

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, September 13, 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, Troy Slemo, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in
Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Town Foreman
Gord Norris - Q14 Radio Reporter
Elizabeth Allen – East Central Alberta Review Reporter
Constable Val Denis - RCMP

Delegations/
Interviews:
RCMP:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Constable Denis for his presentation.

- He is still acting Corporal for the time being.
- He has been talking to RCMP management concerning moving into the old County office when the Town purchases it.
- Vanessa Dyki is in the process of being trained. Once she has her PROSE Course she will be able to operate the Castor office on her own.
- Constable Carl Almosa has just purchased a home in Coronation and is actively working in this area.
- The RCMP plan to have the DARE classes under way at the schools this fall.
- Constable Shurbo has been transferred.
- The RCMP are trying to be more visible in Castor. They are working on the recent break in at the Golf Course. Constable Denis would like to see COPS started in Castor. He suggested that it would be a good idea to apply for a crime prevention grant through Safe Communities Innovation Fund. The money could maybe be used to purchase cameras to attach to street lights.

Constable Denis left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 23rd, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council.

238/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Minutes of the August 23rd, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts: The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment. Councillor Zinger declared an interest in Account Number 11923 from the August 9th, 2010 Council meeting and Account Number 11969 from the August 23rd 2010 meeting.

239/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Numbers 11929 and 11968 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Zinger did not participate in any discussion relating to these accounts.

240/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Account Numbers 12015 to 12056 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 August 31st, 2010 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. informed Council that we had approximately 89% of our taxes collected by the August 31st due date.

241/10 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ended August 31st, 2010 be accepted as presented and that the Statement be marked Schedule "B" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence:

Restorative Justice Week:

A letter was received from Correctional Service Canada requesting Council to proclaim November 14 – 21 as Restorative Justice Week 2010.

242/10 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that Council not participate in Restorative Justice Week this year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Museum: Council received a Thank you from the Castor and District Museum Society for the 2010 MSI Grant Funding.

Edmonton City Centre Airport Petition: Business:

Envision Edmonton Opportunities Society is petitioning to stop the proposed closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport. They are asking elected officials to sign a petition to keep the Airport open.

243/MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the Town of Castor support the petition to keep the Edmonton City Centre Airport open.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BRAED: Council received an invitation to attend a presentation on the Alberta Eastern Corridor Project at the Castor Community Hall at 1:00pm on September 16, 2010. Mayor DeVloo plans to attend.

Old Business:

Paving Compaction
Report:

Councillors Zinger and Filipenko along with the Foreman met with the Engineers to discuss the paving project. Some Confusion has risen due to a change in the "on site" foreman for the project. The Town has concerns with 49th Street. The paving company claims they experienced difficulties due to weather and then felt they had to rush to complete the job for our Centennial Celebration. The Town foreman had kept the street clear of traffic for over two weeks while we waited for the paving crew to return. Furthermore, the foreman built berms on adjoining streets to keep as much water off 49th Street as possible. The engineer feels it would be in the Town's best interest to hold off any repairs for the time being, until we are closer to the end of the two year period.

Federation of Alberta
Gas Co-op:

The C.A.O. reminded Council of the up-coming zone meeting for the Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops scheduled for October 8, 2010 in Bawlf. A member of Council will try to attend the meeting.

Transportation
Highway 12 Culvert:

On September 1, 2010 Mike Yakielashek, Town of Castor; Ron Hanson, Environmental Protection Officer; Tyler Cook, Highway Maintenance; and Chuck Stern, Alberta Transportation met on site at Highway 12 to review the drainage at that location to determine deficiencies and improvements that may be required. The original centre line pipes under highway 12 appear to require maintenance. Ledcor will perform any work the Province requires to improve the centre line pipes. A steel liner may be required.

Jeff Bowen
Lot Sale:

Jeff and Tracy Bowen have offered to purchase Lots 12 & 13, Block 39, Plan 1759 AE at a price of \$1,000.00. They further agreed to pay any costs for the transfer. It is to be noted that the assessed value of these lots is \$4,000.00.

244/MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor sell Lots 12 & 13, Block 39, Plan 1759 AE to Jeff and Tracy Bowen at a price of \$1,000.00 plus any costs to transfer and consolidate the titles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business:

Disaster Social Services
Forum 2010:

Carla Beggs from FCSS has asked permission from Council to attend the Disaster Social Services Forum 2010.

245/MOTION: Councillor Zinger to pay expenses for Carla Beggs to attend the Disaster Social Services Forum 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee
Reports:

Councillor Ensign:

- The RCMP is looking at integrating highway patrol with the Sheriffs. They propose to set up more “focused highway stops” that would include 2 RCMP and 2 Sheriffs rather than 1 or 2 cars periodically monitoring roadways. They have found these focused stops to be more effective. Part of their integration means that they plan to move the Sheriffs from Stettler and Rocky Mountain House and centralize them in Red Deer. The majority of Municipalities that attended the meeting would prefer not to centralize the Sheriffs. They would like to see a west central region and an east central region with the QE11 as the division. They would also like to see the Peace officers included in the integration.
- Has a Recreation Board Meeting on the 15th
- Has an Ambulance board meeting on the 16th.
- Was approached about the culverts at 4420 – 45th Ave. (Gilchrists), they were asking if the culverts could be lowered. The Foreman suggested their property be landscaped up to fix the problem.

Councillor Zinger:

- Would like to set up a meeting with the C.A.O. from the County of Paintearth to discuss any final details concerning the County office building before the sale is final.

Councillor Slempp:

- Will try to attend the Jeff Mowatt “Client Service” Seminar on Tuesday, September 14.

Councillor Filipenko:

- What will we do about the Duck Weed on the Ponds? The C.A.O. will look into spraying it next year.
- Trailer at north end of the trailer court is a mess. The C.A.O. will send them a notice to clean it up.
- Would like to see the access that was the old railway track off of 45th Street running east to the community hall closed off.
- Airport land has been worked twice.
- Could we rent out spots in the fenced area at the north side of the old Home Hardware site? This may take some of the trailers off the streets. Rent out sites for six or seven months at a time. Rental fees were discussed.

246/10 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town charge \$50.00 for anyone wanting to lease the a lot from October 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Foreman:

- Removing stumps.
- Removing grave covers at the cemetery.
- First call tickets for changing poles from ATCO and sub-contractors have been taking up a lot of time.
- 50th street extension to community hall, Stan has been working on the street. Will lower the water shut off.
- Metro would like some cost sharing on the patches that had to be repaired due to excess moisture.

247/10 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that the Town not pay for any additional cost to patch any pavement that was an issue due to the excess moisture.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Restored sewer at trailer on the south side.
- Winterized RV park and Lions Campground
- Wally finished the south side sewer – just electrical left to finish.
- Summer staff is finished except for Rae Anne Cordel, she will be finished end of this week.
- Caught up on office work.
- Has sidewalk to remove.
- Staff has some holiday time to catch up on.
- Councillor Slempp asked if we found a solution to the water problem at Brian Renschler's residence. The Foreman plans to open it up and try to repair it once we get some better weather. He will have to look at digging under the power line

C.A.O.

- The office will be starting a monthly newsletter that will be sent out with the utility billings. It will contain Council notes, By Law information, Recreation News, any other pertinent Town information.
- Four representative have been registered for the upcoming AUMA convention.
- Updated Council on the latest work on our Town Motto for the Coat of Arms. "Proud Heritage; Promising Future" is the last suggestion.
- The County of Paintearth has approached the Town to jointly apply for an intern. Working with both the Town and the County would offer a broader variety of experience.

248/10 MOTION: Councillor Slempp that the Town of Castor support a joint application with the County of Paintearth to obtain an intern to work in the Administration of both the County and the Town of Castor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- We have hired Samantha Nielsen as a work experience student this semester.
- Our Gas contract with the Paintearth Gas Co-op is due to be renewed in December. Council may want to think about whether or not they wish to renew. Council asked the Foreman for his input. Mr. Boettcher is not sure that the Town is getting value out of the current contract. He offered a suggestion that we move one of our employees into the position currently serviced by the Gas Co-op. We could then hire an additional employee for Public Works. Council will consider this possibility. The C.A.O was asked to supply Council with a list of wages currently paid to the outside staff.
- For some time now we have been experiencing problems with street lights, specifically along the north side of Main Street and along 51 Street from 50 Ave., running two blocks to the north. We may need to meet with ATCO if the problem is not rectified.
- County of Paintearth office building on Main Street – the possibility of providing space for FCSS was discussed. They would like more room than they have right now. We have space for them, however, Council is concerned that we may create a hardship for the owner of their current rental space if they are no longer paying rent. In the event that they moved into our space, a suggested monthly rent would be \$500.00 per month. Council will consider this for the next meeting.
- We received 12 applications for the position of Receptionist/Payroll Clerk. Nine have been scheduled for Computer Skills Tests. Interviews will be conducted Friday, September 17, 2010. Committee interviewing is Garry, Rod, Sandi, and Donna. We would like to be able to offer the position to the preferred candidate as soon as possible so that they can start work by October 4, 2010.

249/MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the hiring committee consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, C.A.O., and Assist. C.A.O. be authorized to offer the position of Receptionist/Payroll clerk to the candidate of their choosing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Attended the PCALC meeting on Wednesday, September 8.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Anyone interested in running for Council needs to have their papers in between 10:00am and 12:00 noon on October 20th, 2010.
- Leo Bozek won the gold medal for golfing at the Senior Games in Ontario this summer.
- A corrected bill will be sent to Bagshaws for their water line.

Adjournment:

250/10 MOTION:

Councilor Zinger that the
meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER