

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN
WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2011 AT
5:00PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Christianson, Councillors Bedwell, Brockmann, Hertz, Lehman and Schroeder.

MEMBERS ABSENT Councillor Thomson

Acting Municipal Administrator – Debbie Ross
Recording Secretary – Rizzdale Gajudo

GUESTS Paul Evans – Interim Recreation Director
Christie Dick, Andrea Thornton – SAMDA/R2R

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Christianson calls the meeting to order at 5:10PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to adopt the Agenda as amended.

- Additions under New Business:
6. Retirement Party – Debbie Kovitch
 7. Medicine Hat News – Advertisement Proposal
 8. Q91 Advertisement

CARRIED

RECREATION REPORT Interim Recreation Director Paul Evans presented Council with the Recreation Report and discussed questions and concerns that Council had.

Discussion took place with regards to the damage and flooding of the roof at the Oyen & District Memorial Arena.

It was moved by Mayor Christianson that in addition to the originally proposed ice plant upgrading, that the restoration of the lean-to roof at the Oyen & District Memorial Arena be included in the Community Facility Enhancement Grant application.

CARRIED

Town of Oyen to provide letter of support, with Paul Evans to sign.

It was moved by Councillor Schroder that the Recreation Report submitted by Interim Recreation Director Paul Evans be accepted as information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS Mayor Christianson requests that a letter be sent to the Town of Oyen Public Works Foreman Darcy Dobrosky requesting him to attend Council Meetings. Councillor Hertz requested the pile of snow piled on the park by the Legion be removed to eliminate potential flooding of residents in the spring.

SAMDA/R2R Christie Dick and Andrea Thornton from SAMDA Economic Partnership presented Council with the yearly review of SAMDA projects including the Return to Rural Project.

PIONEER Mayor Christianson requests that the Letters listed in the Correspondence from Friends of the Elevator, Save Our Elevator Committee, and Oyen & District Historical Society be included with the discussion and presentation of Todd Moffet – representative for Richardson Pioneer.

Request accepted by Council.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Councillor Bedwell excuses herself as Councillor to become a representative for the Friends of the Elevator.

Discussion took place with regards to the demolition situation of the Pioneer Elevator.

Councillor Bedwell recluses herself as a representative for the Friends of the Elevator to become a Councillor of the Town of Oyen.

It was moved by Councillor Schroeder that the Town of Oyen respectfully decline the request from the Friends of the Elevator to proceed any further with the salvation of the Pioneer Elevator due to the fact that there are costs and actual cost dollars involved.

CARRIED

CALL TO RECESS Mayor Christianson calls the meeting to recess at 6:47PM.

CALL TO RESUME Mayor Christianson calls the meeting to resume at 7:07Pm.

PREVIOUS MINUTES It was moved by Councillor Hertz to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 7, 2010 as corrected.

- Addition of "Absent" to Councillor Lehman
- Correction of "Mayor Christianson" under Adjournment

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Council reviewed the Municipal Administrators Report submitted by Acting Municipal Administrator Debbie Ross.

Council discussed the new fuel tanks at the Oyen Municipal Airport.

It was moved by Councillor Brockmann that the Municipal Administrator's Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Councillor Brockmann to meet with Darrow Tye with regards to progress for the new Fuel Tanks for the Oyen Municipal Airport.

FCSS APPOINTMENTS It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to appoint Cecilia Christianson and Connie Hertz as FCSS Board Members.

CARRIED

P.R.M.S. 2011 REQUISITION It was moved by Councillor Hertz that the Palliser Regional Municipal Services 2011 Requisition in the amount of \$8,563.53 be added to the 2011 Budget.

CARRIED

P.R.M.S. BYLAW OFFICER It was moved by Councillor Bedwell that the Council of the Town of Oyen support the Palliser Regional Municipal Services in there Regional Bylaw Enforcement Services Study grant application.

CARRIED

OYEN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS Discussion took place with regards to setting the date for the Town of Oyen Centennial Celebrations (Incorporated January 17, 1913).

August 5, 2013 tentatively booked with the Town of Oyen Office staff to verify dates with surrounding communities to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts.

PEP GRANT It was moved by Councillor Lehman that:

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

1. Council authorizes The Town of Oyen to participate in, and submit a grant application for Palliser Futures – Regional and Community Action Plans under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Regional Collaboration Program; further
2. the Town of Oyen agrees to be designated the managing partner of Palliser Futures – Regional and Community Action Plans for the purposes of receiving, administering, allocating, reporting, and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; and further
3. the Town of Oyen agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.”

CARRIED

RETIREMENT PARTY Discussion took place with regards to setting a date for the Retirement Party for Debbie Kovitch, former Municipal Administrator.

Council agreed on Saturday, March 12, 2011 with staff to book venue.

Councillors Bedwell, Schroeder, and Hertz volunteered their time to help with anything needed.

MEDICINE HAT NEWS AD It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to spend up to \$800.00 on the Proposed Advertisement from Medicine Hat News,

CARRIED

Q91 AD PROPOSAL Council was presented with a 30 second ad sample from Q91.

It was moved by Councillor Bedwell to approve the existing advertisement rather than amending it.

CARRIED

CALL TO RECESS Councillor Schroeder calls meeting to Recess at 8:04PM.

CALL TO RESUME Councillor Schroeder calls meeting to Resume at 8:11PM.

IN CAMERA It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to go In Camera at 8:12PM.

CARRIED

OUT OF CAMERA It was moved by Councillor Schroeder to go Out of Camera at 8:58PM.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Christianson calls the meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR