p>
R.C.M.P.	<p>Council was informed that Constable Derek Carlson will be leaving Oyen at the end of August and a replacement may be sent to take his place.</p> <p>Municipal Administrator to speak with Corporal Terry Link with regards to speeding in the streets of the Town of Oyen.</p>
ANNUAL MINISTERS	Council received a letter from Honorably Ray Danyluk, Minister of Alberta

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MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS Municipal Affairs with a request for a submission for an Annual Ministers Municipal Excellence Award.

The Municipal Administrator recommended to Council that the Town of Oyen enter in for the Partnership Award.

Municipal Administrator to look in to mandate.

FINNING Council was informed that Finning Canada is temporarily providing on site power and is putting a submission into Alberta Utilities Commission and would like to meet with Mayor Wilson or a Councillor.

Mayor Wilson to meet with Keystone and Finning on July 15, 2009.

2009 BULL-A-RAMA SPONSORSHIP The Municipal Administrator reported to Council of a meeting with Jim McCarthy of Ledcor Canada with regards to obtaining a \$10,000.00 Crown Sponsorship for the 2009 11th Annual White Lightning Dodge Cowboy Crunch Bull-A-Rama.

The Municipal Administrator reported that Ledcor Group of Companies and TransCanada will be splitting the Crown Sponsor for \$10,000.00.

CORRESPONDENCE The Municipal Administrator and council reviewed the balance of the Correspondence listing on the July 7, 2009 Council meeting agenda.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric in the amount of \$1501.50 be approved for payment.

Councillor Van Otterloo abstains from voting due to possible conflict of interest.

CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo that the remaining balance be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Wilson expressed his gratitude to all the landscaper workers and volunteers for the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Center landscaping.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR