

December 17, 2008

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Mayor Best.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor	F. Best
Deputy Mayor	L. Browne
Councillor	B. Bailey
	F. Russell
	B. Strong
	P. Tilley
CAO	R. Hiscock
Town Clerk	M. Blackmore
Director of Public Works	R. Smith

REGRETS

Councillor	E. Müller
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MINUTES

MOTION: 08-187 Cr. Strong/Cr. Russell

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on December 9, 2008 be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

DOC CENTRE

No report.

EVENTS CENTRE

Discussion held on the progress of the Events Centre. It was felt that the steel is progressing very slowly. CAO to contact Ron Fougere's office to see if they expect a delay in completion date as a result of this.

SHOPPING CENTRE

PARKING LOT

Meeting tentatively set for the first week in January. It was suggested that all Councillors make an effort to attend.

RAILWAY BUILDING

No report. CAO reported that the letter concerning the Caboose and Flatcars was sent to the Heritage Society and copied to the Shrine Club.

CUBAN VISIT

No report.

DUMPSTERS

Policy will be presented at the next Public Works meeting for consideration.

BLASTING IN AREA

CAO reported that a letter was sent to OH&S concerning recent blast in the area. We have not received a response to date. It was also noted that this company should be using extreme caution when blasting near the hospital.

ACTION REPORT Circulated for Council's review.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING WITH
AUDITORS

Chair of Finance reported that a meeting was held just prior to today's meeting with representatives of Wendell Moore CA. This meeting was to notify the Town that their company will be merging with another auditing firm in the new year. They reassured the Committee that we will not see any change in service. Our annual audit will continue to be done by the same individual and Council will not see any increase in fees as a result of this merger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION &
NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT

No report.

ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS

CORNER MALL
INTERIOR RENOVATION

MOTION: 08-188 Cr. Bailey/Cr. Strong

BE IT RESOLVED that the application received from the Hair Cutting Shop for interior renovations to space formerly occupied by Gallery Shoes in Corner Mall be approved, subject to Government Services approval and all work completed in accordance with the Town's Development Regulations.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

FINANCE,
COMMUNICATION
& PLANNING

INVOICES

MOTION: 08-189 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

BE IT RESOLVED that invoices as presented in the amount of \$204,686.61 be approved for payment..

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

PAYOUT OF LOANS

Seven loans presented for payout in the amount of \$278,925.70. These funds were made available as a result of the settlement of a legal matter in the Town's favour, amounting to \$140,000 and the payment of an outstanding debt to the Town, in the amount of \$200,000. Both these amounts were originally set up as loans and as a result Council felt it should be returned to debt repayment.

MOTION: 08-190 Cr. Russell/Cr. Bailey

BE IT RESOLVED that seven loans with CIBC, totaling \$278,925.70, be paid in full.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

2009 BUDGET

Councillor Russell, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2009 Budget in the amount of \$6,420,654, a \$500,000 increase over 2008. The budget was balanced with a slight increase in water fees of \$4 per month residential and \$5 per month commercial. This was necessary due to the increased cost associated with the delivery of water. Cr. Russell also gave a very detailed overview of budget expenditures.

MOTION: 08-191 Cr. Russell/Cr. Tilley

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2009 budget be adopted as presented.

IN FAVOUR 5 - AGAINST 1 - CARRIED. Mayor Best voted against the budget as he felt that a ½ mill increase would be a fairer increase to the residents than a \$48 per year water tax increase.

2009 TAX STRUCTURE

MOTION: 08-192 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2009 Tax Structure as presented and attached

to the minutes, be approved.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

INTEREST CHARGES

MOTION: 08-193 Cr. Russell/D.M. Browne

BE IT RESOLVED that compound interest be charged on all arrears of taxes at 5% above prime at January 1, 2009.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

WELCOME TO STAFF

Mayor Best extended a welcome to the staff in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 07-194 Cr. Tilley/Cr. Russell

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 pm.

IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk