

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AT 5:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT	Mayor Wilson, Councillors Schroeder, Bedwell, Christianson, Tye and Van Otterloo Municipal Administrator – Debbie Kovitch Recording Secretary – Rizdale Gajudo
ABSENT	Councillor Lehman
GUESTS	Delegates, Marvie Kenny, Lorraine Guckert Randy Girletz, Verla Girletz Darren Paquin – TransCanada Keystone XL
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	It was moved by Councillor Tye to adopt the Agenda as revised. Additions under New Business: 4. Letter from Mrs. Sullivan Re: Speeding on 5 th Avenue 5. Notice of Application – AUC 6. Letter – Historical Justice Week 7. Letter of Support – Mayor of Medicine Hat 8. Internship 9. Action List Additions under Old Business - Council Chambers CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Council reviewed the previous Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2009, and the following corrections were made: Correction of “Lehman and Bedwell” under PEP It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to adopt the previous minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 4, 2009 as corrected. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING	It was moved by Councillor Christianson to adopt the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on July 13, 2009. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
RECREATION REPORT	Council reviewed the Town of Oyen Recreation Report submitted by Town Recreation Director Edward Peacock.
RELAY FOR LIFE	A request was submitted from Angela Symes to have the 2010 Relay for Life to take place in the Town of Oyen, and plans to alternate venues with Alsask every year. Discussion took place and it was concluded that Mrs. Symes attend the next Council meeting of October 6, 2009 to provide Council with a presentation.
2009 AUMA	Council received information on the 2009 AUMA Convention at the Telus Convention Center in Calgary on November 4-6, 2009.

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Mayor Wilson, and Councillors Bedwell, Christianson, Schroeder and Van Otterloo will attend.

The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that Constable Tammy Tessier had contacted her with regards to setting up a meeting with the RCMP representatives at the AUMA Convention to discuss Council's concerns ie Shortage of Oyen RCMP members and other concerns Council may have.

**LETTER
& INVOICE
O.V.F.D.**

Council received a letter and invoice from the Oyen Volunteer Fire Department for pumping water at the Oyen Hospital/Dental Clinic parking lot.

Council was informed that the Dental Clinic had water at the entrance as well as flooding in the crawlspace.

Fire Chief Paul Lijdsman recommended that a flood control plan be put in place.

An email was received from Jay Slem, Chairman Special Areas Board, updating Council of a meeting Mr. Slem had with Mike Anton regarding the water problem at the Oyen Dental Clinic.

Discussion took place and Council instructed the Municipal Administrator to forward the invoice from the Oyen Volunteer Fire Department to Mr. Mike Anton.

**TRANSCANADA
KEYSTONE XL**

Darren Paquin updated Council with regards to the upcoming TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline and discussed any inquiries and concerns that Council may have.

Mr. Paquin, TransCanada Keystone XL, informed Council of public hearings that will be taking place in Calgary September 15-18, 2009 and in Saskatoon September 22-25, 2009 with regards to the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline

Mr. Paquin takes leave of the Council Chambers at 6:30PM.

**CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Delegate Marvie Kenny informed Council that the new Town of Oyen Entrance sign had been installed and that the Chamber of Commerce is now selling advertising to be placed on the sign.

Discussion took place for future plans.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Delegate Marvie Kenny informed Council of concerns regarding vandalism and trespassing at the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Center's landscaping.

Discussion took place regarding possible solutions such as placing a snow fence around the area.

Council to look into it further.

**HIGHWAY
SIGNAGE**

Discussion took place with regard to the Town of Oyen sign on Highway #9 that has been blown/torn down and damaged.

Municipal Administrator will contact Alberta Transportation in Hanna.

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**5TH AVENUE
SPEEDING**

Council received a letter from Georgia Sullivan with regards to trucks speeding on 5th Avenue. The letter expressed concerns that the trucks going down this road are not taking the designated truck route and is endangering lives due to speeding; as well the trucks produce loud noises and often pass through in the early morning.

Discussion took place of the situation and possible solutions.

Municipal Administrator to look further into the situation.

**AUC NOTICE OF
APPLICATION**

Council received a letter of notice from Alberta Utilities Commission. The letter informed Council that Finning Canada filed an application with Alberta Utilities Commission for an approval to install a temporary generation system at the Oyen Pumping Station.

The letter informed Council that any concerns or inquiries a letter should be filed with the AUC by 2:30PM, September 9, 2009.

**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE WEEK**

Council received a letter from Don Head, Commissioner of Communities Responding to Human Needs, with a request that Council proclaim November 15-22, 2009 as Restorative Justice Week.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Council of the Town of Oyen proclaim November 15-22, 2009 as Restorative Justice Week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REGIONAL
EVENT CENTRE**

Mayor Wilson received a letter from Norm Boucher, Mayor of Medicine Hat informing Council that the City of Medicine Hat is currently engaged in the completion of Phase IV of the Planning and request the endorsement through a letter of support of the project in principle.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Town of Oyen supports, in principle, the construction and completion of the Regional Event Centre in Medicine Hat. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

INTERNSHIP

Council discussed the ideas and possibilities of acquiring an internship program. Municipal Administrator to contact Alberta Municipal Affairs for further information.

**ACTION
LIST**

Councillor Christianson brought forward to Council the idea of implementing an Action List, and explained ideas.

It was moved by Councillor Christianson to implement the Action Plan that states the actions that the Council of the Town of Oyen has taken and when they have been completed.

MOTION DEFEATED

Mayor and Council to look into for next Council meeting on October 6, 2009.

**CANADIAN
BADLANDS**

Councillor Bedwell reported to Council on the Canadian Badlands Grant announcement event she attended at Hanna, with Mayor Wilson and Councillors Christianson and Schroeder. Council was informed that \$5 million dollars was granted to the Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Centre Program from Rural Alberta's Development Fund.

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- MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.** Councillor Bedwell informed Council of the Municipal Sustainability Planning meeting held prior to the Council meeting with Julie Friesen facilitating. The Municipal Sustainability Plan must be completed to qualify for some of the government grants. The plan is to set the direction and priorities for the Town of Oyen for the next 5 years. Council would like the input of the public to accomplish this project.
Council discussed options to engage the public.
As a first round of action, Council agreed to have a kiosk set up to get input from the citizens on priority areas they would like to see happen in the next 5 years.

The public kiosk will be set up at the Town of Oyen Activity Fair on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, from 5:00PM – 7:00PM.
Further public input will be sought at other events and venues.
- SOFT BALL TOURNAMENT** Councillor Christianson reported to Council on the welcome speech she presented at the Canadian Junior Little League Ball Championship Tournament, on behalf of the Town of Oyen.
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** Councillor Christianson reported to Council on a Personnel Committee meeting that was held with regards to the suggested revisions in the Town of Oyen Personnel Policy.
- COMMUNITY FUTURES** Councillor Schroeder reported to Council on the Community Futures conference call he took part in on August 25, 2009.

Councillor Schroeder informed Council of Prevoist in the Park taking place on September 3, 2009 in Kindersley from 6:45PM – 7:45PM, as part of the Meridian Community Futures AGM.
- ROSE JARDINE AVENUE** Lorraine Guckert brought forward a concern with regards to Town of Oyen utility and tax notices that have the civic address as 3rd Avenue West instead of Rose Jardine Avenue on her property.

The Municipal Administrator will look into and have the Office Assistant amend.
- ATCO GAS** Council received a letter from ATCO Gas informing Council of the 2010 forecast delivery revenue in the amount of \$306,961.00.
- TOWN BALL BLEACHERS** Council received a letter from Dianne Ball with concerns regarding the bleachers located at the Town of Oyen ball diamonds.

Council to forward letter to Recreation Advisory Board meeting on September 9, 2009.
- LEGION PUBLICATION** Council received an email from the Royal Canadian Legion with regards to an offer for the Town of Oyen to purchase advertising in the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command Royal Canadian Legion Yearly Publication.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Town of Oyen place a ¼ page color ad in the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command Royal Canadian Legion Yearly Publication in the amount of \$525.00. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Schroeder will approach the Oyen Lions Club with the opportunity to place an ad in the publication in conjunction with the Town of Oyen

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**GOLF
INVITATION**

Council received an email from SW Regional PC Association regarding an invitation to golf with Premier Ed Stelmach on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 located in Cardston at the Cardston Lee Creek Valley Golf Course.

**ALBERTA
INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that herself and Debbie Ross, Assistant, will be attending an Alberta Infrastructure grant workshop in Hanna on September 2, 2009.

OLD HOTEL

Councillor Van Otterloo inquired about options available to Council with the property acquired through tax forfeiture. Municipal Administrator stated that the options are regulated with the Municipal Government Act and copies will be provided for Council.

**ACCOUNTS
TO BE PAID**

It was moved by Councillor Tye that the invoice from John's Electric 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 balance of accounts be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Van Otterloo to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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