

A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD IN THE TOWN SHOP ON MARCH 23, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors Schroder, Hertz, Brockman, Town Foreman Darcy Dobrosky, Assistant Foreman Wyatt Girletz, Public Works Employee Mike Potter

Municipal Administrator Debbie Ross

LATE ARRIVAL

Mayor Christianson arrived at 9:50

Councillor Hertz appointed Councillor Schroeder as Chairman at 9:08 am
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Brockman adopted the agenda.
CARRIED

DUGOUT OLD WATERLINE

Municipal Administrator asked Darcy about the old waterline from dugout to ball diamonds. Town Foreman said line was to 7th Avenue, and was buried very shallow, and has been cut or removed in several locations. Any investigation of a waterline from dugout to ball diamonds would require all new lines.

COMPOST PILE

Councillor Schroeder inquired about the possibility of windrowing and turning the compost pile. Public Works Foreman reported that it would take a large land base to do it properly. Councillor Brockman reported the Ag. Building was trying to find some way to get rid of the straw and manure from the ag. building, and might be willing to supply land in return for the town incorporating their waste materials in the compost pile. Councillors Schroeder and Brockman will investigate further with the Ag. Society.

Councillor Schroeder excused himself from meeting at 10:00 and returned at 10:15

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Council and Public Works reviewed the public works equipment, and identified and prioritized an equipment replacement plan. The grader will be first, followed by the backhoe. Public Works would also like a second one ton truck for watering in the summer. Public Works committee and Public Works Foreman will keep their eyes out for a grader.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Public works Foreman reviewed with Committee the number and location where there is still cast iron lines. A total of 8 ½ blocks: 3 blocks on 1st Avenue East from Highway to 1st Street East, 1 block on Railway Ave. from 1st Avenue East to Main Street, 2 ½ blocks on 3rd Avenue East from 2nd Street to 4th Street East, and 2 blocks on 3rd Street East from 1st Avenue to 3rd Avenue.

LAGOON

Municipal Administrator asked Public Works Foreman to report on the potential problems we face at the Lagoon, and what plans he has in place to mitigate any problems. Meeting scheduled with Environment and MPE Engineering to investigate options available. Cattails must be removed, and Lagoon should be dredged – this is not a cheap process, but has been identified in a report from the Environmental Inspector Larry West as an issue that needs to be addressed.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

PAVING PLANS Committee discussed paving plans with public works foreman, and requested he come up with a prioritized list for a street paving program. The consensus at the meeting is that first priority is 4th Street past the UFA petroleum through the entrance to Town and down 1st Avenue. Committee discussed with Public Works department options for dealing with 4th Street until funding can be sourced to proceed with this project. Discussed turning it back to gravel. Discussion also took place on how to deal with other potholes around Town. Public Works Foreman explained process and products used for repairing potholes.

WATER Municipal Administrator asked Town Foreman where they are at with the **METERING** universal metering policy adopted last summer. Town Foreman explained the cost involved with metering such things as the ball diamonds. Meters for houses are in, and department will move ahead with these. Process can be labour intense, and costly if they have to run new lines in a finished basement. As Council wishes to move to a user pay program for water usage, as well as investigate alternative water sources for parks, allocation of municipally used water to appropriate departments is essential, and Public Works department is asked to continue to work towards universal metering.

TOWN FLAGS Public Works was asked to replace Canadian Flag at Town Entrance.

OPS SIGNAGE Public Works was asked about the signage for the OPS school. Public Works Foreman said signs are in, and will be installed as soon as frost is out of the ground.

MAYOR

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