

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Council**  
**Of the Town Of Castor**  
**Held Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall**  
**Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by His Worship Mayor Garry DeVloo.

Councilors in Attendance:

Jeff Ensign, Rod Zinger, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman  
Gord Norris – Q14 Radio Reporter  
Elizabeth Allen – East Central Alberta Review  
Marrian Bertin – Delegation  
Barry Weseen – Delegation  
Jordan Petersen - Observer  
Michael Yakielashek - Administration

Appointment of Secretary:

219/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that due to unforeseen circumstances Michael Yakielashek is appointed Secretary for this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations:

Marrian Bertin:

Mayor DeVloo asked Ms. Bertin to proceed with her presentation in addition to a letter Council received regarding her property. Ms. Bertin was very upset that while she was away trees which she had planted had been cut down when the town had a citizen clean up. She wants the trees replaced or a wind fence built. The trees were to be used as a snow break for winter to keep her driveway clear. She also stated that the wild flowers were also mowed down. All this was on her property and it was irresponsible for anyone to come onto her property. Ms. Bertin said that the trees were not broken and they were poplar and she is very upset. Mayor DeVloo explained that the Town had a general clean up of the community with over 100 volunteers. She thinks that the town was irresponsible in not having some control over the volunteers. Mayor DeVloo asked Ms. Bertin if she had received a letter about her property. Ms. Bertin said she had received a letter. She stated that in her opinion the letter was not valid as she felt her property was in a natural state. The Secretary stated that Ms. Bertin was asking the town to erect a fence and that there is quite a difference between the cost of a fence and trees.

It was decided that the Town Foreman will visit Ms. Bertin's property and look at the situation for tree replacement and then see what can be done.

Mayor DeVloo thanked Mrs. Bertin for her presentation and Council will discuss the matter after she and the Town Foreman meet.

*Ms. Bertin left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.*

Barry  
Weseen:

Mayor DeVloo called on Mr. Weseen to make his presentation. Mr. Weseen wished to talk to Council about a number of things.

Firstly, he is not happy with Council's decision about charging a minimum tax rate of \$450.00. His overall taxes for 2010 have increased by \$5,311.90. He can't recoup that type of increase. He also stated that his assessment notices were not received. He stated that the notices had been sent to box 808. His assessment for the property on the south side increased drastically. The lots are not serviceable because the sewer lift station isn't complete and he will not put power into the lots until the sewer lift station is finished. The contractor had contacted the Town Foreman and said they will be installing the sewer lift this weekend.

In 2008 Mr. Weseen and the Town talked about putting in a sewer service line to his green house property. He said he would pay for the road push. The Town sent him a bill of \$9660.00. He feels that the hook up costs for the backhoes, manpower and vac truck are the Town's responsibility and his responsibility is the road push. The Town said they would do the hook up and he shouldn't have to pay.

*Constable Val Denis entered the Council Chambers at 7:29 p.m.*

The Town Foreman stated that the bell holes were due to accommodate the road push. With so many underground lines you need to use the hydro vac to expose the lines. Mr. Weseen stated that 11 hours for hydro vac work is an outrageous cost and feels that the bell holes are for the hook up costs and is the Town's responsibility. Mayor DeVloo stated the Town will pull the minutes from 2008 and subsequent meetings where discussion about Mr. Weseen's sewer service line were held and then discuss the matter.

Mr. Weseen also stated that his taxes went up \$600.00 on the trailer court. Council should seriously consider doing the curb and gutter to justify such a tax increase for that property. He said that the minimum tax is not a good idea.

*Mr. Weseen left the Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m.*

R.C.M.P.: Mayor DeVloo called up Constable Denis for his presentation. The R.C.M.P. will be holding an information meeting for elected officers on August 24<sup>th</sup> in Red Deer and Calgary on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The session will deal with the proposed changes for highway traffic control between the Alberta Sheriff's department and the R.C.M.P.

Councillor Ensign will attend with Councillor Zinger or Mayor DeVloo attending if for some reason Councillor Ensign can not attend.

Constable Denis reported Sergeant Love has left the detachment to his new posting. In the past number of weeks there has been a lot of mischief going on. With manpower unable to patrol the entire area Council may want to look at a "Citizens on Patrol" program to assist. It would be very helpful and maybe look at it as a regional idea. A new cadet started a couple weeks ago so it will be a while before he can operate alone.

Mayor DeVloo thanked Constable Denis for attending the meeting.

*Constable Denis left the Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m.*

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.

220/10 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that the Minutes of the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment. Councilor Zinger declared an interest in Account Number 11923 as owner of Zinger Computer Technologies.

221/10 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that Account Numbers 11877 to 11922 inclusive be approved for payment and that the List of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cash Statement: The Secretary advised Council that the Cash Statement was not available for the Council Meeting.

Correspondence:

Alberta

Arts:

1. The Minister of Culture and Community Spirit and the Minister of Municipal Affairs informed Council that Alberta Arts Days 2010 will take place from September 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is a celebration showcasing the arts in Alberta.

No community events are planned for this year, however Ms. Pat Lang has offered to do something for 2011.

Lodge

Fundraising:

2. The Paintearth Lodge Fundraising Committee is holding their Annual Grandparents Day Texas Golf Tournament and Auction on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They asked Council to donate an auction item. The Secretary informed Council that the Town usually sponsors one of the Town Of Castor's blankets for this event.

Centennial

Thank you:

3. John and Elizabeth Wezelman expressed their appreciation to the Town of Castor and the many volunteers for the Centennial Celebration.

CAEP

Support:

4. Central Alberta Economic Partnership requested the Town's support for the annual membership fee and participation in the organization.

222/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor supports the Central Alberta Economic Partnership Ltd. for the annual membership fees and participation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business:

Tree

Pile:

Council was requested that the huge tree and brush pile stockpiled on the east end of Town from the wind storm be burned this fall and winter. The cost to remove the piles would be substantial and there is no guarantee that funding would be available from Alberta Emergency Management to cover the costs.

223/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor burn the tree and brush pile located on the East end of Town when safe to do so.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency  
Alert:

Alberta Emergency Management Agency is changing the Alberta Emergency Alert System. In order to use the system people need to be trained. Council was asked to authorize people to take the training. The new system should be up and running by November of 2010.

224/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Sandra Jackson, Patrick Kelly, and Michael Yakielashek are authorized to take the Alberta Emergency Notification System Training.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Offer to  
Purchase Lot:

Mr. Jeff Bowen offered to purchase a lot from the Town of Castor which is situated immediately to the west of his residential property. He offered to purchase 3 lots for the price of \$1,500.00. Council discussed the request and felt that further information is required.

225/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor discuss Mr. Bowen's purchase offer at the next meeting of Council after further information about where the water line is and how much land Mr. Bowen actually requires.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water System  
Inspection:

Council received the water inspection report from Alberta Environment. The inspection was conducted on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and there are four issues which have to be dealt with:

1. Calibration of Monitoring Equipment
2. Bacteriological Sampling Frequency
3. Lead (P1) Analysis
4. Standard Operating Procedures

226/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Castor Waterworks Inspection Report dated July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 conducted by Alberta Environment be accepted as information and that the Town Foreman is authorized to do whatever is necessary to correct the items mentioned in the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee  
Reports:

- Elizabeth Allen:
- indicated that the Citizens on Patrol Program has worked very well in the community where she moved from.
  - asked Council if they wished to have a copy of the pictures she took of the parade floats.
- Council was in favour and asked that the Centennial Committee review the matter at their wind up meeting.
- Gord Norris:
- Stettler has a very good Citizens on Patrol Program and encouraged Council to talk with the Stettler R.C.M.P. detachment about their program.
- Councillor Ensign:
- thanked the Town Staff for making the Centennial Weekend such a success.
- Councillor Zinger:
- asked for a picture of the pontoon boat so he can send it to the sponsor of the boat. He took 550 people on the boat tour of the reservoir.
- Councillor Filipenko:
- would like to talk to the engineers about the drainage at the Community Hall off the pavement. The Town Foreman stated BSEI will be coming on Wednesday to talk about the asphalt work on 49<sup>th</sup> Street and he will set up the meeting.
- Town Foreman:
- 49<sup>th</sup> Street asphalt work is a problem. There are soft spots showing up which cause a ripple effect. BSEI, Metro Paving, and himself will meet on Wednesday and walk the road to identify the problem and hopefully come to a solution.
  - all the cold mix is used up and is hole patching with millings. It is working pretty good and will try more.
  - clean up from Centennial is complete
  - crack filling will start tomorrow.
  - still have trees to clean up
  - summer staff is doing a very good job
  - need to take the Backhoe to Brandt Tractor. Some problems need to be looked at. Warranty has run out. The Gas Co-op has offered their truck and trailer to haul the backhoe.
- Secretary:
- Alberta Heritage has received the nominations for Mike Bain and Wendy Anhorn for the Heritage Awareness Award.
  - requested Council's authorization to advertise for office staff.
- 227/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the C.A.O. is authorized to advertise for office staff to start October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- the Castor and District Museum Society received approval for the \$10,000.00 Community Spirit grant for the Centennial.

Mayor DeVloo:

- told Council he personally thanked the students and staff for their hardwork and effort which they gave for the Centennial.
- reported to R.C.M.P. people who were climbing onto the arena roof.

Ms. Bertin:

228/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Council go in camera to discuss the matter of Ms. Bertin's request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Elizabeth Allen, Gord Norris, and Jordan Peterson left the Council Chambers at 8:29 p.m.*

229/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Council come out of camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council came out of camera at 8:48 p.m.

Adjournment:

230/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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MAYOR

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