

AGENDA

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

**TUESDAY, October 25, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3. **DELEGATIONS**

- a) Kevin Phillips, Phillips Partners Inc. – Electrical Distribution Overview
- b) Corey Froese – 2000 Frank Slide Hazard Assessment

4. **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a) Amendment to Municipal Government Act Re: Advertising
- b) Manager of Operational Services – Position Award

5. **IN CAMERA**

- a) Land
- b) Personnel
- c) Personnel

6. **OUT OF CAMERA**

7. **ADJOURN**

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Resolution

WHEREAS Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) stipulates the requirements for advertising of a notice of by-law, resolution, meeting, public hearing or something else required to be advertised by a municipality

AND

WHEREAS Section 606 (2)(a) states that the notice of by-law, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing required to be advertised must be

A) Published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in at least one newspaper or other publication circulating in the area to which the proposed by-law, resolution or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held

OR

B) Mailed or delivered to every residence in the area to which the proposed by-law, resolution or other thing relates or in which a meeting or hearing is to be held

AND

WHEREAS Sections 22(2), 70(1)(d), 122(1), 148, 149(3), 150, 151(3), 193, 195, 227, 251(3), 265(3), 266, 304(6), 311(1), 421(1)(b), 436.12(1)(2)(3) all have requirements for advertisement by the municipality

AND

WHEREAS Alberta Municipalities have invested substantial dollars and human resources in the development and management of social media technology for timely and accurate communications with their residents including the use of municipal web sites, Facebook and Twitter accounts

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) urge the Provincial Government (Alberta Municipal Affairs) to amend the (MGA) Municipal Government Act to allow municipalities to advertise using social media technology in place of the requirements of (Section 606) advertising in at least one local newspaper circulating in the area or delivering the notice of by-law, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing required to be advertised by a municipality.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in the last few years like many other municipalities has spent significant operational dollars and human resources in the development of our municipal web sites and other forms of social media communications technology. We have advertised motions of by-laws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things required to be advertised by the municipality (in accordance with the requirements of Section 606 of the MGA) in local newspapers that circulate in our area. We have also, at the same time used our web site and other social media to advertise these same notice of by-laws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things required to be advertised.

Our residents, like many residents of the province, use other social media and technical forms of communications as opposed to local newspapers and in order to provide timely and accurate information to our residents we have had to duplicate our costs and efforts.

We are of the opinion that an amendment to the MGA allowing municipalities to advertise notice of by-laws, resolutions, meetings and public hearings on their web sites would significantly reduce municipal costs and provide for a more user friendly form of communication with our residents.



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Administrative Report

Meeting: Governance and Priorities Committee
Meeting Date: October 25th, 2011
Originated By: Originator of Report
Subject: Manager of Operational Services – Position Award
Agenda Item No:

Discussion:

Administration wishes to inform Council that Robert Schulz has been hired for the position of Manger of Operational Services. Robert formally accepted the position on October 19th and will commence duties on Monday, October 31st. I had the pleasure of spending time with Robert and his wife, Jeanne showing them the community and providing Robert with insight into our municipal operations and his role specifically

Robert comes to us with 21 years of Public Works management experience, Diploma in Civil Engineering Technology and a vast series of course certificates and training applicable to his chosen field. We are very fortunate to have Robert join our organization and he will be invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting to take part in formal introductions. Staff have also been notified of Robert's recent hire.

Approvals: CAO _____ Department Head _____