



Meeting Minutes

THOSE PRESENT:

Mayor Hamdon
Councillor Shular
Councillor Bossert
Councillor Nadeau
Councillor Peebles
Councillor Archer
Councillor McLean

Annette Driessen, Dir. of Community Services
Sheldon Fuson, Dir. of Protective Services
Manjeet Saran, Town Engineer
Chandra Dyck, Development & Planning Officer
Graham Long, Communications Officer
Tom Thomson, Fire Chief
Rita Bijeau, Administrative Assistant
Gord Chammen, Camera
James Johnson, Audio Visual
Courtney Whalen, Drayton Valley Western
Review
Cam Donovan, CIBW Radio
Members of the Public

ABSENT:

Manny Deol, Town Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hamdon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Corey Peebles of Life Church opened the meeting with a prayer.

1.0 Additions to the Agenda

- 8.5 Application to the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for New Water Treatment Plant

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION # 001/12

Councillor Shular moved to adopt the agenda for the January 11, 2012, Regular Meeting of Council as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Corrections or Amendments:

3.1. December 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

Mayor Hamdon requested a change to his Council Report regarding a Thunder Hockey Game so that it would reflect being Coach Fran Gow's one thousandth game.

- 3.2. December 20, 2011, Special Meeting of Council Minutes
There were no changes or amendments to the December 20, 2011, Special Meeting of Council Minutes.

4.0 Adoption of:

- 4.1. December 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION # 002/12

Councillor Bossert moved to approve the December 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of Council as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4.2. December 20, 2011, Special Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION # 003/12

Councillor Archer moved to approve the December 20, 2011, Special Meeting of Council as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Proclamations

- 5.1. National Non-Smoking Week – January 15-21st
Theresa Juuti explained to Council her role in Addiction Services and some initiatives that will be occurring during National Non-Smoking Week. Mayor Hamdon asked if there has been an increase in youth smoking lately; Ms. Juuti responded that it depends on how the tobacco companies market their product. Over the past two decades there has been an overall decrease in youth smoking.

Mayor Hamdon Proclaimed January 15-21, 2012, to be Non-Smoking Week in Drayton Valley and thanked Theresa Juuti for the presentation.

6.0 Delegations

- 6.1. RCMP Report - S/Sgt. Brian Jones
S/Sgt. Jones provided Council with a review of the Policing Report for December and a brief recap of 2011. In regards to the armed robberies at pharmacies he informed Council that one suspect has been apprehended and charged for one occurrence and investigations are continuing for the other occurrences. There have also been some recent additions to the Detachment and everyone is looking forward to working with Council and Administration on priorities for this year.

Councillor Archer inquired as to the effectiveness of the check stops during the holiday season. S/Sgt. Jones responded that two individuals were detected for impaired driving but otherwise the program served as an excellent reminder for citizens.

Mayor Hamdon thanked S/Sgt. Jones for the presentation and is looking forward to working with the S/Sgt. To develop strategies for the coming year.

- 6.2. Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services - Tom Thomson
Fire Chief Tom Thomson provided Council with a review of the December Fire Services Report, commenting on a structure fire that occurred on Christmas Eve. The household lost everything however a local business opened its doors to allow for the community to provide support to the family.

Councillor Nadeau asked if there were any concerns Council should be aware of, in relation to the increased accidents on the river hill. Mr. Thomson responded that for the most part drivers need to take their time and drive according to road conditions.

Mayor Hamdon thanked Mr. Thomson for the report.

- 6.3. Early Childhood Development Centre, Rachelle Bednarek, Presentation of Certificate of Accreditation for the Out-of-School Care Program
Annette Driessen introduced Rachelle Bednarek, an instructor for the out-of-school care program at the Early Childhood Development Centre, and gave a brief explanation on the history of the program and some of the projects the children have done in the community. The Early Childhood Development Centre has received Accreditation for all three components of childcare.

Mayor Hamdon and Council congratulated Rachelle Bednarek and the staff at the Centre on the achievement. Ms. Bednarek presented the Accrediation Certificate to the Mayor.

- 6.4. Canadian Paraplegic Association – Art Erickson, Community Development Coordinator
Mr. Erickson provided Council with background information on the Canadian Paraplegic Association and explained that the goal of the organization is to provide assistance to individuals so that they can have the same life as everyone else; 14% of Canadians have a significant disability. The role leaders of the community can take is to develop policies that encourage accessibility and support programs that ensure access to services such as transportation, home care, housing, employment, etc. He added that when accessibility is increased it makes it easier for all citizens to be mobile and active in the community.

Mr. Erickson offered to do an accessibility audit for the Town at no charge and provide a list of areas and items that can be done to increase accessibility. Additionally, during the month of May the CPA is encouraging leaders to spend a day in a wheelchair.

Mayor Hamdon thanked Mr. Erickson for the information and asked that he work with Administration for the audit, contact Milad Asdaghi regarding transportation concerns, and offered to participate in the Chair Leaders event during May.

- 6.5. Brain Care Centre – Tannis Arsenault
Tannis Arsenault provided Council with information on the Brain Care Centre and that, through her work in the community, she has noticed a gap in terms of transportation accessibility. Ms. Arsenault explained what other communities are doing to provide the service of transportation to those without means.

A resident asked how much assistance a driver of a Handi-Van, for example, would be required to provide to passengers. Councillor Bossert advised that the information is unknown at this time however there is a transportation survey out and she encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

Mayor Hamdon thanked Ms. Arsenault for the presentation and explained that this issue is on Councils' radar and encouraged everyone to complete the Transportation Survey.

7.0 Public Hearings

- 7.1. Rezoning Bylaw 2011/16/D
A separate set of minutes was recorded for this public hearing.
- 7.2. Development Bylaw 2011/17/D
A separate set of minutes was recorded for this public hearing.

8.0 Decision Items

- 8.1. Rezoning Bylaw No. 2011/16/D, Presented for 2nd & 3rd Readings, Lot 14, Block 40, Plan 102 MC

Councillor McLean declared himself to be in conflict with this item for precuriary reasons at 9:49 am.

Mayor Hamdon advised Council that he discussed with legal counsel his potential for a conflict of interest in this decision item and was advised of no conflict. However, if Council saw otherwsie he would exit the meeting; Council saw no conflict.

Councillor Peebles explained that The Town has received application to rezone the lands municipally described as 4921 – 44 Street from the existing R1B – Standard Residential District to R2 – General Residential District. Such rezoning would allow the former single family dwelling which has been demolished to be replaced with a duplex for the 2012 Humans Helping Humans build.

RESOLUTION # 004/12

Councillor Peebles moved that Council give Second Reading to the proposed Bylaw No. 2011/16/D.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION # 005/12

Councillor Peebles moved that Council give Third and Final Reading to the proposed Bylaw No. 2011/16/D.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor McLean returned to the meeting at 9:52 am.

- 8.2. Amended Intermunicipal Development Plan (also known as the Growth Management Plan)

Councillor Shular explained that in the process of reviewing the County's new Poplar Ridge Area Structure Plan (adopted November 15, 2011), Administration noted that the proposed land uses included in that ASP did not match with those shown in the Intermunicipal Development Plan, adopted June 2011. Since that time both Administrations have been revising the IDP and is being presented to both Councils for approval.

RESOLUTION # 006/12

Councillor Shular moved that Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 2011/17/D for the adoption of the amended Intermunicipal Development Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION # 007/12

Councillor Shular moved that Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 2011/17/D for the adoption of the amended Intermunicipal Development Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3. Bylaw 2012/01/P, School Zone Bylaw

Councillor Nadeau advised that Administration and Council have identified speeding as one of the safety concerns most prevalent and school zones are one of the areas of greatest concern. One strategy to reduce speeding in school areas is to change the times that School Zones are in affect to from 8 am to 4 pm.

RESOLUTION # 008/12

Councillor Nadeau moved that Town Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 2012/01/P being the bylaw to establish "School Zone" hours.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4. Early Childhood Development Centre and Family Day Home Agency Policy Manual

Councillor McLean explained that the Childcare Operational Board exists to develop policy and set direction for the day-to-day operations of the Early Childhood Development Centre. Policies developed by the Board are submitted to Town Council for approval and due to the quantity of policies this is done annually. One change to make note of is the policy regarding the safety of staff and children.

RESOLUTION # 009/12

Councillor McLean moved that Town Council approve the policy manual for the Early Childhood Development Centre, including the Family Day Home Agency, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5. Application to the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for New Water Treatment Plant

Councillor Archer advised that Administration is in the process of submitting a grant funding request to the Green Municipal Fund for the New Water Treatment Plant. One of the supporting documents requires a Council resolution for the Town's commitment to the financial support for the project and funding application to GMF. Therefore Council is being requested to approve the aforementioned.

RESOLUTION # 010/12

Councillor Archer moved that Council hereby resolve that it is fully committed to the financial support and construction of the new Water Treatment Plant and authorize Administration to apply for the funding application to the Green Municipal Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Hamdon called a recess at 10:03 am.

Mayor Hamdon reconvened the meeting at 10:27 am.

9.0 Information Items

9.1. RCMP Report

9.2. Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services Report

9.3. October 24, 2011 - Aquatic Facility Feasibility Meeting Minutes

9.4. November 21, 2011 – Childcare Operational Board Meeting Minutes

9.5. December 16, 2011 – Agri-Plex Feasibility Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION # 011/12

Councillor Nadeau moved that Council approve above information items as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Department Reports

10.1. Development & Planning

Chandra Dyck informed Council that the next meeting will have the development statistics for 2011.

10.2. Engineering & Transportation

Manjeet Saran had no report at this time.

10.3. Community Services, FCSS & Sustainability

Annette Driessen reported on the following:

- Family and Community Support Services – Making Financial Cents, community component will be starting on January 23rd, 80% of the participants registered are part of the Urban Housing Program
- POUR Program will be continuing, the water bill credit received being \$100 and entry for a draw of \$500 credit; last year's winner was Frank Newberry
- Aquatic Facility Feasibility – Final draft was presented to the Committee; committee members were thanked for their hard work

10.4. Protective Services

Sheldon Fuson informed Council that the speed indicator will be arriving in February and will be very useful as it gathers information for the RCMP and Mr. Saran.

10.5. Information Services & Economic Development

Nesen Naidoo was absent.

10.6. Administration

Manny Deol was absent.

11.0 Council Reports

11.1. Councillor Shular

- Thanked everyone who worked on the Aquatic Facility Feasibility Committee for their hard work.

11.2. Councillor Bossert

- Aquatic Facility Feasibility conclusionary meeting
- January 10th – DV Thunder Board
- January 23rd – first presenter for Making Financial Cents
- Family School Liaison Meeting coming up
- Transportation Committee Meeting coming up; survey deadline is January 23rd

11.3. Councillor McLean

Councillor McLean had no report at this time.

11.4. Councillor Peebles

Councillor Peebles had no report at this time.

11.5. Councillor Archer

- Will be continuing to work with the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council towards its goals.

11.6. Councillor Nadeau

- Childcare Operational Board
- January 10th – DV Thunder Board Meeting

11.7. Mayor Hamdon

- Welcomed Cam Donovan, new reporter for Big West Radio, to the community.
- December 16th & January 5th – Agri-Plex
- December 19th – Pricewaterhouse Cooper Meeting to discuss the Bio-Mile
- December 22nd – Pricewaterhouse Cooper, ADM of Advanced Education
- December 23rd – Rotary House meeting
- January 6th – Airport Consultants
- January 10th – meeting with local oil companies; regional water plant discussion; DV Thunder Board

12.0 Adjournment

RESOLUTION # 012/12

Councillor Bossert moved that Council adjourn the January 11, 2012, Regular Meeting of Council at 11:25 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER