

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting of January 4, 2011

DELEGATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from John Pundyk - re: Potential Tax Increases
2. Letter from Shane Stewart – re: Potential Tax Increases

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Governance & Priorities Committee – January 11, 2011

BYLAWS

NOTICES OF MOTION

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Get Outdoors Weekend
2. Elected Officials Course
3. Councillor Request for a Meeting Absence – February 1st Council Meeting
4. Budget 2011

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

PUBLIC INPUT

IN CAMERA

BUSINESS OUT OF CAMERA

ADJOURN

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

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

Also present:

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

Absent:

Municipal Tax Assessor	Glen Snelgrove
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CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw 814, 2010 – Land Use Amendment

No one was in attendance to speak in favour of or in opposition to the proposed Land Use Amendment.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:

Other Business

3. Office Protocol
4. Thunder in the Valley Policing

M#5858-11: Mayor Decoux moved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2010

M#5859-11: Councilor Mitchell moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 21, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Council 2011 Budget Meeting December 14, 2010

M#5860-11: Councilor Saindon moved that the minutes of the Special Council 2011 Budget Meeting of December 14, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

No delegations were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND AGENCY REPORTS

No Administrative and Agency Reports were presented.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Advertising Policy

M#5861-11: Councillor Lonsbury moved that Council accept *Recommendation #1* and support the Advertising Policy as written.

DEFEATED

M#5862-11: Councillor Saje moved that Council recommend further changes to the Advertising Policy and direct Administration to return a revised policy document at the next Council Meeting.

“Motion Not Withdrawn”

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Advertising Policy - Continued

Mr. Clifford advised that Administration requires direction on changes that Council wants, and a longer time frame may be necessary to present a revised Advertising Policy.

Council's comments included:

- Councillor Saje felt the Advertising Policy could be discussed at the Council Retreat
- The Mayor indicated that the Advertising Policy would not be on the Council Retreat Agenda
- Councillors requested more information on the use of newspaper inserts, website advertising
- There was concern expressed that the full newspaper page currently has wasted space and could be utilized better
- Councillors recommended looking at the effectiveness of inserts and legislative advertising in both newspapers

Consideration for a Time Extension

M#5863-11: Councillor Saindon moved to grant an extension on the motion review to March 15, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Lloyd Bentz – Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation

Correspondence was received from Lloyd Bentz, General Manager, Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation advising support to the Bow Crow Forest Trails in the amount of \$8,000 as awarded by the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks, and Wildlife Foundation for the 2010 Municipal Recreation/Tourism Area annual operating grant.

Accepted as information.

M#5864-11: Councillor Mitchell moved to accept the monies and that a letter be sent to Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation thanking them for their consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Priorities Committee – December 14, 2010

The minutes of the December 14, 2010 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – G&PC – December 14, 2010 - Continued

M#5865-11: Councillor Gail moved to accept the December 14, 2010 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Family and Community Support Services – December 1, 2010

The minutes of the December 1, 2010 Family and Community Support Services Meeting were provided for Council's review. The minutes were received as information and will be maintained on file.

M#5866-11: Councillor Lonsbury moved to accept the December 1, 2010 Family and Community Support Services Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

Bylaw 814, 2010 – 2nd & 3rd Readings

M#-5867-11: Councillor Mitchell moved Second Reading of Bylaw No. 814, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#-5868-11: Councillor Gallant moved Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 814, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for a Letter of Support – Bellecrest Community Association

M#5869-11: Councillor Mitchell moved that Council endorse a letter of support for the Bellecrest Community Association in its application for a CIP Grant to install new concrete picnic tables at the Bellecrest Community Campground.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS - Continued

Policy Committee

Mayor Decoux's comments regarding policy included:

- Concerned with the lack of policy in the Municipality and the mechanism to ensure review, development and implementation of policy on an ongoing basis
- When a policy is in place it can be very effective
- Provided definitions of policy including:
 - “General approach to things...”
 - “A vision of where we want to go and guidelines for getting there.”
- Benefits of policy include:
 - Demonstrate the Municipality is being operated in an efficient and business-like manner
 - Ensure a high degree of uniformity and consistency in decisions and operational procedures
 - Act as a protection to Council, Chief Administrative Officer, staff, and the municipality against legal actions
 - Ensure meetings are orderly
 - Save time when problems can be handled quickly and effectively
 - Foster stability and continuity
 - Facilitate orientation of newly appointed individuals
 - Clarify goals and direction of the Municipality
 - Show that the Municipality is willing to be held accountable for its decisions
 - Clarify functions and responsibilities
 - Individuals are more efficient, satisfied, and committed

Mayor Decoux proposed a motion that a standing Policy Committee be struck, the membership of the committee to consist of the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Legislative Services, and on an adhoc basis, other individuals relative to the specific policy under consideration. The Policy Committee's mandate shall be to review, update and withdraw current policy subject to Council's approval, and to develop new policy as identified by Council and the Chief Administrative Officer. When appropriate the Committee shall ensure that changes to existing policy and new policy affecting the public are properly advertised. The Committee shall meet no less than once per month and shall provide a regular report to Council through the Chief Administrative Officer.

Council's recommendations included:

- Establish a general format for policies
- Policies should be available in a Policy Handbook and on the website
- Be very consistent and precise with the information included in the policy
- Write excellent and clear policies

M#-5870-11: Councillor Mitchell moved to accept the motion on the Policy Committee as proposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS - Continued

Office Protocol

Councillor Mitchell asked Administration whether a protocol or policy exists for members of the public entering and moving throughout the Municipal Office.

Mayor Decoux suggested this may be an internal policy for the Policy Committee to consider.

Thunder in the Valley Policing

Mayor Decoux advised that Sergeant Howard, RCMP Crowsnest Pass Detachment, provided the following comments in reference to Thunder in the Valley:

- No determining who or how many will attend
- Difficult to determine what type of policing occurs
- Not aware of who “owns” Thunder in the Valley

Mayor Decoux requested that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a report on Thunder in the Valley to present to Council including:

- Clarify who “owns” the event
- Cost of policing
- Address issues
- Present an opinion

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Mitchell

- Enjoyed the festive season

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was provided.

IN CAMERA

M#5871-11: Councillor Saindon moved to go In Camera at 7:55 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Council recessed at 7:55 pm and reconvened at 8:05 pm.

BUSINESS OUT OF CAMERA

M#5872-11: Councilor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 8:50 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M#5873-11: Councilor Mitchell moved to endorse the proposal by Administration for the pending reclassification project bargaining with CUPE and the amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Mitchell abstained

ADJOURN

M#5874-11: Councilor Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Minutes edited and approved by _____
Lynne Cox, Director of Legislative & HR Services

January 12, 2011

Mayor Decoux and Council
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
P.O. Box 600, Blairmore, AB T0K 0E0



South Country Real Estate
Services Ltd.
INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED
www.royallepage.ca
Email: royallepagesouthcountry@royallepage.ca

Dear Sirs:

The Best Live Here.

This letter is to draw your attention to my concern regarding a possible tax increase and the negative impact such an increase will have on the efforts to grow our municipal tax base.

My job as a realtor puts me in a unique position to interact first hand with people who are considering purchasing a home in the Crowsnest Pass and thus becoming new municipal taxpayers. Just last Sunday I met a young, professional couple employed at the mines who are currently living in Sparwood. One of the first things they asked me about was our tax rate. There are many good reasons to buy in the Crowsnest Pass; our high taxes are definitely not one of them.

I am actively promoting our community in the Elk Valley and we have a good chance to attract the many new employees the mines are currently hiring. These are generally young families and they would benefit this community in many different ways. We must be proactive in trying to attract them here. For example, a \$400,000 home (and it would be hard to build a new home on its own lot for less than that) is taxed here at \$3254.07. A 5 per cent increase would add \$162.72 to this bill. While on first blush this may not appear a significant number, it really is. There may be other increases as well, if the cost of water meters is factored in, etc...

Consider in Sparwood where a \$400,000 house is taxed at \$2541.92 and significantly much less in the RDEK district outside of Sparwood. When they are speaking of adding water meters in Sparwood, they are talking to a taxpayer whose burden is much less than our taxpayer.

In Calgary, and I hear this from people who are considering moving here, a \$400,000 home, taxed at 2010 rates, owes \$2349.36 in taxes. So a proposed tax increase of 5% will still leave that home at \$2466.82. They will need many more increases to match our taxes.

While it is not fair to compare Sparwood and Calgary (given their diversified tax base) with our situation here in the Crowsnest Pass, cities and counties across the nation are competing to attract taxpayers. Small towns like ours are especially vulnerable. But unlike other small towns, we have an opportunity to attract many new taxpayers who are employed in a nearby industry and it is important we take advantage of this.

Sincerely,

John Pundyk, M.A.

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BURROWS
BUILDING CORPORATION

Mayor Decoux and Council
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
P.O. Box 600
Blairmore, AB T0K 0E0

Dear Sirs,

I am very concerned about the proposed tax increase and the negative consequence this increase will have on new home development and sales in the Crowsnest Pass.

Currently, we are competing head to head with other nearby municipal districts to attract new home buyers to the area. Two major concerns which I, as a developer and builder, hear from potential new home buyers are our high property taxes and other development costs.

While a 5 per cent tax increase may not appear significant when divided by the number of days in the year, this number will impact new home buyers the most as these properties are already assessed at a very high tax rate. And if you add to this the proposed water meter charges, this number grows substantially. This all comes at a time when we are struggling to attract new taxpayers.

My main concern is that we have just come through one of the worst recessions on record in Canada and during that recession municipal development costs in the Crowsnest Pass rose substantially. If taxes also rise, this will make us that much less competitive.

New home buyers have many choices on where to buy or build their home and we, as a community, would like to attract as many of them as possible. Many of these buyers are families with children.

I would urge council to consider all other options before proceeding with the tax increase.

Thank You,

Shane Stewart, B.A. B. Law

**MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011
GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

PRESENT: **MAYOR:** Bruce Decoux

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

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance & Systems
Director of Operational Services
Director of Legislative and
HR Services
Recording Secretary

Tully Clifford
Marion Vanoni
Myron Thompson
Lynne Cox

Carolee Ison

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Decoux called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:

Topics for Discussion

6. Crowsnest Community Support Society Request
7. Crowsnest Pass Emergency Plan

In Camera

1. Personnel/Legal

G#79-11: Councilor Mitchell moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

No delegations were in attendance.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Municipal Credit Card Policy

Council provided the following comments in reference to the presented *Municipal Credit Card Policy*:

- Felt the policy extended over different scopes of policies including expense and purchase order
- Advised the policy be reviewed by the Policy Committee, and adhere to the Credit Card Policy only
- Suggested expenses, stipends, and mileage required to be submitted should all be included on one expense form
- Felt the policy should state Councillors will abide by the rules and regulations set out for the use of credit cards
- Suggested the policy includes too much
- Council's consensus was to refer the policy to the Policy Committee for review, and the Policy Committee refer the revised policy back to the Governance and Priorities Committee

G#80-11: Mayor Decoux moved the Recommended Action: *It is recommended that Council review and recommend for adoption the Municipal Credit Card Policy as presented.*

DEFEATED

G#81-11: Councillor Saje moved that the *Municipal Credit Card Policy* be forwarded to the Policy Committee for further review and to be presented to Council at the next Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting.

WITHDRAWN

The Chief Administrative Officer advised this would not allow sufficient time for the *Municipal Credit Card Policy* to be returned to the next Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting as the Policy Committee does not meet until January 21, 2011.

G#82-11: Councillor Saje moved that the *Municipal Credit Card Policy* be forwarded to the Policy Committee for further review and presented to Council at the February 8, 2011 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Further discussion included:

- Administration advised the *Municipal Credit Card Policy* was presented in the original policy template and Administration is now in transition to a new template
- Mayor Decoux advised:
 - The Policy Committee will review what a policy should consist of and select one format for policies to be used by all departments
 - The Policy Committee would then provide its recommendation on policy format to the Governance and Priorities Committee for consideration, and the Governance and Priorities Committee will provide a recommendation to Council
 - Noted that policies should not include history

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - Municipal Credit Card Policy - Continued

- In response to Council suggesting versioning software to provide versioning notes for Council's information, the Director of Legislative Services clarified that direction to Administration is provided in the minutes by way of motions
- Mayor Decoux requested that Administration give the proposal of versioning software some review as to whether it would be a beneficial possibility for Council

Municipal Snow Clearing/Ice Control Policy

G#83-11: Councilor Mitchell moved to forward the *Municipal Snow Clearing/Ice Control Policy* to the Policy Committee.

WITHDRAWN

The Director of Operational Services provided the following information:

- Confirmed the policy is dependant on the budget being approved in reference to the snow gates
- Noted the policy is procedural by the nature of snow removal
- There is currently no snow removal policy
- Advised unique snow removal challenges exist

Further discussion included:

- Mayor Decoux noted the Director of Operational Services will be part of the Policy Committee for review of this policy
- In response to the possibility of heavy snowfalls exhausting the budget for snow removal, Mr. Thompson advised that a specific budget is not set for snow removal; winter operations work towards an acceptable service level for snow clearing and removal
- The work order system will track operational costs for functions including snow clearing
- Council suggested including “foreseeing no major equipment break downs” and “barring emergency snow volumes” in the policy
- Access for emergency vehicles refers to emergency facilities such as fire halls, not medical clinics
- New initiatives in the policy include:
 - Snow gates that allow snow to be carried across driveways and intersections
 - Changes to snow removal in downtown Blairmore
- At the same time equipment is dispatched to Level “A” routes, equipment specific to rural roads can also be dispatched to rural areas

G#84-11: Councilor Mitchell moved to refer the *Snow Clearing/Ice Control Policy* to the Policy Committee for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – Continued

Notices of Motion

The Chief Administration Officer advised:

- Administration is requesting background information, direction, and a date from Council included in Notices of Motion
- Seeking willingness on the part of Council to undertake written Notices of Motion
- Advised an individual councillor puts forward a Notice of Motion and Council then has the opportunity to approve or not approve it
- Administration can provide the template

G#85-11: Councillor Mitchell moved to refer *Notices of Motion* to the Policy Committee to provide a policy.

CARRIED

Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Administration is looking for direction regarding the request to send a letter of support for Bill 203, The Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend Act, as well as for general direction on how Council would like to handle similar requests.

G#86-11: Councillor Saje moved to refer the *Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend Act* agenda item to Council for a decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Decoux advised Administration to forward these types of requests directly to Council for decision.

Municipal Advertising Policy

Council provided the following comments:

- Should be in the new format decided on by the Policy Committee
- Questioned the legality of using flyers for legislative advertising versus publishing in newspaper
- Inserts should be added as an option to the policy
- Proposed adding to the section “Use of Advertising Media” - *l. Flyers (Ad Mail)*
- Eliminate white space on advertising pages
- Noted flyers should go in all post office boxes and be added into the newspapers
- Felt there should be a distinct line between policy and budget, however would like to see a correlation between the two
- Suggested social networks and progressive direction for getting non-legislative messages out
- Move forward to progressive and proven methods other than the written media
- Would like the Policy Committee to provide Council with measures on how a policy will get the verbiage and governance message to Council clearly

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – Municipal Advertising Policy - Continued

- The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Canada Post will put government flyers in all post office boxes, except flyers deemed to be advertising which would only go into post office boxes accepting flyers

G#87-11: Mayor Decoux moved Recommended Action 1: *That the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend to Council to adopt the supporting Advertising Policy as written.*

DEFEATED

G#88-11: Mayor Decoux moved that the Governance and Priorities Committee recommend further changes to the *Advertising Policy* and direct Administration to refer the policy to the Policy Committee for later presentation at the Governance and Priorities Committee.

CARRIED

Crowsnest Community Support Society Request

Correspondence was received from James Woodall, Executive Director of the Crowsnest Community Support Society, requesting the tipping fees be waived or discounted for the demolition of an existing structure in order to build a new wheel chair accessible home for some of the individuals they support.

The Director of Operations was not aware of the request in advance of the meeting and would like further details before providing an opinion.

G#89-11: Mayor Decoux moved to refer the Crowsnest Community Support Society request to Administration for further investigation to present at the next Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crowsnest Pass Emergency Plan

Council Saje requested the Chief Administrative Officer provide comments and recommendations on the Municipality's Emergency Response and Planning in reference to where the Municipality stands and improvements.

The Chief Administrative Officer provided the following comments:

- Reviewed the current Emergency Plan, which is based on the Municipal Emergency Plan Model by Alberta Emergency Management Disaster Services and found it is outdated and needs ongoing modifications
- Mr. Mark Murphy of Alberta Emergency Management is interested in providing an Emergency Planning presentation for Council on February 1, 2011
- Mr. Clifford advised Administration could also present a report to Council on February 1st in reference to the state of the Municipality's Emergency Plan and actions necessary to get it up to date

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – Crowsnest Pass Emergency Plan - Continued

Further discussion included:

- In reference to power outages, Mayor Decoux noted there are over two hundred people in the community that depend on oxygen
- The Director of Legislative Services note the Emergency Services Binder is being updated
- The Chief Administrative Officer will arrange the Emergency Planning presentation by Mr. Mark Murphy
- Mr. Clifford noted a policy is not required as Bylaw No. 66, 1980 is in place
- Council suggested the bylaw be reviewed
- Council noted the Emergency Planning presentation should include addressing businesses and residents along Highway #3 regarding emergency procedures

IN CAMERA

G#90-11: Councilor Lonsbury moved that Council go In Camera at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Decoux recessed the meeting at 8:20 pm and reconvened In Camera at 8:25 pm.

OUT OF CAMERA BUSINESS

G#91-11: Councilor Mitchell moved that Council come Out of Camera at 9:13 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AJOURN

G#92-11: Councilor Saindon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Agenda Report

Meeting: Council
Meeting Date: January 18, 2011
Originated By: Tully Clifford
Subject: **Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act**
Agenda Item No: **C 2011-001**

Administration Recommendation:

That Council provide direction to staff regarding the request to send a letter of support for the Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend Act

Recommendation of the Governance and Priorities Committee:

That the Report received on January 11, 2011 be put forward to Council

Background:

MLA Dave Rodney has presented a proposal for Bill 203, the Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act.

Discussion:

Staff has received the attached email regarding the Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act. Though the email is lacking information, staff believes the request may provide the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass the opportunity to demonstrate its position as a leading recreation destination in Alberta by showing support for the concept. Attached is a draft letter that could be sent. Providing support of the concept would not obligate the Municipality to take action. The Municipality could send another letter if Bill 203 changes in a significant fashion.

Alternatives:

Council could choose to send a letter of support, could choose to send a qualified letter of support including a request for additional information regarding the legislation, or could choose not to send a letter of support.

Approvals:

CAO

Department Head _____

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact associated with sending a letter of support for Bill 203, the Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act.

Attachments:

- A – Email from MLA Dave Rodney
- B – Draft Letter of Support for Bill 203

Tully Clifford

From: Nick Harsulla [Nick.Harsulla@assembly.ab.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 10:04 AM
Cc: Dave Rodney; Calgary Lougheed
Subject: Time sensitive request from MLA Dave Rodney

Happy New Year, Fellow Albertans!

For those of you who have yet to e-reply to this message, please do so with a short e-mail of support. If you agree with the following by the end of **this month**.

To those of you who have already responded to this request, thanks so much!

During the upcoming legislative session, I will be spearheading Bill 203, "*The Alberta Get Outdoors ('GO') Weekend Act*", which will set aside the second weekend of every April as a special time for Albertans to participate in outdoor activities. *(Please note: we chose this time to give people some incentive to leave the indoors after the long winter months. We did not suggest the winter months because many people cannot/will not go outside unnecessarily at that time. Additionally, later spring/summer/fall is too late to provide incentive for people to get outside.)*

I am writing about this to you because **YOUR ORGANIZATION IS AN IMPORTANT LEADER** in promoting the benefits associated with active living/outdoor activity; and your support would help ensure that "**GO Weekend**" will become a reality!

Numerous studies have shown that the benefits of this kind of participation are deep and far-reaching, while improving physical and mental well-being. Active living can lead to a longer life, reduce stress, and improve our overall quality of life. The Act would also further educate Albertans on our parks & outdoor spaces--both urban & rural--while providing countless other benefits...at no cost to the taxpayer!

If you are agree with the above concept--at least in principle -- **PLEASE E-REPLY WITH A SHORT MESSAGE OF SUPPORT.**

Thank you in advance for your feedback and congratulations on your commitment in promoting active living and outdoor activity!

With great respect,

Dave Rodney, MLA
calgary.lougheed@assembly.ab.ca

January 11, 2011

Mr. Dave Rodney
MLA Calgary Lougheed
Via email

Dear Mr. Rodney

Re: Bill 203, The Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act

The Crowsnest Pass comprises a valley running east-west through Crowsnest Ridge. The Crowsnest River flows east from Crowsnest Lake, eventually draining into the Oldman River. The Municipality is surrounded by wonderful mountains offering not only beauty but abundant opportunity for recreational activities such as fly-fishing, boating, skiing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, hiking and much more. Accordingly, on behalf of the residents and businesses of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Council offers this letter of support for Bill 203, The Alberta Get Outdoors (GO) Weekend Act.

We look forwards to receiving additional information concerning Bill 203 and wish the Government of Alberta the best in approving the Bill.

Sincerely,

Bruce Vernon Decoux
Mayor



Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Agenda Report

Meeting: Council
Meeting Date: January 18, 2011
Originated By: Mayor Bruce V. Decoux
Subject: **Elected Officials Course – February 3, 2011 Pincher Creek**
Agenda Item No: **C 2011-002**

Administration Recommendation:

That Council appoint four (4) members of Council and the Mayor to attend the Elected Officials Course in Pincher Creek on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Background:

An Elected Officials Course on Community Economic Development is being hosted by Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Ramada Inn in Pincher Creek.

Discussion:

The training is offered to create teams of community and business people to share ideas and be involved in encouraging a prosperous regional economy and building the capacity of partner communities participating in the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance. Confirmation of attendance is required on January 19, 2011.

Alternatives:

Council can choose to attend the session, or not. Four (4) Councillors and the Mayor may register for this course which is free of charge to member communities.

Financial Impact:

The course is free.

Approvals:

CAO 

Department Head _____

Attachments:

- A – Elected Officials Course Registration Form
- B – Email from the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance

EDA Alberta
Community Economic Development Training

Elected Officials Course

Registration Form

Location: Meeting Room – Ramada Inn, Pincher Creek

Thursday, February 3rd, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Fee – This course is offered **free of charge** to Elected Officials of Alberta SouthWest– Member Communities.

(Includes, course materials, lunch and refreshments)

YES, I will attend (RSVP by no later than January 19th, 2011.)

Registration Information:

Name: _____

Box # or Street Address: _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code: _____

Company or organization _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please fax or email your registration form
on or before January 19th, 2011 to:

Maureen Webster
maureen.webster@gov.ab.ca
Phone: 403-627-1165
Fax: 403-627-1169

The communities of the Alberta South West Regional Alliance are working together to implement economic development activities in our Region.

As part of that initiative, this training is offered to create teams of community and business people to share ideas and be involved in encouraging a prosperous regional economy and building the capacity of our communities.



Wendy Decoux

From: "Maureen Webster" <maureen.webster@gov.ab.ca>
Date: January-06-11 10:39 AM
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Attach: Elected Officials February 3 2011.doc
Subject: Elected Officials Course -Confirmed Date - February 3rd, 2011
Good Morning Board Members,

The majority of responses indicated Thursday, February 3rd will be the date of the Elected Officials training.

Please pass this information to your council members and have them register with me as soon as possible.

Please confirm with me no later than January 19th.

{I will forward the registration form to the CAO's for them to have on-hand as well.}

Maureen Webster

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Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Agenda Report

Meeting: Council
Meeting Date: January 18th, 2011
Originated By: Councillor Saje
Subject: **Absence Request from Council, February 1, 2011**
Agenda Item No: C 2011-003

Administration Recommendation:

That Council approved the absence request of Councillor Saje for the February 1, 2011 Council meeting

Discussion:

Councillor Saje is requesting approval from Council to be absent from the February 1, 2011 Council meeting

Alternatives:

N/A

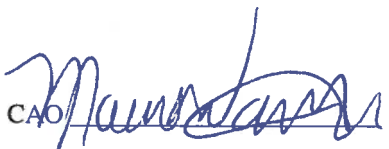
Financial Impact:

N/A

Attachments:

- A. Email Request from Councillor Saje

Approvals:

CAO 

Department Head _____

Lynne Cox

Subject: FW: January 18th Council Packages

From: A Saje [<mailto:cnpsaje@gmail.com>]

Sent: January-13-11 10:32 PM

To: Lynne Cox

Subject: Re: January 18th Council Packages

Hi Lynne,

Please amend the agenda to include my request for Council meeting absence on Tuesday February 1st.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Andrew Saje

2011 Budget

- Please Review Budget Binder Provided in Hard Copy