

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor J. Hunter

Councillors A. Campbell, S. Hurley, G. Majeran, R. Peeples,
D. Richards & L. Thorogood

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg
Director of Finance & Administration G. Switenky

Press (2)

Absent: None

Call to Order: Mayor J. Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

1/2. **Agenda Additions/Approval:**

Motion 06:10:24 Moved by Councillor Peeples to approve the agenda as presented with the following addition:

12(a) Discussion Re: Driveways, Hall and Holes

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held October 3, 2006

Motion 06:10:25 Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 3, 2006 be approved as amended to correct that Councillor Peeples did not vote in opposition on Motion 06:10:12 (Rescue Truck Replacement).

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Business Arising from the October 3, 2006 Minutes

None

(c) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 10, 2006

Motion 06:10:26 Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 10, 2006 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(d) Business Arising from the October 10, 2006 Committee Minutes

None

4. **Citizen's Forum:** (a) No one was present at the Citizen's Forum

5. **Delegations:** (a) 7:30 P.M. – Director of Parks & Leisure Services, Lee Penner re: Report Skate Board/Bike Park Report

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

6. **Administration:** (a) Financial Indicator Graphs

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that the financial indicator graphs have been prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs using municipal financial and statistical data.

The graphs compare Stettler against the average results from 19 municipalities with populations between 3,849 and 6,330. Stettler's population is 5,226 and it is directly in the middle of the population size group. The graphs compare the results over the past five year period.

The package is intended to serve as a tool that may assist Council and Administration with operational decisions. The comparative measures may be useful in assessing past performance and for future budgetary planning. Each municipality is compared to a group of similar sized urban municipalities, or to rural municipalities with similar tax base.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg interpreted the information on a graph by graph basis. He cautioned Council that each municipality in the group may have different levels of service/facilities in their community therefore some comparisons could be skewed as a result. Stettler's services and facilities should be similar to most of the larger municipalities in the population grouping.

In summary, the Town of Stettler compared favorably over the past five years in most per capita categories.

Motion 06:10:27

Moved by Councilor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council accept for information purposes the Financial Indicator Graphs for the year ended December 31, 2005 as prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Possible Items for Joint Council Meeting – October 24 – 3:00 P.M. – County Office
- Intermunicipal Development Plan
- Regional Committees and Boards
- Rural Initiatives Program guidelines/projects
- Bio Gas
- (c) Application to Sell Debentures re: Bylaw 1940-06

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed the application to sell debentures to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority in the amount of \$300,000 (including the Debt Limit Worksheet) with Town Council.

The purpose for the borrowing is to finance the construction of a Road/Pavement Project as a Local Improvement over 20 years per Canalta Development Agreement. Local improvement charges against abutting properties will equal the annual debenture repayment amount.

Motion 06:10:28

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council approve the application to sell debentures to Alberta Capital Finance Authority in the amount of \$300,000.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (d) November Newsletter Items
 - Remembrance Day Service
 - HYC re: Bowl for Kids
 - Christmas Chamber Promotion
 - Festival of Lights
 - Light-Up-Evening/Midnight Madness
 - Santa Day
 - Ag. Society Bullarama
 - Stettler Variety Showcase
 - H.A.T.S. Production Cinderella

- (e) Bank Reconciliation as of September 30, 2006

Motion 06:10:29

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Bank Reconciliation as of September 30, 2006 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (f) Statement of Revenue & Expenses as of September 30, 2006

Motion 06:10:30

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Statement of Revenue & Expenses as of September 30, 2006 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (g) Statement of Capital Activity as of September 30, 2006

Motion 06:10:31

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Statement of Capital Activity as of September 30, 2006 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (h) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$735,360.83

Motion 06:10:32

Moved by Councillor Peeples that Accounts Payable for the period ending October 12, 2006 in the amount of \$735,360.83 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. Council:

Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Hunter

- Oct 4-6 - AUMA Convention
- Oct 10 - Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Oct 11 - Meeting with Doctors Vogel & Drummond.
- Oct 13 - Town Office duties.

(b) Councillor Campbell

- Oct 4-7 - AUMA Convention
- Oct 10 - Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Oct 12 - Parkland Regional Library Meeting.
- Oct 16 - Stettler Library Meeting.

(c) Councillor Hurley

- Oct 10 - Water Negotiations Meeting.
- Oct 11 - Physician Recruitment.
- Oct 16 - FCSS Meeting.

(d) Councillor Majeran

- Oct 4 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.
- Oct 4-6 - AUMA Convention.
- Oct 10 - Water Negotiations Meeting.
- Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Oct 16 - Parks & Leisure Services Meeting.

(e) Councillor Peeples

- Oct 4 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.
- Oct 4-7 - AUMA Convention
- Oct 10 - Water Negotiations Meeting.
- Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Oct 11 - Regional Water Meeting in Castor.

(f) Councillor Richards

- Oct 4 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.
- Oct 4-6 - AUMA Convention.
- Oct 10 - Committee of the Whole Meeting.

(g) Councillor Thorogood

-Oct 4-7 - AUMA Convention.

-Oct 10 - Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Oct 11 - Board of Trade Meeting.

- Oct 16 - FCSS Meeting.

5. **Delegations:**

(a) 7:30 P.M. – Director of Parks & Leisure Services, Lee Penner re: Report Skate Board/Bike Park Report

Director of Parks & Leisure Services, Lee Penner entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Hunter welcomed L. Penner to the meeting.

Director of Parks and Leisure Services, L. Penner reviewed his memorandum respecting the development of a new skateboard/bike park in Stettler (2006 Strategic Planning Item Goal #8).

The memorandum addressed the background of the existing skate park, CDC's recommendations in the Parks and Public Spaces Master Plan, and available locations.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to construct a new concrete facility verses replacing the ramps at the outdoor rink, the demand/recommended time frame for the project, and available locations.

Mayor Hunter thanked L. Penner for attending the meeting and presenting the Memorandum.

L. Penner departed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion 06:10:33

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council direct Administration to work at developing users and interested community members into a club that can provide valuable input into design; and to solicit local service clubs for possible sponsorship interest; and to set aside a future location; and further to include the project in the Capital Budget for 2009.

MOTION CARRIED (4 – 3)

Opposed: Councillors Hurley,
Richards & Campbell

9. **Public Hearing:**

(a) 8:00 P.M. – Bylaw 1936-06 re: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1797-98

(b) 1937-06 re: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1797-98

(c) 1938-06 re: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1797-98

Nine members of the public entered the meeting to attend the public hearing(s).

Mayor Hunter declared the Public Hearing for Bylaws 1936-06, 1937-06 & 1938-06 open at 8:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor J. Hunter
Councillors, A. Campbell, S. Hurley, G. Majeran,
R. Peeples, D. Richards & L. Thorogood
Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg
Director of Finance & Administration, G. Switenky
Development Officer D. Dittrick
Press (2)
Public (9)

Mayor Hunter welcomed all members of the public attending the public hearing(s).

Mayor Hunter asked Members of Council and Administration to introduce themselves for the benefit of people attending the public hearing.

Mayor Hunter asked the people attending the public hearing to introduce themselves for the benefit of Members of Council and Administration.

Mayor Hunter explained that there are three separate bylaws subject to this public hearing and each bylaw will be addressed independently. Mayor Hunter outlined the hearing will follow an informal process allowing all members of the public an opportunity to be heard by Council.

Relevant questioning will be allowed and responses will be provided where appropriate and possible. Each bylaw will continue to be addressed until the chair is reasonably satisfied that all concerns and/or statements have been made.

Mayor Hunter requested Development Officer D. Dittrick outline the general purpose of each of the three separate bylaws included in this public hearing.

Development Officer D. Dittrick explained the following:

The first Bylaw 1936-06 is a bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw 1797-98 (the Town's Land Use Bylaw) to re-designate Lots 1-10, Block 4, Plan LIV and Lots 12-19, Block 39, Plan 2442AE (two blocks) from "C1a" - Transitional Central Commercial District to "R2" - General Residential District.

Development Officer D. Dittrick stated that to date he has not received any verbal or written submissions either supporting or opposing the proposed amendment.

The second Bylaw 1937-06 is a bylaw to amend Schedule "C" of Bylaw 1797-98 (the Town's Land Use Bylaw) to replace the existing Land Use Regulations for the C1a Transitional Central Commercial District with new regulations. The general purpose of the zone will be to provide an area for mixed residential and commercial use, with businesses offering a variety of goods and services which are compatible with residential activities, where a transition to the central commercial district is intended. Permitted uses, discretionary uses and district requirements have been revised to reflect this new general purpose.

Development Officer D. Dittrick stated that to date he has received some verbal concerns from existing businesses/property owners however he has not received any written submissions either supporting or opposing the proposed amendment.

He explained further that existing businesses (the current business use) are allowed to continue to operate indefinitely on a legal non-conforming basis at their current site, irregardless of any ownership changes. However any "Changes in use" will have to comply with the proposed new bylaw.

The third Bylaw 1938-06 is a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1797-98 (the Town's Land Use Bylaw) to clarify the rules pertaining to the relocation of buildings other than mobile homes into Stettler.

Development Officer D. Dittrick stated that to date he has received one verbal clarification inquiry however he has not received any verbal or written submissions either supporting or opposing the proposed amendment.

Bylaw 1936-06

Mayor Hunter invited any member of the public wishing to speak or make representation respecting Bylaw 1936-06 to address the hearing.

A member of the public commented that "They" (assumed her and her spouse) were attending to support the proposed amendment.

Mayor Hunter asked if there were any further representations to be made respecting Bylaw 1936-06.

There were no other representations heard or made respecting Bylaw 1936-06.

Bylaw 1937-06

Mayor Hunter invited any member of the public wishing to speak or make representation respecting Bylaw 1937-06 to address the hearing.

Councillor Thorogood declared a conflict of interest respecting Bylaw 1937-06 stating that she owns property and operates a business in the subject area. She informed Council that she will remain present in the public hearing as a member of the public, however will refrain from making comments or engaging in any discussion.

A number of people made representation to Council regarding Bylaw 1937-06.

The general nature of the representations made included statements, concerns and questions as follows:

- Whether an existing owner would be allowed to start an automotive repair shop on his property in the future (as a new use) under the proposed bylaw? Development Officer D. Dittrick responded that under the proposed bylaw he would not be allowed to start this type of business on his property in the future.
- Whether existing owners would be allowed to extend their legal non-conforming status beyond the 6 month closure/continuation provisions due to substantial damages caused by fire? It was stated that under current local conditions there is a real inability to secure building contractors within this time frame. Development Officer D. Dittrick responded that change in use/closure provisions respecting legal non-conforming status is prescribed in the *Municipal Government Act*. He further stated that a business owner has the ability to request that the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) consider a legal non-conforming status extension based upon the merits of the situation at that time.
- It was stated that the *Municipal Government Act* also prescribes that any damage beyond 75% would not allow a legal non-conforming business to rebuild.
- A Council Member commented that it is not the intent of the proposed bylaw amendment to injuriously affect the business investment of existing property owners or the value of their land.
- It was noted that new single family dwellings and duplexes are not planned for the new zone; the proposed bylaw allows higher density residential development only. It was stated that there is only one residence currently in the zone.
- Whether existing businesses could be sold and still retain their legal non-conforming status? Development Officer D. Dittrick responded that a legal non-conforming status would remain provided the primary use of the property did not change. It was stated that should a legal non-conforming business decide to move out of the zone it is likely not strategic to sell the property to a competitor in order to fully realize the investment in the existing building.

Mayor Hunter asked if there were any further representations to be made respecting bylaw 1937-06.

There were no other representations heard or made respecting Bylaw 1937-06.

Bylaw 1938-06

Mayor Hunter invited any member of the public wishing to speak or make representation respecting Bylaw 1938-06 to address the hearing.

Councillor Thorogood resumed her position on Council.

A number of people made representation to Council regarding Bylaw 1938-06.

The general nature of the representations made included statements, concerns and questions as follows:

- Whether the proposed amending bylaw was really necessary? Mayor Hunter responded that some recent decisions made by the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) were overturned by the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB). This amendment is necessary to address the stated reasons for the SDAB decision.
- Concern that the age of a building should not be a limiting factor because many older houses are structurally built well.
- Whether inspections should be made by the Development Officer or by a qualified Safety Codes Officer.
- Whether a time period should be included in the proposed bylaw to ensure that renovations are undertaken reasonably quickly, thereby limiting the affect on the neighbors in the area.
- Whether increasing the minimum size for houses in Stettler by 25% would eliminate smaller older houses from being moved-in.
- It was stated that property owners' investments in new homes located in new Town subdivisions should be protected from neighborhood valuation losses created when older homes are moved in. A member of the public stated that she would only support houses being moved into her area (Emmerson) provided they are 5 years of age or newer. Two written letters from Ross & Kathy Hutchinson and Mark & Kristin Stahlberg opposing houses being moved-in that are older than 5 years in age were presented and read out loud by Mayor Hunter.

Roundtable discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of various clauses in the proposed amending Bylaw.

Mayor Hunter asked if there were any further representations to be made respecting Bylaw 1938-06.

There were no other representations heard or made respecting Bylaw 1938-06.

Mayor Hunter thanked all members of the public for attending the public hearing and providing their input.

Mayor Hunter declared the Public Hearing for Bylaws 1936-06, 1937-06 & 1938-06 closed at 8:55 p.m.

All members of the public departed the meeting.

Mayor Hunter recessed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Hunter reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

10. **Bylaws:** (a) 1936-06 re: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1797-98

Mayor Hunter explained that the purpose of the recently completed Transitional Zoning Study for the C1a Land Use District was to draft proposed zoning changes for the development and re-development of properties in the Transitional Central Commercial District. These policy changes come as a result of public consultation and Council's input.

Mayor Hunter explained further that Bylaw 1936-06 is to re-designate Lots 1-10, Block 4, Plan LIV and Lots 12-19, Block 39, Plan 2442AE from Transitional Central Commercial District (C1a) to General Residential District (R2).

Motion: 06:10:34

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 1936-06.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion: 06:10:35

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1936-06.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Mayor Hunter with the mutual consent of Council varied the order of the bylaws under consideration.

(d) 1934-06 re: Closing a Portion of a Street

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg advised that in order for future phases of the row housing development in Emmerson to continue a registered walkway needs to be eliminated via a road closure bylaw. This walkway has never been developed and only appears on the 1979 Plan. The walkway is not part of the revised subdivision plan for the area.

Mayor Hunter noted that this road closure bylaw received first reading on July 18, 2006 and has been approved by the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation as required under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Motion: 06:10:36

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 1934-06.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion: 06:10:37

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1934-06.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) 1937-06 re: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1797-98

Councillor Thorogood declared a possible conflict of interest stating that she owns property and operates a business in the subject area and by departing the meeting excused herself from discussion and voting on this matter.

Mayor Hunter explained that the purpose of the recently completed Transitional Zoning Study for the C1a Land Use District was to draft proposed zoning changes for the development and re-development of properties in the Transitional Central Commercial District.

Mayor Hunter explained further that Bylaw 1937-06 is a bylaw to amend Schedule "C" of Bylaw 1797-98 (the Town's Land Use Bylaw) to replace the existing Land Use Regulations for the C1a Transitional Central Commercial District with new regulations. The general purpose of the zone is to provide an area for mixed residential and commercial use, with businesses offering a variety of goods and services which are compatible with residential activities, where a transition to the central commercial district is intended. Permitted uses, discretionary uses and district requirements have been revised to reflect this new general purpose.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the proposed bylaw injuriously affects the business investment of existing property owners or the value of their land.

It was noted that the bylaw amendment is intended to convert/transition the area adjacent to the central commercial downtown core into a combination of light commercial activity mixed with higher density residential developments. For this to actually happen, heavier commercial activities will have to eventually leave.

Discussion continued regarding possible alternative amendments to the bylaw provisions as follows:

- Adding "Existing business uses" as either permitted or discretionary uses.
- Adding "Duplexes" as either permitted or discretionary uses.

Motion: 06:10:38

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw 1937-06 as presented to add duplexes as a discretionary use in the Transitional Central Commercial District (C1a).

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion: 06:10:39

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 1937-06 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED (4 – 2) with the abstention of Councillor Thorogood
Opposed: Councillors Hurley & Campbell

Motion: 06:10:40

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1937-06 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED (4 – 2) with the abstention of Councillor Thorogood
Opposed: Councillors Hurley & Campbell

Councillor Thorogood returned to the meeting.

(c) 1938-06 re: Amend Land Use Bylaw 1797-98

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg informed Council that based upon input/discussion during the Public Hearing (held earlier in this meeting) this Bylaw could be referred back to Administration for further review and formulation of a possible amendment(s).

Round table discussion ensued regarding whether further administrative review was necessary. It was mutually agreed that the majority of Council would prefer to deal with the proposed bylaw at this time.

Mayor Hunter explained that Bylaw 1938-06 is to amend Schedule "B" of Land Use Bylaw 1797-98 to remove and replace Section 1(4) "Relocation of Buildings".

The current Land Use Bylaw is written in a manner that lacks clarity for staff, the Municipal Planning Commission and the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Discussion continued regarding possible alternative amendments to strengthen and clarify the provisions as presented. A number of possible changes were identified as follows:

- Sub-clause 1(4)b could be strengthened to require an inspection by a qualified Safety Codes Officer prior to any permit being issued.
- Sub-clause 1(4)c could be strengthened to require that the applicant ensure exterior renovations are completed on a timely basis (it was suggest within 90 days).
- Sub-clause 1(4)d could be improved to provide greater clarity to assist in the determination and interpretation of what "Compatible in age or newer as compared to those in existence within the proposed moved in District" means.

- Sub-clause 1(4)e could be removed completely or changed to a different age limit.

Discussion ensued further regarding whether the relocation of buildings other than mobile homes should be eliminated from the Land Use Bylaw, entirely.

Motion: 06:10:41

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council amend Sub-clause 1(4)b of Bylaw 1938-06 as presented to add a requirement for an inspection by a qualified Safety Codes Officer, and further delete Sub-clause 1(4)e. entirely from Bylaw 1938-06.

MOTION DEFEATED (3 – 4)

Opposed: Mayor Hunter
Councillors Majeran, Peeples & Thorogood

Motion: 06:10:42

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Town of Stettler Council amend Sub-clause 1(4)b of Bylaw 1938-06 as presented to add a requirement for an inspection by a qualified Safety Codes Officer, and further replace 25 years with 15 years in Sub-clause 1(4)e of Bylaw 1938-06.

MOTION DEFEATED (3 – 4)

Opposed: Councillors Majeran,
Campbell, Richards & Hurley

Discussion ensued regarding whether a “Tabling” or a “Postpone Definitely” subsidiary motion (to a specific date) would be appropriate.

Motion: 06:10:43

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council “Postpone Definitely” further consideration/readings of Bylaw 1938-06 to the November 7, 2006 Regular Meeting of Town Council.

MOTION DEFEATED (0 – 7)

Opposed: all

Discussion continued exploring for a majority common ground.

Motion: 06:10:44

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council amend bylaw 1938-06 as presented to delete entirely Sub-clause 1(4)e. “Notwithstanding 1(4)d, all moved in buildings must be 25 years of age or newer.”

MOTION CARRIED (4 – 3)

Opposed: Mayor Hunter
Councillors Majeran & Peeples

Motion: 06:10:45

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 1938-06 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED (5 – 2)

Opposed: Councillors Majeran & Peeples

Motion: 06:10:46

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1938-06 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED (4 – 3)

Opposed: Mayor Hunter,
Councillors Majeran & Peeples

8. **Minutes:**

- (a) Stettler Town & County Airport Meeting of September 29, 2006
- (b) Stettler District Ambulance Association Meeting of September 26, 2006
- (c) Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting of October 5, 2006
- (d) Stettler Recycling Committee Meeting of September 20, 2006
- (e) Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association Meeting of September 14, 2006

Motion 06:10:47

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Minutes, items 8(a) to 8(e) inclusive be accepted for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimous

11. **Correspondence:**

- (a) Stettler Tennis Club President re: Tennis Courts

A letter from the president of the Stettler Tennis Club regarding the deteriorating condition of the Town/School tennis courts was reviewed. Presented for information was an estimated cost for refurbishing, a proposed financing plan and a brief history of contributions made by the Stettler Tennis Club for the years 1985 – 2006 inclusive.

Discussion ensued regarding ownership of the site and support for a cost shared plan.

Mayor Hunter concluded that the request will be referred to the Director of Parks & Leisure Services for inclusion/consideration in the 2007 Capital Budget process.

- (b) County of Stettler re: Recreation Funding

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed a letter from the County of Stettler noting that they wish to fund all existing recreational facilities in a transparent manner.

He is encouraged that it is the County's intent to apply a static mill rate factor to its taxable assessment (given probability of future growth). However, the County intends on making this commitment as a policy only at this time, rather than entering into an agreement with the Town. Policies are at the pleasure of Council and therefore the County's commitment is not as secure (longer term) as it would be if it were in an agreement form.

Mayor Hunter concluded that the County and the Town have different philosophies for the funding of recreation facility deficits caused when programs for children and youth are subsidized. Although the mechanics of the County's recreation funding calculation falls short of the Town's expectations, it does provide a welcome financial improvement.

Mayor Hunter concluded that the Town would rather have a long term recreation solution by agreement, however in the interim accepts that the County's new policy framework/methodology may work out fine.

(c) Local Calling Area Expansion

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed a letter from the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society regarding support for a local calling area expansion that would eliminate long distance charges on calls between Coronation and Castor/Halkirk. This expansion will not cost Stettler users anything; the change will only affect Telus users within the County of Paintearth.

Motion 06:10:48

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council provide a "Letter of Support" for the County of Paintearth No. 18 to expand the local calling area throughout their County. And further that the Town of Stettler Council reviewed and supported this economic initiative on the basis that the resulting change, including expansion surcharges will only affect Telus users within the County of Paintearth.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 06:10:49

Moved by Councillor Peeples that correspondence items 11(a) to 11(c) inclusive be accepted for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Items Added:**

(a) Driveways, Hall and Holes

Specific items were identified for administrative follow-up. Town Manager R. Stoutenberg will discuss these items/concerns with appropriate staff.

13. **In-Camera Session:**

(a) Personnel Matter

Motion 06:10:50

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council proceed into an In-Camera Session with the Town Manager and Director of Finance & Administration present to discuss the item as presented on the In-Camera Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 10:20 p.m.

Motion 06:10:51

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council return to the regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 10:30 p.m.

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 06:10:52

Moved by Councillor Campbell that this regular meeting of the Town of Stettler Council be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 10:30 p.m.

Mayor

Director of Finance & Administration