

## January 11, 2010

Meeting called to order at 11:30 pm by Mayor Best.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor	F. Best
Councillors	B. Bailey
	R. Nicholl
	J. Pickett
	K. Rodway
	H. Smith
CAO	R. Hiscock
Director of Public Works	R. Smith
Town Clerk	M. Blackmore

### REGRETS

Councillor	F. Russell
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### MINUTES

***MOTION: 10-001 Cr. Rodway/Cr. Smith***

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on December 8, 2009 be adopted as presented.

***IN FAVOUR 6- CARRIED***

### BUSINESS ARISING

#### TIDY TOWN SIGNAGE

CAO reported that the signs should be here later this month or early next month.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

***Municipal Orientation January 23<sup>rd</sup>*** - Council was reminded of the Municipal Orientation at St. Jude on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Councillors urged to attend.

### NEW BUSINESS

***Cr. Smith left the meeting due to a possible Conflict of Interest.***

### LINE OF CREDIT

#### WHITE HILLS

***MOTION: 10-002 Cr. Pickett/Cr. Nicholl***

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve to be borrowed from CIBC, a \$50,000 Line of Credit for White Hills Ski Resort.

***IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED***

Payments on Principle and Interest to be the responsibility of White Hills.

***Cr. Smith returned to the meeting.***

### INVOICES

***MOTION: 10-003 Cr. Pickett/Cr. Smith***

BE IT RESOLVED that invoices in the amount of \$366,669.45 be approved.

***IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED***

2010 BUDGET

Councillor Pickett, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2010 Budget in the amount of \$7,139,000, a \$718,346 increase over 2009. With the increase in property assessments in 2010, a decrease was offered to the Residential Property mill rate to 7.75 mills. Cr. Pickett explained that the commercial assessments saw very little change therefore, a slight increase in the property mill rate to 8.5 mills was decided. Poll Tax also saw a slight increase to \$325 per year. A very detailed overview of budget expenditures was also given.

**MOTION: 10-004 Cr. Pickett/Cr. Smith**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Budget be adopted as presented.  
**IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED**

Cr. Rodway stated that this is the first Municipal Budget he has been involved in and found it to be a learning experience, however, he felt it is a great budget and one he would be proud to support.

2010 TAX STRUCTURE

**MOTION: 10-005 Cr. Pickett/Cr. Smith**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Tax Structure as presented and attached to the minutes, be approved.  
**IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED**

INTEREST CHARGES

**MOTION: 10-006 Cr. Pickett/Cr. Smith**

BE IT RESOLVED that compound interest be charged on all arrears of taxes at 5% above prime at January 1, 2010.  
**IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

MAYOR BEST ON  
BUDGET

Mayor Best expressed his appreciation to the Chairperson, Town Clerk and Staff for their involvement in the Budget preparation. He informed the group that the property mill rate is not as low as he would have liked it to be however, he felt that it's a good budget.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: 10-007 Cr. Rodway/Cr. Smith**

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 am.  
**IN FAVOUR 6 - CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Town Clerk