

TOWN OF RIMBEY

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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1. Call to Order Mayor Ibbotson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following in attendance:
- Mayor Sheldon Ibbotson  
Councillor Jack Webb  
Councillor Gayle Rondeel  
Councillor Joe Anglin  
Councillor Paul Payson  
CAO - Tony Goode  
Assistant CAO – Ryan Maier  
Director of Finance – Danita Deal  
Community Services Director – Rick Kreklewich  
Recording Secretary - Melissa Beebe
- Public:  
Stan Cummings, SJC Development  
Rimbey Review – Trena Mielke
2. Public Hearing None
3. Adoption of Agenda Agenda additions presented were as follows:
- New and Unfinished Business  
7.8 Western Alberta Transmission Line (WATL)  
7.9 Letter from Luke Kuratta  
7.10 Flag at Half Mast
- Motion 186/11
- Moved by Councillor Anglin to adopt the agenda as amended.
- CARRIED  
(5-0)
4. Minutes 4.1 July 11, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes
- Motion 187/11
- Moved by Councillor Rondeel to accept the July 11, 2011, Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- CARRIED  
(5-0)
5. Delegation 5.1 SJC Development Corporation  
Mr. Cummings approached Council asking for further information on what progress has been made towards the completion of 54 Street access to Highway 53, as noted in the letter dated August 15, 2011. Mr. Cummings referenced previous documentation that outlined what the Town has completed within the area of development.
- Mayor Ibbotson asked if Council had any questions. No comments were noted. Mayor Ibbotson thanked Mr. Cummings.
6. Bylaws None
7. New and Unfinished 7.1 SJC Development Corporation – 54 Street Access Inquiry  
Mr Cummings who spoke as a delegation to Council provided a letter dated

## Business

August 15, asking Council a question of when the 54 Street access to Highway 53 will be completed.

Motion 188/11

Moved by Councillor Rondeel to have Administration send a letter to Cavalier Ventures requesting clarification of their intent for the Construction of the 54 Street to Highway 53 access as outlined in the development agreement.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.2 RInC Project Extension – Rimbey Aquatic Pool

Administration provided an update on the Rimbey Aquatic Pool project and is requesting Council pass a resolution extending the deadline for the project completion end date from September 30 to October 31, 2011.

Motion 189/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to extend the deadline of the RInC Grant Rimbey Aquatic Pool project from September 30 to October 31, 2011 and any costs incurred after the date is to be paid by the Town of Rimbey.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.3 Council Meeting Schedule

Council discussed revising the meeting schedule dates for September and October and will review further options at the annual Organizational Meeting.

Motion 190/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin that regular council meetings will be scheduled for September 12 and 26 starting at 6:30 pm, October 11 starting at 9:00 am and October 24 at 6:30 pm.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

Stan Cummings withdrew from meeting at 6:46 pm.

7.4 Delinquent Accounts

Administration is requesting a resolution of Council to write-off delinquent account Invoice #9739.00 in the amount of \$245.48, which has been deemed uncollectable.

Motion 191/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to write-off delinquent account invoice #9739.00 in the amount of \$245.48.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.5 Tax Cancellation Request

A property owner submitted a letter on July 4, 2011, requesting council consider cancelling a portion of his taxes as the owner claims to be in financial distress due to the cancellation of the tax rebate bylaws. Administration presented that the MGA allows a Council to cancel or reduce tax arrears or any portion thereof under Section 347(1). As of July 31 the taxes remained unpaid and a penalty was added.

Motion 192/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to waive the July 31 penalty for all tax rolls under the 1027859 Alberta Ltd. provided the taxes are paid in full.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.6 Snow Removal Policy 3101

Bylaw and Policy Committee presented Snow Removal Policy 3101 to establish a consistent, cost-effective standard of practice for clearing roads of snow and

ice for safe travel within the corporate limits of the Town of Rimbey. Councillor Anglin wanted to know what additional equipment will be needed. At this time there will be no additional equipment required. Councillor Anglin would like to see 52 Ave between 52 and 51 Street be considered as a priority 1. Council discussed further options of changing 52 Ave between 52 and 51 Street to a priority 1, possible additional equipment uses, problems encountered with the clearing of driveways, and one sidewalk is to remain clear of snow piles on streets that have sidewalks.

Motion 193/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to approve Snow Removal Policy 3101 as amended.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.7 RV Park Winter Use

On August 19, an RV Park User approached the Town Office requesting consideration to have the Nesting Place RV Park kept open for the winter months with access to the power and sewer connections. To consider this option Administration has to look at snow removal, level and grade of the sewer line, and power costs. Council discussed and directed Administration to review.

Mayor Ibbotson called a recess at 7:12 pm.

Mayor Ibbotson reconvened the meeting at 7:20 pm

7.8 Western Alberta Transmission Line (WATL)

Councillor Anglin advised Council that the Western Alberta Transmission Line information report that was sent out is a small summary of the actual report and would like Council to consider supporting an application letter that the Town of Rimbey will not be participating, but would like to retain the right to intervene. Administration advised that this does not obligate Council to participate.

Motion 194/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to apply for intervener status noting on the Western Alberta Transmission Line application that the Town of Rimbey will not be participating but retain the right to intervene.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.9 Letter from Luke Kuratta

Mr. Kuratta, Barrister and Solicitor, is requesting Town Council pass a formal resolution whereby a former Councillor be requested by a formal letter in writing to explain and give further information about the matter of the \$5 million. It was noted that at a public meeting held on March 22, 2011, a former member of Counsel stated that there remained on deposit an amount of \$5 million in respect of funding for the ethanol plant.

Motion 195/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin that Administration draft a letter to former Councillor Mr. Wayne Clark asking for clarification of comments that were made at a March 22, 2011, public meeting regarding the matter of the \$5 million dollars that is not accounted for in the town's financial statements regarding the ethanol plant.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

7.10 Flag at Half Mast

Councillor Payson inquired if the Town has any policy that governs when the flag is lowered to half mast. Administration advised that there is no policy at this time. Council discussed and directed Councillor Payson to review policies with other communities for lowering the flag to half mast and provide information to Bylaw and Policy Committee for review.

8.1.1 Development

Assistant CAO provided a written report of the following:

- 2011 Building Permits to July 31, 2011 shows a total value of \$3,070,500.00 of permits sold to date, which is up by \$410,750.00 over the same time last year.

8.1.2 Public Works

Public Works provided a written report for July to August on the following:

- Routine street sweeping, grading of gravel streets and alleys is being done on a regular basis, as weather permits.
- Pothole filling, crack filling and road repair under way as weather permits. Grass cutting on boulevards, ditches and designated areas ongoing.
- Work is continuing on the clean up of burn pit at Recycle Facility and material will be hauled to Bluffton Landfill. Hope to work on landscaping of site in late August.
- Weed spraying is ongoing on selected areas.
- Waiting to hear from Gabriel Construction regarding the repair work to the North Lagoon, Cell Five. Gabriel would like to set up meeting with ISL and Town to discuss the repair work.
- Lead Utility Operator attended a water meter course in Edmonton on June 11 as part of his continuing education units and attended a compliance inspection at RV Heaven waterworks system conducted by Alberta Environment.
- Pidherney's completed the valve replacement program
- Repairs required on 51 Ave and 47 Street water main and 4626-51 Ave lateral sewer break.
- Border paving completed the asphalt patching on areas that had valve replacements and other ground infrastructure repairs.

8.1.3 Bylaw Enforcement

Bylaw Enforcement provided a written report on the following:

- Several complaints received of unsightly properties on the north side and west side of town for July and August.
- TSA violations have been issued for stunting, speeding, fail to stop, seatbelts, window glazing and inadequate muffler.

8.1.4 Fire (not submitted)8.1.5 Community Services

Recreation Director provided a written and verbal report on the following:

- Water slide is expected to arrive next week and spray park is scheduled to be shipped next week. Contract with the pool supplier has been terminated and the project will continue with a different contractor.
- Compost program pick up will change on August 26; Recreation will work jointly with Cast-A-Waste who will provide a driver and a truck and Recreation will provide two employees to try to streamline the compost pick up program.
- Arena preparations are underway and being worked on between the grass cutting, etc. Work to be completed is the construction of a catwalk for the condenser, counter top replacement, new puck board and glass. Ice to be put in starting September 6.
- Current recreation programs are as follows: drop-in sports, Racquet Tuesday's, Yoga in the Park, Fun Fit program, Summer Fun Program, and Geo-caching. Coming in the fall is Zumba, Sports Day, and After School program.
- Gym Flooring RFP was sent out and four companies provided a proposal. Director provided Council with a sample of a synthetic gym flooring and a hardwood flooring. Advantage Sport provided a quote of \$81,112.95 for Synthetic floor, or \$80,041.95 for hardwood floor.

Motion 196/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to purchase hardwood flooring for the Community Centre Main Auditorium sports floor.

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Council directed the Community Services Director to get cost estimates on maintenance for hardwood and synthetic gym flooring and discuss with

Members of the Recreation Board.

- A certified playground inspector conducted an audit on four playgrounds in Rimbey and deemed certain structures to be Class A hazards and require repair or removal. Recreation Board recommendation is to repair or remove the hazards. Recreation to provide public notification of the removal and changes to the town owned parks.

Motion 197/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to accept the Recreation Board recommendation to have all Class A hazards repaired or removed from all town owned playgrounds in accordance with the inspection report for the following playgrounds: 52 Street and 46 Ave; 47 Street and 56 Ave; Park Avenue and 52 Street and 51 Ave and 49 Street.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

Rick Kreklewich withdrew from the meeting at 7:58 pm.

8.1.6 CAO

CAO provided a written report on the following:

- Fire Department was bequeathed \$80,414.46 from an estate and will be available for the purchase of capital items for the department.
- The purchase of the Rimbey Ambulance Service by Associated Ambulance Service is completed. A cheque was received for \$442,000.00. Once WCB review is completed a hold back of \$6,000 will be released to the town.
- Pool update
- Several meetings regarding Development Incentive Policy
- Teleconference with Western Diversification regarding RInC grant
- Attended Tagish Golf Tournament in July and FCSS Golf Tournament in August.
- Received a request from the Junior/Senior High School to enter into a Joint Use Agreement. Administration will review.

8.1.7 Finance

- 8.1.7.1 Consolidated Financial statement – July 31, 2011
- 8.1.7.2 Cash Position as of July 31, 2011
- 8.1.7.3 Bank Reconciliation to July 31, 2011
- 8.1.7.4 Council Expenses
- 8.1.8.3 Accounts Payable Cheque Run – August 22, 2011

Motion 198/11

Moved by Councillor Webb to approve the Accounts Payable Cheque Run for August 22, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

Motion 199/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to accept department reports as presented.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

8.2 Council Reports:

Mayor Ibbotson

- July 8 – Rimbey Parade
- July 12 met with Stan Orlesky of Fortis regarding fires and power disconnection.
- July 15 Land Use Bylaw meeting
- July 19 met with Sergeant Groves, Superintendent Curtis Zablocki, Staff Sergeant Tim Ashmore, and Ryan Maier to discuss policing needs for the community.
- July 20 conference call regarding RInC Grant.
- July 22 met to review grant policy
- July 28 met with the Business Association and proposed 3 policies
- Aug 10 reviewed changes to proposed Development Grant policy by the

Business Association.

- Aug 11 attended the FCSS Golf Tournament at Spruce Haven
- Aug 12 Attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Keyera Gas Plant
- Aug 13 met with Tim Lekas, High School Principal, to discuss the possibility of a Joint Use Agreement with the Town and the school.
- Aug 15 called Gibson Energy to learn more about the project plan that was noted in received letter.
- Aug 16 met to review changes to the development grant policies proposed by the Business Association.
- Aug 18 met with Encana to discuss their drilling plans for the Duvernay Formation.
- Aug 18 met for Policy Committee Meeting

Councillor Anglin

- Provided Rimoka foundation update outlining the following:
  - Special meetings were held to review bylaws and policies to bring them up to date.
  - Completed business plan and application is sitting in the ministerial office.
  - Chairmanship for Rimoka is a full time job.
  - Looking for possible joint ventures with an idea to bring the community to the seniors, one example could be a public greenhouse, etc.

Councillor Rondeel

- Ponoka Parade beginning of July
- Rimbey Rodeo Parade on July 8
- Bylaw Committee Meeting July 15
- Business Development Committee July 17
- Recreation Board Meeting July 17
- Keyerra Anniversary August 12
- Special Council Meeting August 16
- Policy Meeting August 18

Councillor Payson

- Rocky Parade in June
- Rimbey Parade July 8
- Gas Plant Tour Aug 12
- Met with Library Director on general library stuff and record numbers for the summer library program.
- Special Council Meeting August 16

Councillor Webb

- Rimoka meetings
- Attended Roni Coulthard's and Jackie Mechlaoui's Farewell
- Development Meeting regarding the Business Association
- Helped out with the Geo-cache program

Council accepted reports as information.

9. Correspondence
- 9.1 Heritage Preservation Partnership Grant for Beatty House.
  - 9.2 Proclamation Request for World Youth Week

Motion 200/11

Moved by Councillor Anglin to proclaim October 17 to 23, 2011 to be "Canada World Youth Week".

CARRIED  
(5-0)

- 9.3 Rimbey Jr/Sr High Joint Use Agreement Request

Motion 201/11

Moved by Mayor Ibbotson to authorize Administration to look into and develop a draft Joint Use Agreement with the Rimbey Jr/Sr High School.

CARRIED  
(5-0)

9.4 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards Program

10. In Camera            No In Camera

11. Adjournment        Council adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER