

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 28, 2010 AT 5:00PM

MEMBERS Mayor Elect Paul Christianson, Councillor Elect: Lois Bedwell, Rudi Brockmann,
PRESENT Shane Hertz, Douglas Lehman, Manfred Schroeder and Gordon Thomson.

Municipal Administrator – Debbie Ross
Recording Secretary – Charmain Hausauer

REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The Returning Officer, Debbie Ross, reported the Official Results of the 2010 Town of Oyen Election held on October 18, 2010 for the position of Mayor. Mrs. Ross reported that Effective 12:00PM Friday, October 2010 **Paul Christianson**, having received the highest number of votes was declared elected as Mayor for the Town of Oyen.

Councillors Acclaimed:

Lois Bedwell
Rudi Brockmann
Shane Hertz
Doug Lehman
Manfred Schroeder
Gordon Thomson

MEMBERS SWORN IN

Paul Lijdsman a Commissioner for Oaths swore in Mayor Christianson and the 5 (5) Councillors, who signed the necessary Oath of Office and took their place in the Council Chambers. The Oath of Office's were then entered into the Minutes Book.

Councillor Thomson was unable to attend and will be sworn in at first available opportunity.

Mayor Christianson called the meeting to order at 5:18PM.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Christianson called for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Mayor Christianson nominated Councillor Bedwell as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Hertz seconded the nomination. Lois Bedwell accepted the nomination.

Mayor Christianson called for any further nominations.

Councillor Lehman moved nominations ceased.

Mayor Christianson declared Councillor Bedwell as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Oyen.

SIGNING AUTHORITIES It was moved by Mayor Christianson that the signing authorities for the Town of Oyen be the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and the Municipal Administrator or in the absence of the Municipal Administrator the Office Assistant. Councillor Lehman clarified that cheques require the signature of one member of Council as well as an administrative signature.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETINGS, TIMES & PLACE It was moved by Councillor Hertz that the regular Council meetings of the Town of Oyen be held in the Council Chambers every 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:00PM.

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CHANGE OF DATE It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to change the date of the next Council meeting to November 9, 2010 at 5:00PM due to the Baseball at Dusk Fundraising being on November 2, 2010.

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FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE The Municipal Administrator recommended that Council as a whole join the committee so that everyone has input when creating the five year master plan.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen as a whole be on the Five Year Master Plan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACADIA FOUNDATION Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Lehman to represent the Town of Oyen on the Acadia Foundation Board. Mayor Christianson requested that a member from Council be a Member at Large (Non-Voting) to assist in this committee. Councillor Lehman suggested that a letter of request be made to the Acadia Foundation.

Councillor Schroeder volunteered for this position if approval is given.

AIRPORT COMMISSION Mayor Christianson appointed Councillor Brockmann to represent the Town of Oyen on the Airport Commission committee.

Mayor Christianson appointed Mr. Darrow Tye and Mr. Gordon Johnsen to remain on the Airport Commission.

MEDICAL DENTAL BOARD Mayor Christianson appoints himself to represent the Town of Oyen on the Medical Dental Board.

BIG COUNTRY RECYCLING SOCIETY Mayor Christianson appoints Mrs. Diane Walker and Councillor Brockmann to sit on the Big Country Medical Committee.

BIG COUNTRY WASTE MANAGEMENT Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Brockmann to sit on the Big Country Waste Management Committee.

CANADIAN BADLANDS Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Lehman and Schroeder to represent the Town of Oyen on the Canadian Badlands Committee.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE The Municipal Administrator recommends that two Councilors' as well as members from outside of Council sit on Cemetery Committee. Mayor Christianson appoints Councillors Bedwell and Schroeder to represent the Town of Oyen on the Cemetery Committee.

Mayor Christianson appoints Mr. Tye, Mrs. Tye and Mr. MacLean to sit on the Cemetery Committee.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Mayor Christianson appoints himself and Councillor Hertz to sit on the Development Committee.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Mayor Christianson appoints the Municipal Administrator as the Development Officer.

DIRECTOR OF DISASTER SERVICES Mayor Christianson appoints the Municipal Administrator as the Director of Disaster Services.

DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE Mayor Christianson appoints Mr. John Van Otterloo as the Deputy Director of Disaster Services and called for volunteers from Council. Councillors Bedwell, Schroeder, and Hertz are appointed to the Committee. Mayor Christianson appoints

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Mr. Thomas Van Otterloo, Mr. Paul Lijdsman and Mr. Darcy Dobrosky to sit on the Disaster Services committee.

FCSS Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Schroeder with Councillor Bedwell as alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on the FCSS Board.

FIRE CHIEF Mayor Christianson appoints Mr. Paul Lijdsman as the Town of Oyen Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief for a three year term.

HENRY KROEGER Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Lehman with Councillor Thomson as an **WATER COMM.** Alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on the Oyen & District Water Commission.

MARIGOLD LIBRARY BOARD Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Thomson as a representative for the Town of Oyen on the Marigold Library Board.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Thomson as a representative for the Town of Oyen on the Municipal Library Board.

MERIDIAN COMMUNITY FUTURES Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Schroeder with Councillor Bedwell as the alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on the Meridian Community Futures Committee.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COM. Mayor Christianson appoints Councillors Hertz, Schroeder and Brockmann to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission.

OYEN & DISTRICT WATER ASSOC. Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Schroeder with Councillor Brockmann as the alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on the Oyen & District Water Commission.

PEP Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Lehman and Debbie Ross to represent the Town of Oyen with Palliser Economic Partnership.

P.R.M.S. Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Bedwell with Councillor Schroeder as an alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on Palliser Regional Municipal Services.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Mayor Christianson appoints Councillors Thomson, Bedwell and Hertz to sit on the Town of Oyen Personnel Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE Mayor Christianson appoints Councillors Schroeder, Hertz and Brockmann to sit on the Town of Oyen Public Works Committee.

RECREATION BOARD Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Lehman with Councillor Brockmann as the alternate to sit on the Town of Oyen Recreation Board.

R.D.R.M.U.G. Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Lehman with Councillor Bedwell as the alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group.

R.D.R.W.A. Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Hertz with Councillor Lehman as the alternate to represent the Town of Oyen on the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

SAMDA Mayor Christianson appoints Debbie Ross, and Councillors Christianson and Lehman to represent the Town of Oyen as representatives for the Town of Oyen on the SAMDA Board.

TRAIL OF THE BUFFALO Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Brockmann with Councillor Schroeder as an alternate to represent the Town of Oyen for the Trail of the Buffalo.

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VICTIMS SERVICES Mayor Christianson appoints Councillor Bedwell to represent the Town of Oyen on the Victims Services Committee.

LIBRARY BOARD Mayor Christianson appoints Mrs. Marge Norris, Mr. Allen Stober, and Mrs. Shirley Carlson appointed for an additional three year term.

COUNCILLOR FEES The Municipal Administrator recommends that further research be done and this issue be brought forward to the next Council Meeting on November 9, 2010.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION Mayor Christianson addressed concerns and discussed the following with what he would like to see completed as Mayor:

- a. Empty businesses downtown
 - i. Wants to prevent our current businesses from leaving and encourage new businesses coming to Oyen; look to larger centers (ie. Calgary, Edmonton, etc) to encourage new businesses to come to Oyen
 - ii. Require better links/metatags on the internet to promote Oyen as a great place to live and work
- b. Would like to see the main streets and by the UFA repaired and paved.
- c. Would like to see the rest of the water sewer lines replaced before the paving is completed.
- d. Fishing pond at the RV Park
- e. Need to involve the people that come to town (crews) and get them involved with the community so that they would possibility consider moving to town
- f. Diagnostics Imaging Centre in Oyen – pulls people into the community to make use of the town.

Councillor Hertz addressed and discussed the following with what he would like to see completed as Councillor:

- a. Street Improvement
- b. Speed Limits on Town streets dropped to 40 km/hour
- c. Rates at the Super 8 are too high – this detracts from tourism in the area and makes people not want to come back

Councillor Lehman addressed and discussed the following with what he would like to see completed as Councillor:

- a. Need to be Proud of Oyen – Needs to be marketed properly and showcase our assets (ie. Doctors, Seniors Center, Research Centre, Pool, Baseball, Minor Hockey, etc.) Need to be more progressive in our thinking
- b. Need to be travelling and meeting the politicians and to ensure they know that our town projects are a priority.
- c. Have to get Council and staff to work together (team) – good solid communication – sit down with the staff and communicate everyone's expectations (both ways)
- d. The Gallery should not interfere with the happenings at Council Meetings – they are there to observe only and should not be allowed to speak unless they are asked for their opinion.
- e. Need a course for Council on Roles and Responsibilities
- f. It's Councils duty to get the pulse of the community and be seen at the different events and show the public that we care.

Councillor Bedwell addressed and discussed the following with what he would like to see completed as Councillor:

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- a. Concurs with Councillor Lehman regarding team building exercises with Council and Staff.
- b. Long Term Planning – equipment, environment, facilities, etc.
- c. Marketing the Town – promotional items (lapel pins, etc.)
- d. Continue working on policies, financial, safety, etc.
- e. Planning our Centennial
- f. Marketing the Swimming Pool
- g. More input into the Budget
- h. Website management – with e-mail addresses
- i. Finish Council Chambers
- j. The largest something.
- k. More open to the public – open houses –
- l. Sign outside of Oyen for prohibited use of engine retarder brakes
- m. Town of Oyen sign on the 895

Councillor Schroeder addressed and discussed the following with what he would like to see completed as Councillor:

- a. Get the mayor back on the radio on Q91
- b. Make sure the internet is working for us – search engines, keywords, etc.

Councillor Brockmann addressed and discussed the following with what he would like to see completed as Councillor:

- a. Street by UFA – needs improvement
- b. Need to promote the town – possibly attract smaller conventions to utilize our facilities further
- c. Promotional Items

Councillor Bedwell requested permission to continue with Councillors Corner. Councillor Lehman suggested to make sure there is a disclaimer or possibly a different title.

The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that on Monday, November 8, 2010 there will be a meeting with Chairman of Special Areas Jay Slemph regarding Doctor Recruitment at 5:00PM – 7:00PM at the Oyen Learning Center.

The Municipal Administrator reported to Council that Battle River RCMP Division has requested a meeting on November 2, 2010 with Council at 1:00PM to discuss issues before meeting at the AUMA Convention.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting Adjourned at 7:19PM.

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