

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, April 12, 2011
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

COUNCILORS: Siegbert Gail, Brian Gallant, Jerry Lonsbury, Larry Mitchell,
Emile Saindon, Andrew Saje

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer	Tully Clifford
Director of Operational Services	Myron Thompson
Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services	Lynne Cox
Director of Community Services	Cam Mertz

Absent:

Director of Finance & Systems	Marion Vanoni
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Also Present:

Recording Secretary	Claudette Hironimus
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Decoux called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions

Topics for Discussion

4. Blairmore Lions Request
5. Boys and Girls Club Request
6. Previous letters to the Minister

In Camera

2. Personnel
3. Legal matters (5)

Deletion

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G#116-11: Councillor Gail moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

1. John Przewczek, Pryzm Environmental – Mountain Bike Trails Project

Councillor Gallant recused himself from the presentation due to a potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Przewczek appeared on behalf of Community Futures to update Council on the implementation and planning project that was started last year.

- The project is hoping to find a tourism development cluster and is hoping to find new opportunities to increase existing businesses and to attract new businesses for our community through the mountain biking trails project.
- The draft master plan was completed at the end of March and is presently in review phase. The review phase should be completed by June 30th with all necessary parties including SRD, Parks, Council, MD of Ranchlands and private land owners.
- The Master plan should be completed by the end of October and will guide trail preparation for the next 5- 10 years.
- The Conceptual plan is to get the skills park completed by the Albert Stella arena.
- By the end of June they are hoping to have approximately 20 km of trails completed with:
 - Signage
 - Kiosks at trailheads
 - Maps of completed trails
 - Website up and running in a week and documents will be available for download
- The Sustainability Plan will allow them to hand off the designs to whomever will be taking over the initiative of obtaining funds and building trails (this has not been identified yet).
- Potential Issues:
 - Two months behind schedule
 - Landowner and government approvals, liability concerns; including lease at the ski hill and the skill park which is municipality owned
 - Discussion on trail stewardship and long term maintenance
- A letter is being prepared for Tully Clifford, Chief Administrative Officer, which will identify concerns of the Municipality
 - Authority to work on the trails
 - Devon and SRD lease agreement (Mountain Trail Biking insurance)
 - Specific MTB liability insurance
 - Who is responsible for the trails after this project?
- Next Steps:
 - The authority to move forward with construction of the skill park
 - The Steering Committee will be meeting April 13 to discuss remaining funds and spending for trails and skill park
 - To build trails and find additional funds

DELEGATIONS (Cont'd)

- The South Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Committee Recommendation
 - That this project could lead to a component of what might become an “iconic” tourism destination.

Mayor Decoux thanked Mr. Przeczek for his presentation.

2. La Vonne Rideout, Community Development Zone Coordinator and Pauline Desjardins, Chairman of the Crowsnest Pass and Area Early Childhood Coalition

Ms. Rideout stated that this was a Provincial project that is contracted with the University of Alberta until 2014 and that the Crowsnest Pass is part of the project:

- That the first three years of a child’s life has a lifelong physical and mental impact on a child and will determine on how well a child does in life.
- An average parent spends between 1 minute & 3 minutes per day interacting with the child
- The average child spends 8-10 hours in front of a screen.
- 27% of children arrive at school without the skills to be successful in life and this does not include the children that has already been diagnose with a disability (this is almost 100% preventable) and that poverty increases the risk of vulnerability and middle class also plays an important factor.
- ECD Mapping defined as:
 - A 5 year research and community building initiative funded by the Government of Alberta and led by Alberta Education
 - It takes the compiled data and analyzes and maps early childhood development
 - It gives develop a better understanding of how well our community children are developing and helps communities to support positive development

Ms. Rideout stated that she wanted Council to be aware that the project was taking place and that when Council makes decisions about the locations of schools or playgrounds, to remember the impact that it has on children from the community.

Mayor Decoux thanked Ms. Rideout for the presentation and said that he will be asking for the data in the future.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The Municipal Historical Resource Designation – Process Background Information

G#117-11: Mayor Decoux moved that Administration return with alternate dates for the session with Mathew Francis, Manager of Municipal Heritage Services for Alberta Culture and Community Spirit at the next Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION (Cont'd)

2. Designation of the Orpheum Theatre as a Municipal Historical Resource

Lynne Cox, Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services, reviewed the process required to begin Municipal Heritage Designation of the Orpheum Theatre.

G#118-11 Councillor Mitchell moved to recommend to Council that it approve the designation of the Orpheum Theatre as a Municipal Historical Resource as recommended by Administration at the April 19, 2011 Council Meeting and that the Bylaw for the process be brought to the Policy Committee for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Council Endorsement Policy (Councillor Mitchell)

This was provided as information only and requires no recommendation. This is to be brought to the April 19, 2011 Council meeting.

4. Blairmore Lions Club Request

Mayor Decoux reviewed that last October the Blairmore Lions Club brought the Municipality a request for a lease to use the Blairmore Seniors Center. Mayor Decoux requested an update on the status of the request and asked Administration to bring back the information to a future Council meeting.

5. Boys and Girls Club

Mayor Decoux asked for an update on the request from the Boys and Girls Club to include promotional information in the Municipality's upcoming Utility newsletter.

Lynne Cox, Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services, stated that the Municipality receives many such requests from non-profit organizations and that the current practice, due to the volume of requests, was to refuse including such additional information in the mail out.

Mayor Decoux requested that a policy be developed so that these requests can be addressed more efficiently.

6. Letter to Ministry of Health & Ministry of Transportation.

Mayor Decoux stated that we had written two letters, one to the Ministry of Health & one to the Ministry of Transportation and to date have not received any response. Lynne Cox, the Director of Legislative and Human Resource Services, will call the Executive Assistants for these Ministers to confirm that they did receive these letters and request a response from them.

IN CAMERA

G#119-11: Councillor Lonsbury moved that Council go In Camera at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Decoux recessed for a 10 minute break and the meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA BUSINESS

G#120-11: Councillor Saje moved that Council come Out of Camera at 10:40 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AJOURN

G#121-11: Councillor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bruce Vernon Decoux

MAYOR

Tully Clifford

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER