

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

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

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Operational Services
Director of Finance & Systems
Acting Director of Legislative
Services and HR:

Kevin Robins
Myron Thompson
Marion Vanoni

Leslie Orlen

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADDITIONS: **BUSINESS ARISING:** a) Bylaw Audit Report

IN CAMERA: e) Land
f) Land
g) Personnel
h) Legal
i) Land

DELETIONS: **NOTICE OF MOTION:** Vendor Prequalification Policy

M#6251-11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2011

M#6252-11: Councillor S. Gail moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2011 be adopted as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

No delegations were scheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

Second Quarter Electrical Compliance Report

Mrs. Marion Vanoni, Director of Finance and Systems, submitted her report regarding the Second Quarter Electrical Compliance Reporting to the Market Surveillance Administrator. She noted that the reports are generated by Enmax Power Corporation with whom the Municipality has a Wire Service Provider contract.

M#6253-11: Councillor A. Saje moved that Administration be directed to review information from other communities our size and provide a comparative report to Council by October 25, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#6254-11: Councillor J. Lonsbury moved to approve the Second Quarter Electrical Distribution Settlement System Code Compliance reports for 2011 as required by the Alberta Regulation 160/2003, Electric Utilities Act, Code of Conduct Regulation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fortis and ATCO Franchise Fees

A report was provided by Mrs. Marion Vanoni, Director of Finance and Systems, regarding Fortis and ATCO Franchise Fees. Also provided was a copy of the Franchise and Linear Assessment Report that was presented to the Governance and Priorities Committee. The report indicated that the maximum Fortis Franchise fee is 20% and that of ATCO Gas is 35% with the Municipality currently charging 8% and 15% respectively. The report outlined the effect of increasing the fees in various increments.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS – cont'd

Fortis and ATCO Franchise Fees – cont'd

Ms. Vanoni also provided Council with a spread sheet showing comparisons of franchise fees vs. tax mill rate and explained options available in order to increase revenue.

Administration's recommendation was that they be authorized to make application to set the Fortis Franchise Fee at 20% and the ATCO Franchise Fee at 35% for the 2012 calendar year.

M#6255-11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to authorize Administration to make application to set the Fortis Franchise Fee at 14% and to leave the ATCO Franchise Fee at 15% effective January 1, 2012.

Councillor J. Lonsbury made a friendly amendment that the fees be set at 14 % for Fortis and 20% for ATCO. Councillor Mitchell accepted this friendly amendment.

M#6256-11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to authorize Administration to make application to set the Fortis Franchise Fee at 14% and the ATCO Franchise Fee at 20% effective January 1, 2012.

CARRIED

AUMA Resolutions

To assist the Councillors going to the AUMA convention with resolution deliberation, Mr. Kevin Robins, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, provided Council with recommendations for the proposed resolutions.

In response to an inquiry, Mr. Robins advised that the Municipality can submit resolutions for consideration by the AUMA by preparing the resolution and garnering support from other communities. As an example, Mr. Robins noted that the MGA does not identify social media as an acceptable advertising form and that if Council so desired, this could be submitted as a resolution for consideration, not only to the AUMA but to the AAMD&C as well.

Mayor B. Decoux indicated that the MGA is currently under revision and suggested it should be revised to acknowledge and authorize use of new technology to keep the public informed. He noted that this matter can be discussed at the Mayor's and Reeve's meeting and also suggested that a committee be struck to consider resolutions for presentation at the next AUMA Convention.

He also indicated that the advertising policy will be reviewed at the October 11, 2011 meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

Mayor Decoux thanked Mr. Robins for the providing the information and requested that the Councillors attending the convention bring back the resolution results.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bylaw Enforcement Audit

M#6257-11: Councillor S. Gail moved to accept the Bylaw Enforcement Audit report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Alberta Health Services

Correspondence was received from Chris Eagle, MD, MBA, FRCPC, President and Chief Executive Officer, for Alberta Health Services in response to Mayor B. Decoux's letter relating to the placement of a CT scanner in the Crowsnest Pass Health Care Centre.

Dr. Eagle indicated that Alberta Health Services is currently in the process of identifying capital equipment needs and prioritizing those needs provincially to ensure the appropriate and effective utilization of their limited capital equipment dollars. Included in their prioritization process will be a review of the need for items such as a CT scanner for the South Zone and Dr. Eagle assured the Municipality that the placement of a CT scanner in the Crowsnest Pass will be included in those discussions.

This correspondence was accepted as information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subdivision and Development Authority Meeting – Minutes – July 27, 2011

M#6258-11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2011 meeting of the Subdivision and Development Authority as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subdivision and Development Authority Special Meeting – Minutes – August 11, 2011

M#6259-11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2011 Special meeting of the Subdivision and Development Authority as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regional Waste Pickup

Councillor B. Gallant, referring to the Regional Council Meeting in Cowley on September 8th, 2011, noted that a presentation was given by the Landfill Manager on the opportunity for regional curbside waste and recycling pick up. The concept is that the Crowsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association could begin providing waste services throughout the region and offer cost savings to all of the member communities.

At this time the Landfill Board is asking the Councils that make up the Association to inform them if there is an interest in receiving a proposal on the regional waste pickup program. It is important to reiterate that this is not a commitment to actually take part in a new program; the Landfill Board simply requires confirmation as to whether or not the Regional Councils will entertain such a proposal. Should the Regional Councils not be interested, the Landfill Board will discontinue work on this concept. If the regional partners are interested in learning more, the Landfill Association will create a cost and service model for Council's review.

M#6260-11: Councillor A. Saje moved to defer the Regional Waste Pickup item to the October 11, 2011 meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor A. Saje:

- Culture and Recreation Board is currently reviewing their Bylaw to ensure they are adhering to best practices.

Councillor L. Mitchell:

- Regional Council Meeting

Councillor B. Gallant:

- Regional Council Meeting
- Heritage Board Meeting

Councillor J. Lonsbury:

- South Saskatchewan Plan

Councillor E. Saindon:

- Regional Council Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS – cont'd

Councillor S. Gail:

- Frank Loseth Tour
- Landfill Meeting
- Senior's Housing
- Pinkest Little Town Activities
- Candle Light Vigil
- Highway 3 Coalition meetings - Felt it was imperative that Council be kept informed

Mayor B. Decoux:

- Advised that a media group from Europe would be touring communities in the Crown of the Continent region and that the Crowsnest Pass was not included in the itinerary. Following up on this he learned that a group in the Crowsnest Pass had been contacted but declined to participate because of time restraints. At the request of the Mayor, Travel Alberta is trying to rearrange the group's schedule so they can visit the Crowsnest Pass but they could not guarantee this would happen. Mayor Decoux felt it was imperative that the Municipality accept opportunities such as this.

PUBLIC INPUT

No Public Input was provided.

IN CAMERA

M#6261-11: Councillor B. Gallant moved to go In Camera at 8:10 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESSRECONVENE

Mayor Decoux declared a five minute recess.

BUSINESS OUT OF CAMERA

OUT OF CAMERA

M#6262 -11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 10:05 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS OUT OF CAMERA – cont'd

Sale of Lot 22, Block 11, Plan 821 0581

M#6263-11: Councillor A. Saje moved to defer the matter of the sale of Lot 22, Block 11, Plan 821 0581 to the October 11, 2011 meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration was directed to develop a Policy on the disposal of municipal lands next to waterways.

Protective Services

M#6264-11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to proceed with the Fire Department new organizational structure and to meet with the Fire Department members on September 29, 2011 to share the new Protective Services organizational structure with them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Abiocon Strategies Inc.

M#6265-11: Councillor J. Lonsbury moved to approve a contract with Abiocon Strategies Inc. to prepare a report for the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

M#6266 -11: Councillor L. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.V. Decoux

MAYOR

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Kevin Robins

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER