

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Council**  
**Of the Town Of Castor**  
**Held Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall**  
**Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Rod Zinger.

Councillors in Attendance:

Jeff Ensign, Darcy Wetter, Troy Slempe, and Dennis Filipenko

Also in Attendance:

Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman  
Gord Norris – Q14 Radio Reporter  
Elizabeth Allen – East Central Alberta Review Reporter  
Michael Yakielashek – C.A.O.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the Minutes of the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

1/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Minutes of the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

2/10 MOTION: Councillor Slempe that Account Numbers 11054 to 11097 inclusive be approved for payment and that the List of Accounts dated January 8, 2010 be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these Minutes of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the month ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. advised that cash flow was a problem during December as expenditures were in the amount of \$813,182.28 while revenues were only \$771,060.41. The Town Of Castor was able to meet all of its obligations.

3/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that the Cash Statement for the month ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 be accepted as presented and that the Statement be marked Schedule "B" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget  
Control:

The C.A.O. advised Council that the Budget Control was not available for the meeting.

Correspondence:

Community  
Meeting:

1. Covenant Health advised they will be holding a Community Meeting on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at the Paintearth Lodge. The meeting is to discuss local needs, hopes, and concerns as part of the Covenant Health Rural Health Strategy Initiative.

Deputy Mayor Zinger and Councillor Filipenko have let Covenant Health know they are going to the meeting. The C.A.O. will advise that Mayor DeVloo, Councillor Ensign, and Slemph will also be attending.

Assessment Review  
Boards:

2. Palliser Regional Municipal Services requested whether the Town Of Castor is interested in participating in the establishment of a Joint Assessment Review Board by Palliser Regional Municipal Services.

4/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the Town Of Castor inform Palliser Regional Municipal Services that the Town Of Castor is not interested in setting up Regional Assessment Review Boards within Palliser Regional Municipal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meet and  
Greet:

3. Central Alberta Economic Partnership is holding a meeting and networking lunch on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 in Lacombe.

5/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Councillor Filipenko is authorized to attend the meeting and networking lunch being held by Central Alberta Economic Partnership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Enhanced Clerk  
R.C.M.P. Office:

4. Sergeant Tom Love of the Coronation R.C.M.P. Detachment made a formal request for an Enhanced Detachment Clerk position who would be mainly based out of the Castor Satellite Office. The position would entail 3 days per week, Wednesday to Friday. The estimated annual cost would be approximately \$17, 500.00. The R.C.M.P. would provide the training.

6/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town Of Castor would be willing to cost share the position of a part time clerk for the R.C.M.P. based on a cost basis formula with the County of Paintearth No. 18 and the Town of Coronation as is currently being used by Paintearth Economic Partnership Society and Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Old  
Business:

Five Year  
Capital 2010:

The C.A.O. presented Council with a recommendation for a change to the 2010 portion of the Five Year Capital Plan. The 2010 Capital Budget added the possible purchase of the County Office for \$125,000.00 and the purchase of Workshop Tools of \$5,000.00. This brings the total 2010 Capital Budget to \$615,000.00.

7/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town Of Castor adopt the 2010 Capital Budget in the amount of \$615,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Municipal  
Sponsorship:

The C.A.O. presented a motion for Council's consideration whereby the Town Of Castor would provide 10% to the Village of Halkirk and 90% to the Town of Coronation of the Town of Castor's 2009 Municipal Sponsorship Funding Program.

8/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that Council authorize the Town Of Castor to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program application for the Coronation Camp Kitchen and Washroom Project being submitted by the Town of Coronation, and the Halkirk Playground 2009 Project being submitted by the Village of Halkirk under the Alberta Municipal Sponsorship Program.

And that the Town Of Castor agrees that the Town of Coronation and the Village of Halkirk be designated managing partners for the purposes of applying, receiving, administrating, allocating, reporting, and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners.

And that the Town Of Castor agrees to allocate 90% of its Municipal Partnership Sponsorship based grant to the Town of Coronation and 10% to the Village of Halkirk.

And that the Town Of Castor agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds if it is the managing partners, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partners on behalf of the eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water  
License:

Deputy Mayor Zinger and the C.A.O. advised Council that they met with Peter Piu and Alvin Bieir of Alberta Environment this afternoon. Mr. Bieir reviewed the terms for the decommissioning of the Castor Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Piu advised that the current water diversion license is no longer applicable because the Town Of Castor no longer will use the Parr Reservoir as a municipal water supply. Mr. Piu told the Deputy Mayor and C.A.O. that the Town can apply to reissue a water license for recreational use. If a license is not applied for Alberta Environment would cancel the Town's license and then the reservoir could be drained.

9/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that the Town Of Castor make application to Alberta Environment for a license for the diversion of water on the Parr Reservoir as a Recreational use water body.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New  
Business:

Grain  
Bins:

Mr. Alden Fuller has grain bins located on part of the railway right of way property. He had placed the bins there a number of years ago believing that the property belonged to Imperial Oil Limited as he was told that by the manager of Imperial Oil at the time. Mr. Fuller realizes that the property is owned by the Town of Castor. Mr. Fuller asked if he could still use the land until such time that the Town puts up the land for sale or has another use.

10/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor allow Mr. Alden Fuller to have grain bins located on that portion of the railway right of way located east of the Imperial Oil property and owned by the Town of Castor until such time that the property is needed for other purposes or put up for sale.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All Saints  
Church:

The Castor and District Museum Society requested a letter of support from the Town of Castor for a Cultural Grant Application for roof repairs for the All Saints Anglican Church Historical Site.

11/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that the Town of Castor provide a letter of support for the All Saints Anglican Church roof repair project being submitted by the Castor and District Museum Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Centennial  
Celebration:

The Castor and District Museum Society requested a letter of support for an application under the Alberta Community Spirit Program for \$10,000.00 to help offset costs for the 100 Year Anniversary celebration being held this summer.

12/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town Of Castor provide a letter of support to the Castor and District Museum Society for their grant application under the Alberta Community Spirit Program for \$10,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw  
Number 988

A bylaw of the Town Of Castor to establish rates with respect to the operation and maintenance of a Water Distribution System.

13/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Bylaw Number 988 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Bylaw Number 988 be Read a Second Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Bylaw Number 988 be given third reading at this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that Bylaw Number 988 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw  
Number 989:

A bylaw of the Town of Castor to establish rates for the operation and maintenance of a sewage collection and disposal system.

17/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Bylaw Number 989 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Bylaw Number 989 be Read a Second Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Bylaw Number 989 be given third reading at this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that Bylaw Number 989 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw  
Number 990:

A bylaw of the Town Of Castor to establish rates and charges with respect to the collection and disposal of waste within the Town Of Castor.

21/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Bylaw Number 990 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that Bylaw Number 990 be Read a Second Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Bylaw Number 990 be given third reading at this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Bylaw Number 990 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw  
Number 991:

A bylaw of the Town Of Castor authorizing the borrowing of funds from ATB Financial for the purpose of financing operational expenditures.

25/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Bylaw Number 991 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Bylaw Number 991 be Read a Second Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that Bylaw Number 991 be given third reading at this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Bylaw Number 991 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw  
Number 992:

A bylaw of the Town Of Castor to establish rates and charges with respect to operation and maintenance of a natural gas transmission and distribution system.

29/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that Bylaw Number 992 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

30/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Bylaw Number 992 be Read a Second Time this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

31/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Bylaw Number 992 be given third reading at this regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

32/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Bylaw Number 992 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student  
Wages/Hiring:

The C.A.O. presented recommendations for wages for pool staff, summer university students and high school students for 2010.

33/10 MOTION: Councillor Wetter that the Hourly Wages for Pool Staff, Summer Students, and University Students as recommended be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

34/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Carly Nichols be hired as the MRTA/Recreation Person and Jenna Nibourg be hired for Public Works and be paid according to the hourly wages as previously presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recreation  
Board Meeting:

Councillor Ensign reviewed for Council the last meeting of the Castor and District Recreation Board Meeting held January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- Brad Hestad will talk to his children about the projects for the Jason Hestad Memorial funds.
- the Board will be looking at the arena costs at their annual meeting.
- will be contacting businesses about the arena advertising boards.
- the Theresetta Hockey Academy is going to make a presentation to the Recreation Board.
- the Skate-A-Thon raised over \$6,800.00.
- Weseen Electric is working on fixing the sound system in the arena.

Committee  
Reports:

Councillor Ensign:

- looks like Winterfest will have a number of events for the weekend. Hopefully we have good participation.

Town Foreman:

- the new grader should be back this week. The front differential was the problem. Strongco put in a new one.
- had a watermain break on New Years Eve.
- staff are doing year end reports for the water and sewage systems.
- the John Deere Grader is scheduled to be taken to Ritchie Brothers for their March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> sale.
- the Community Hall and Theresetta School gas meters have to be in pound sets instead of ounces.
- some boulevards around town are getting messy with garbage and old vehicles not in use.

C.A.O.:

- has provided the Ag Society with rental issues which Town Staff have to deal with. Hopefully some changes will be made.
- Veteran Memorial Highway Association meeting is scheduled January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at the Castor Legion Hall.
- asked Council if they wished to have bylaws prepared for the clean-up of properties and boulevards. Provided Council with information the Assistant C.A.O. had received that Kindersly, Saskatchewan was using. Council instructed the C.A.O. to investigate further.
- the Castor Legion Branch requested a letter of support for a grant application for repairs and improvements at the Cenotaph.

35/10 MOTION: Councillor Slempe that the Town of Castor provide a letter of support for an application for funding by the Castor Royal Canadian Legion for a project to refurbish the Cenotaph.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment:

36/109 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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DEPUTY MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER