

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 10/14
9:00 am
Agenda

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| 1. | Call to Order | |
| 2. | Agenda Approval and Additions | |
| 3. | Minutes of September 12, 2014 | |
| 4 | Alberta Transportation Russ Watts, Lynden Fischer and Mike Damberger Highway 53 and Highway 20A (9:00 am) | |
| 5 | Bob Stevenson – Economic Development | |
| 6 | Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (10:30 am) | |
| 7 | Rimbey Downtown Sustainability Strategy | |
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TOWN OF RIMBEY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Call to Order Mayor Pankiw called the meeting to order at 9.05 am, with the following in attendance:

Mayor Pankiw
Councillor Jaycox
Councillor Webb
Chief Administrative Officer - Lucien Cloutier, CLGM
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer – Lori Hillis, CA
Director of Community Services – Cindy Bowie
Community Peace Officer, Sgt. Kyle Koller
Recording Secretary – Kathy Blakely

Absent:

Public:

1. 1 Skateboard Park
Mayor Pankiw advised Ponoka County has sent a cheque in the amount of \$40,000.00 to the Kinsmen Club in support of the skateboard park. Ponoka County has asked the Kinsmen Club to re-apply in March of 2015 for additional funding for the skateboard park.

It was suggested the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer get together with the Kinsmen Club to assist them with their CFIP Grant application. Application deadline is December 31/14.

2. 2 Building of Spec Homes regarding Taxes
Mayor Pankiw read letter to Council from C. Anderson of Evergreen Estates and Paul Kusch of Grand Diamond Enterprises.

Mayor Pankiw spoke regarding the foregoing of taxes on newly constructed spec homes. He indicated people want to move into homes which are already built and not wait for them to be built. There is a need for housing in Rimbey. He thought it is a good idea not to tax the properties as occupied until they are actually sold.

CAO Lucien Cloutier advised Council there are only certain ways a Council can deal with taxes as per the Municipal Government Act. More importantly, he indicated Council does not want to bind future Councils. Alternatives would need to be investigated. A relief would have to be a year to year agreement with the applicant applying annually for aid.

Discussion ensued on guidelines for new developments. It was suggested this would be addressed in a Community Standards Bylaw.

It was the consensus of Council for CAO Cloutier to draft up a proposal and bring back to Council at a later date.

3. 3 Council Thoughts On Winter Services Levels
Mayor Pankiw noted we will be going into the budget season very soon. Councillor Webb indicated the Town had a high service level last year for snow removal. It was costly if we compare this year to last year. However, with the purchase of the snow blower, we were able to remove the berms along the sidewalks, making parking and pedestrian traffic easier. It was the consensus of Council; they would like to ensure it is that way again this upcoming year. Put the snow to the middle of the road and remove it right away. Discussion ensued on the priority of streets and snow removal on downtown business sidewalks. It was noted, that although the Town does go along with the little plow/sweeper, it is actually the business owner's responsibility to clear their

sidewalks.

Discussion ensued regarding potholes this spring. Councillor Jaycox inquired if there was any documentation indicating more or less potholes than prior years after using the snow blower to remove the majority of the snow. It was noted verbally there were fewer potholes.

Discussion ensued regarding back alleys with regards to garbage pick-up. Mayor Pankiw advised the Town plowed the back lanes so the garbage could be picked up. He indicated some other communities close their back alleys in the winter and have garbage pick-up in the front of the residences. It was suggested to review the Cast-A Waste agreement to see if there are options.

4. 4 Rimoka Housing Update

Rick Pankiw has a letter from the Rimoka Housing Authority to the Town of Rimbey regarding the lodge replacement and notification of funds for replacement of lodge. It will be a stand-alone facility with 80 units. It was the consensus of Council to bring this to the September 22, 2014 Council Meeting to ratify the Rimoka Housing Foundation request regarding funding.

CAO Cloutier advised Council the letter has been sent to Ponoka County authorizing the Counties purchase of land within the Town of Rimbey.

Mr. Cummings has agreed to pass all the information regarding the retention pond on to the Rimoka Housing Foundation which will be an approximate savings of \$10,000.

Mayor Pankiw advised there will be a press release coming out next week from the Rimoka Housing Foundation regarding the lodge.

5. 5 Boards & Committees

A copy of the Boards and Committees was distributed to the Council members advising what the board was, how many members are to be on it, when the meetings are and where. It was suggested Kathy send out an email to the Council members to see if they still want to be on their current boards. If you want to change from one committee to another, please let the CAO know and it can be discussed.

Discussion ensued on the recreation advisory board and whether the new Director of Community Services felt it was needed. The Director of Community Services indicated the whole community could be your advisory committee. She has not had a lot of complaints or suggestions from the community. She feels the recreation advisory board could be dissolved.

Discussion ensued on the newly formed Wellness Committee. It was the consensus to add the wellness committee to the list of Boards and Committees. It is important to the community. It is a lot like the interagency committee.

Discussion ensued on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Are the SDAB members still willing to sit on the board? It was noted they receive a \$100.00 per year honorarium.

CAO Cloutier explained the difference between subdivision and development appeals.

6. 6. Plan for Arena Staffing

Mayor Pankiw asked the Director of Community Services what the plans are for staffing the arena this winter season. Discussion ensued on various aspects of staffing and service levels expected. It was noted there were problems last year with the lack of cleanliness of the arena. It was suggested to have an ongoing cleaning schedule for the arena.

It was noted the ice is now in the arena and will need to find a person with arena 1 training.

7. 7. 10 Year Capital Plan
 CAO Cloutier advised Council he and the Chief Financial Officer have prepared a 10 year capital plan and a first draft of the 2015 capital plan with funding. He spoke on the 10 year capital plan and suggested several options to Council. He also spoke on the estimated 2015 capital budget, suggesting the Town investigate debt limits.

Discussion ensued on doing a big project one year and small one the next. Discussion ensued on the storm sewer with regards to injection repair, verses abandonment and replacement of storm sewer lines.

8. 8. Bylaw Enforcement
 Discussion ensued on the Bylaw Enforcement Program. When the Town took over the Bylaw enforcement program, it was indicated the program would be self-sufficient. It was noted the Town of Rimbey is not receiving a share of the revenues from the other communities which would offset the cost of vehicle repairs, replacements etc. It was suggested the agreement be reviewed and revisit the costing. Community Peace Officer Supervisor Koller advised Council of the number of violations issued in the Summer Villages and the number of hours they have spent there. It was suggested the Chief Financial Officer review the revenues and expenditures for the program.

Adjournment Mayor Pankiw adjourned the meeting.

Time of Adjournment: 11:06 am.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER