

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, January 25th, 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, Rod Zinger, and Dennis Filipenko

Also in Attendance:

Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman
Michael Yakielashek – C.A.O.
Larry Davidson – PEPS – E.D.O.

CAEP Report:

Mayor DeVloo called up Mr. Davidson to make his report.

Mr. Davidson told Council that Central Alberta Economic Partnership are doing a Community Investment Profile for all their communities. Western Sky Management has been hired to do the work. Each of the Paintearth Communities will be done eventually. For Castor a meeting has been arranged for February 18th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Elizabeth Allen, East Central Alberta Review entered the Council Chambers at 7:02 pm.

This meeting will include Community People from Health, Education, Seniors, and Businesses, as well as, Council.

Councillor Slempp entered the Council Chambers at 7:03 p.m.

The group should include 6 to 7 people and take 3 to 4 hours.

Mayor DeVloo, Councillor Slempp, and Zinger can attend. The C.A.O. will talk to Community People to get them involved.

Mr. Davidson also said that CAEP is doing a Transportation Study for the region. He attended the first meeting of the Steering Committee. Stantec Engineering is doing the work. Mr. Davidson felt that the study focused on transportation of people and not goods. The C.A.O. stated that when he was contacted about the study he had stated the same thing prior to them starting the study.

37/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor inform Central Alberta Economic Partnership that the Town of Castor is disappointed in the focus of the Transportation Study being conducted by Stantec Engineering for the movement of people and not goods.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Davidson also informed Council on PEPS through it's marketing strategy to develop a brochure. The brochure will be about eight pages. The PEPS region will be focused and then each community will have their own page. PEPS will also own copyright for the brochure. He asked Council for ideas on the brochure, especially the Town's page.

Mr. Davidson is going to be meeting with the Minister of Transportation about the development proposal for the railway lands. He asked Council if the Town of Castor is still interested in the joint project concept which the PEPS members had agreed to back in the fall.

Mayor DeVloo stated that the Town of Castor is still very much interested and is prepared to meet it's obligations under the agreement.

Mayor DeVloo thanked Mr. Davidson for his report.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the Minutes of the January 11th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.

38/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Minutes of the January 11th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Filipenko declared an interest in Account Number 11129 as an owner of Filipenko Bros. Construction.

Councillor Zinger declared an interest in Account Number 11165 as an owner of Zinger Computer Technology.

39/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Account Numbers 11122 to 11165 inclusive with the exception of Account Numbers 11129 and 11165 be approved for payment and that the List of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

40/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Account Number 11129 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Filipenko abstained from voting or discussion on Account Number 11129.

41/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Account Number 11165 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Zinger abstained from voting or discussions on Account Number 11165.

Correspondence:

Elected Officials
Course:

1. The Elected Officials Education Program invited Council to participate in their Municipal Legislation Course being held February 18, 2010 in Claresholm.

42/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the letter be filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Private Land
Initiative:

2. Canadian Badlands is holding a tourism in private lands workshop on February 23rd and 25th, 2010. The workshop is for people who are interested in starting a tourism business on their private property.

The C.A.O. will forward the information to people in the area who may be interested.

9-1-1:

3. The Minister of Municipal Affairs responded to Council's concern about the collection of 911 related charges for wireless telephone service providers. He stated that Alberta Emergency Management Agency has been instructed to review the issue to lead to a development of a recommendation on sustainable 911 service.

AMIP

Grant:

4. The Minister of Transportation informed Council that the Town's application under the 2009 Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program has been accepted in the amount of \$146,647.00.

The C.A.O. advised that the funds have been deposited.

Municipal

Sustainability:

5. Municipal Affairs provided the Town of Castor with the meeting summary note of the Municipal Sustainability Strategy Meeting. The meeting is the first in the development on a long-term strategy for municipal sustainability.

Destination

Marketing:

6. The Trail of the Buffalo will be holding a meeting in Coronation on February 17th, 2010 regarding the Destination Marketing Fund.

43/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Councillor Slempp attend the Destination Marketing Fund meeting in Coronation on February 17th, 2010 and if he can not attend then the C.A.O. should attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dispute

Resolution:

7. Alberta Municipal Affairs is offering a variety of workshops on Municipal Dispute Resolutions.

44/10 MOTION: Councillor Slempp that the letter be filed for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Order of

Excellence:

8. The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta is now accepting nominations for the Alberta Order of Excellence.

45/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the letter be filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pitch-In

Alberta:

9. Pitch-In Alberta requested Council to become a member of the Pitch-In Alberta Program. Cost for the Town of Castor is \$125.00.

46/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town of Castor not become a member of the Pitch-In Alberta Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water
Service:

10. Scott and Lisa Bagshaw requested the Town of Castor's permission to tie into the County of Paintearth No. 18 watermain for potable water service. They are in the process of asking the County for permission to tie into the watermain. They would like to have the Town do the water tap in and will pay the costs.

47/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor will allow Scott and Lisa Bagshaw to be water customers of the Town of Castor provided that they receive permission from the County of Paintearth No. 18 to tie into the County's watermain and they have to pay the Town of Castor for tie in costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Supportive
Living:

11. Alberta Seniors and Community Supports are holding orientation sessions throughout the Province regarding the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act.

48/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the information for the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act be referred to the Castor and District Housing Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

South Grown
Sustainability:

12. Alberta Finance and Enterprise will be holding a South Grown Sustainability Conference in Lethbridge on March 4th, 2010. This conference will feature discussion on Creating Sustainable Communities, Contributing to Regional Sustainability and Shaping Tomorrow.

49/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the letter be filed for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Old
Business:

R.C.M.P.
Support:

Further to Council's discussion about a support position for the R.C.M.P. office. The County of Paintearth No. 18 will agree to support the wages for the position based on a formula of County of Paintearth No. 18 being 50% and the Town of Coronation and Castor funding 25% each.

50/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor agrees to fund a part time R.C.M.P. Support worker in the amount of 25%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parr Reservoir
Water Diversion:

The C.A.O. provided copies of letters written to Alberta Environment regarding the water diversion license for the Parr Reservoir. The Town can not apply for a diversion license solely on Recreation use. Water has to be taken out physically.

Council discussed various ways which the Town may make use of the water.

The C.A.O. was instructed to work with Alberta Environment on the licensing matter which will be acceptable to them.

Bylaw Number
993:

Bylaw Number 993 is a bylaw for the clean up of yards and properties which have old vehicles, rubbish, or general garbage. The bylaw would give authority for the Town to clean up the properties and charge the owner the costs or fine the owner.

Council discussed the bylaw as to how the Town decides what is garbage or what could be considered valuable.

51/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the matter of Bylaw Number 993 be set aside to give Council more time to study the ramifications of posing such a bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pool Supervisor
Position:

Councillor Ensign declared an interest as the spouse of the person being recommended for the pool supervision position and left the Council Chambers at 8:04 p.m.

The recommendation from administration was to hire Tina Ensign as a part time Pool Supervisor to oversee the pool staff, pool operations, lifeguard training, and other duties. The position would require 10 to 20 hours per week, and a wage of \$20.00 per hour was recommended.

52/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Tina Ensign be hired as a part time Pool Supervisor for 2010 at an hourly wage of \$20.00 per hour.

CARRIED

Councillor Ensign was asked to return to the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

2010 Paving
Project:

BSEI Engineering advised Council that the tenders for the 2010 Paving Project close on February 27th, 2010.

New
Business:

Cemetery:

The C.A.O. and the Town Foreman provided Council with information of problems at the Castor Cemetery, Catholic Cemetery, and the Legion Cemetery. When staff go to dig graves it is almost impossible not to damage grave covers, headstones, or even the monuments. The cemeteries were laid out for people to dig graves manually, not for the type of equipment we use today. The Town Foreman stated that winter is especially hard as equipment slides and sometimes the vehicles or equipment has to be placed on top of graves.

The C.A.O. wanted to let Council know about the problems as the Town will be held responsible for any damages done.

Fire Department
Policies:

The Castor Fire Chief requested Council to pass policies. One policy is for the Fire Chief to ask a fireman to resign if the Fireman misses 6 consecutive fire training practices unless it is due to circumstances beyond their control, and the other policy is if the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, or Captain suspect that a member responding to a Fire Call is under the influence of drugs or alcohol that they have the authority to tell the member he can not respond with the other members. The policies are designed for the protection of the fireman himself, the protection of other fireman, the protection of the public and property.

53/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town of Castor authorizes that the Policy presented by the Fire Chief entitled:
1) Non Attendance at Fire Practice
2) Fireman attending to Fire Call who is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee
Reports:

- Councillor Ensign:
- Winterfest went fairly well.
 - Minor Hockey raised \$1,000.00 hosting the Junior “B” hockey game between Stettler and Medicine Hat on Friday.
 - didn’t make the last meeting of the Regional Doctor recruitment meeting. Apparently Consort may be looking for two doctors.
 - asked when the grader will be sent to Ritchie Brothers Auction. The C.A.O. stated it has to be there by February 15th, 2010.
- Councillor Zinger:
- attended the Library Board meeting. The Board Members asked a lot of questions about possibly relocating the library to the Town Office if the Town purchases the County Office. Councillor Zinger told them nothing has been decided at this time.
- Councillor Filipenko:
- on January 31st, 2010 people are invited to attend a meeting for the formation of a Community Hall Board. The new hall had a walk through today for deficiencies.
- Town Foreman:
- worked on the main sewage pump station to make the treatment better with chemical additives.
 - staff are doing some gas meter change outs.
 - working on stuck water meter list.
 - the John Deere Grader is ready to be sent to Ritchie Brothers.
 - the Volvo Grader has been repaired and is working well.
 - Ken Jackson has worked on the wiring in the Town Shop and has installed fans for the welding area.
 - Winterfest went fine for the staff.
 - cleaning snow on roads and alleys.
- C.A.O.
- as stated earlier the Community Hall had it’s inspection. Deficiencies are to be sent to the Architect by Tuesday night.
 - auditors will be here after February 15th.
 - attended the Veteran’s Memorial Highway Association meeting. Set out some goals.
 - Centennial Meeting is scheduled for January 27th.
- Mayor DeVloo:
- has been contacted by Graham Ford whether the Town would be interested in a “Coat of Arms” being developed. Asked Council if they were interested.

54/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the Town of Castor would be interested in a “Coat of Arms”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Larry Davidson:

- asked Council if they would be interested in having the Town promotional CD for the Centennial.

Council responded that they would be interested. Mr. Davidson will bring something back to Council.

Adjournment:

55/10 MOTION:

Councillor Ensign that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER