

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, February 8th, 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.

Councillors in
Attendance:

Jeff Ensign, Darcy Wetter, Rod Zinger, Troy Slempp, and Dennis Filipenko

Also in
Attendance:

Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman
Michael Yakielashek – C.A.O.
Gord Norris – Q14 Radio Reporter
Elizabeth Allen – East Central Alberta Review
Delegation – Lorne Weseen, Bill Weseen, Dale Marquart, Dwayne Fletcher, Lawrence Zinger, Vern Fletcher, Stan Schulmeister, Don Thieleman, and Rod Ball.

Beach
Project:

Mayor DeVloo called upon the delegation to make their presentation.

Mr. Dale Marquart spoke to Council about the importance of the beach area and the endless hours of enjoyment. The Committee knows of 69 boaters and canoers who use the reservoir. There are 31 volunteers who want to make the beach area and boat launch into a presentable piece of property for use by the community.

Mr. Lorne Weseen stated the Beach Committee has \$46,580.00 pledged in equipment and labour support for the project to upgrade the boat launch and beach area. The time to do the project is now as construction has to be in May and June to be ready for the Centennial.

The Committee can't wait another year. What the Committee doesn't have is a sponsor to apply for a grant to match the donated labour and equipment. The grant money would be used to purchase the materials necessary for the project. The Committee is requesting that either the Town of Castor finance the funding or help find an organization to sponsor the grant. Mr. Vern Fletcher then spoke that maybe the Lions Club would be willing to sponsor the grant application. It was also mentioned by Councillor Wetter that the Fish and Game Association would maybe be another alternative. Mayor DeVloo told the delegation that if they were not successful with the Lions Club or the Fish and Game Association then the Town could act as the grant applicant.

Mayor DeVloo thanked the delegation for coming to the meeting and Council will decide an action if the Committee comes to the Town without sponsorship.

The delegation left the Council meeting at 7:25 p.m.

56/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that if the Castor Beach Committee can not obtain grant sponsorship from either the Castor Lions Club or the Fish and Game Association the Town of Castor will act as the sponsor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes: Council reviewed the Minutes of the January 25th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.

57/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the Minutes of the January 25th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

58/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Account Numbers 11166 to 11204 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 Cash Statement for the month ended January 31st, 2010 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Statement and also informed Council that cash flow is a problem and that the line of credit may be used in February.

59/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ended January 31st, 2010 be accepted as presented and that the Statement be marked Schedule "B" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence:

Co-operative

Awards:

1. The Alberta Community and Co-operative Association is calling for nominations for a number of awards the Association provides to individuals who strengthen communities.

Council is to provide names to the C.A.O. if they have someone in mind to be nominated.

Terroco

Fire:

2. New West Adjusters sent a copy of a letter they sent Kendal Adjusters Inc., who represent Terroco A & E Oilfield Services. The letter stated that in their investigation the Town of Castor and their employees have not in any way been negligent or would have contributed to the fire incident at all. The claim has been denied.

Old

Business:

Bylaw Number
993:

A bylaw of the Town of Castor for the preventing and compelling of nuisances and regulating untidy and unsightly properties.

60/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Bylaw Number 993 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 8th Day of February, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

61/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Bylaw Number 993 be Read a Second Time this 8th Day of February, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

62/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Bylaw Number 993 be given Third Reading at this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

63/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Bylaw Number 993 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 8th Day of February, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water Plant
Reclamation:

The C.A.O. presented to Council the reclamation proposal for the Castor Water Treatment and Associated Works with are no longer required by the Town of Castor for the water distribution system.

64/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Reclamation Proposal for the Castor Water Treatment Plant be accepted and submitted to Alberta Environment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Golf Club
Irrigation:

The engineers estimate to take water from the Lagoon to the Golf Club was presented to Council. The estimate was in the amount of \$400,000.00. The C.A.O. told Council he informed the engineer that the project was way beyond the financial capability of the community.

Council discussed the possibility of using the water intake located on the Parr Reservoir to pump water through a 2 inch pipe which has been submerged in the reservoir all the way south to the Golf Course to fill their dugout. Council felt that this may be a practical solution and good use of the water license.

65/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town of Castor apply to Alberta Environment for a water diversion license which would take water from the Parr Reservoir to the Castor Golf Club irrigation dug out for use on the Golf Course.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New
Business:

Recreation
Board:

Councillor Ensign reviewed the minutes from the Recreation Board meeting held February 1st, 2010.

- arena and hockey program is going well.
- most teams are starting to get into their playoffs.
- the Elks have generously agreed to donate new jerseys for the Atom Team.
- a new logo has been decided upon.
- have had some complaints about the kitchen operations purchasing most of their supplies from out of town. This doesn't work well when businesses are approached for sponsorship of events or projects.
- letter are being sent to businesses about arena board advertising.
- the Minor Sports Association will be holding a raffle during the Centennial this summer for new tires and a wheel alignment donated by OK Tire – Castor.

- Todd Pawsey and Loreena MacGillivray have done a lot of work on the Arena operations expenses. The fees now being charged are not coming close to meeting the expenditures of the arena.
- Council may be approached about setting up future capital reserves for future works.

Community
Hall:

The C.A.O. advised Council that in order for the Castor and District Agricultural Society to be able to access grants they must now hold title to the property in the case of the Community Hall. It was recommended that the Town sell the Community Hall Property to the Agricultural Society and that the Town place a caveat on the property to protect the asset for the community.

66/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor sell the property on which the new Community Hall is located on to the Castor and District Agricultural Society for \$1.00 and that the Town of Castor place a caveat on the property that if anything happens and the Agricultural Society ceases to function or exist the Town of Castor will take title to the property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee
Reports:

Elizabeth Allen:

Mayor DeVloo asked if Ms. Allen had any comments or questions. Ms Allen stated that Canadian Badlands is sponsoring workshops and seminars for people to start farm tourism opportunities within the region.

Councillor Ensign:

- reported on his attendance at the recent Health Meeting held by Covenant Health. The meeting was productive in setting some objectives for our community health programs.

Councillor Zinger:

- asked if hazardous material can be taken at the Castor Transfer Station. The C.A.O. advised that no hazardous substance can be taken.
- asked the Town Foreman when he will start tree trimming. The Foreman stated that he will start fairly soon.

Councillor Filipenko:

- asked if now that water from the reservoir and the ponds is no longer needed for potable water can the Town treat the ponds for the duckweed. The C.A.O. stated he has asked Alberta Environment what would be allowed to control the duckweed. He has no received a response to date.

Town Foreman:

- completed the 2009 worksheets for interdepartment costs.
- year end reports for the water and sewer system have been completed.
- had a watermain break on January 30th, 2010 on 53rd Street which was repaired.
- last week soil tests were conducted for paving.
- still some snow removal work being done.
- it appears that the alarm systems at the distribution plant are now working properly.

Councillor Zinger left the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

- the John Deere 670 grader will be taken to Ritchie Brothers at the end of the week.

C.A.O.

- the title transfer for the sale to Dr. Wezelman is ready and only signatures are required.
- the subdivision for the railway property has been sent to Palliser for endorsement.
- the Audit is scheduled for February 24th and 25th.
- County Council meets tomorrow. Should hear a price on the County Office. Should also know if the support staff for the R.C.M.P. office is approved or not.
- a meeting has been arranged with Stuart Ford for February 16th, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers about the Coat of Arms.
- asked Council if they wished to dismantle the playground on the south side and turn it into a residential lot.

67/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that the playground located on Lots 27 and 28, Block 1, Plan 3780 AA be turned into a residential lot for sale.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor DeVloo:

- attended the Handi Van meeting this afternoon. The Board is looking to purchase a new smaller van for use.

Adjournment:

68/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER