

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor K. Ryder

Councillors A. Campbell, S. Hurley, J. Hunter, R. Peeples

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

Media (2)
Public (5)

Absent: G. Majeran & D. Richards

Call to Order: Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Motion 04:07:01 Moved by Councillor Hunter to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions & deletions:

Additions

12(a) 2004 Water Meter Tender Summary
11(d) DTHR - Dr. Recruitment

Deletions

6(d) Parkdale Paving Options

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 15, 2004

Motion 04:07:02

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 15, 2004 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Business Arising from the June 15, 2004 Minutes

(i) Councillor Peeples requested a verbal progress update for the Industrial Area Wastewater Project. Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg informed Council that the project was underway with no concerns being identified to this point.

4. **Citizen's Forum:**

(a) 7:00 P.M. – Mr. Chitrenky re: Naming of Facilities

(b) 7:03 P.M. - Joyce Kiryk re: Smoke Free Stettler

These items were dealt with later in the meeting.

5. **Delegations:**

(a) None

6. **Administration:**

(a) Appointment of Returning Officer

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained the memorandum.

Motion 04:07:03

Moved by Councillor Hunter that the Town of Stettler Council approve the appointment of Greg Switenky as the Returning Officer for the Town of Stettler's 2004 Municipal Election.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Appointment of Development Officer

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained the memorandum.

Motion 04:07:04

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council approve the appointment of Tim Schmidt as the Development Officer for the Town of Stettler.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(c) Provincial Centennial Legacy Funding

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that the Provincial Centennial Legacy Grant must be used for a "Bricks and Mortar" legacy project celebrating the province's centennial. The new Leisure Centre would qualify as such a project. It is possible for surrounding communities to combine their grants and allocate funds to a project that would benefit an entire area. The memorandum included a recommendation that the Town's grant in the amount of \$16,201 be allocated to the new Leisure Centre and further that the Town write to communities within the County of Stettler asking them to consider designating their grants, amounting to an additional \$31,607 to the new Leisure Centre.

Motion 04:07:05

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Town of Stettler Council approve:

1. To allocate the Town of Stettler Centennial Legacy Grant in the amount of \$16,201 to the Leisure Centre project.
2. To write each municipality within County of Stettler boundaries requesting that they designate their Centennial Legacy grants to the Leisure Centre.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(d) Parkdale Paving Options

This item was deleted from the agenda.

(e) Police Funding/New Provincial Funding Agreement

Councillor Peeples informed Council of the annual costs for policing in various communities in attendance at the recent meeting held in Edmonton. The meeting was well attended as the police cost issue is a large percentage of the budget in communities over 5,000 in population.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that the March 2004 provincial budget changed the amount of the policing grant available to communities over 5,000 in population. The new calculation increases the Town's previous Municipal Police Assistance Grant (MPAG) by \$36,969 to a total of \$83,440 annually (representing \$16 per capita). Although this increase is welcomed, it falls substantially short of the proposal made by AUMA to the province (\$35 per capita for communities with populations between 5,000 and 15,000).

In order to receive this increase, communities must sign a new agreement with the province. The AUMA recommends that communities over 5,000 in population sign the agreement as an interim step and send a letter outlining the issues noted in the June 22, 2004 memo (from AUMA). Discussion ensued.

A follow-up meeting will be held on September 2, 2004. Councillor Peebles and Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg will attend.

Motion 04:07:06

Moved by Councillor Peebles that the Town of Stettler Council sign the Letters of Agreement on Policing Costs with the Province as an interim step and send a letter with the agreement outlining the issues noted in the June 22, 2004 memo from AUMA.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(g) Update re: Leisure Centre

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained the memorandum. The fundraising kickoff event held on June 29th was a success. Soil testing and site survey is underway. The Legacy Department has accepted the revised grant application. Main floor plans are nearly finalized. Discussion ensued.

4. **Citizen's Forum:**

(a) 7:00 P.M. – Mr. Chitrenky re: Naming of Facilities

Mr. Chitrenky was present and informed Council that he was in attendance to hear the debate on the Naming of Facilities, specifically the proposed name change for the Blue Arena to the "Bob Stewart Memorial".

(b) 7:03 P.M. Joyce Kiryk re: Smoke Free Stettler

Joyce Kiryk was in attendance as a representative of Smoke Free Stettler.

On July 5th, 2004 the Smoke Free Stettler Committee presented the Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg with a petition including 856 electors' names requesting a 100% smoke free bylaw. The number of signatures represents 60% - more signatures than the 522 electors required (10% of the population).

Joyce Kiryk informed Council of the process and the need for a bylaw as well as some of the health effects of second hand smoke. She stated that credible studies have shown that there is no economic impact in communities that adopt a smoke free bylaw and that the bylaw would actually "Level the Playing Field" within the community. Discussion ensued as to whether this should be a provincial petition rather than a local issue.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that he has 30 days to make a declaration to Council on whether the petition is sufficient or insufficient. If sufficient, Council must give the bylaw first reading within another 30 days. Council then must either pass the bylaw (without alteration) within another 30 days or fix a date that is within 90 days after the bylaw receives first reading for a vote of the electors on the bylaw. The next general election would fall within this time period.

6. **Administration Con't:** (f) Donation of Lot for Leisure Centre Auction

The letter from the Co-Chairs of the Fundraising Committee was discussed.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that should Council wish to proceed with the contribution of a Town lot to the fundraising campaign, the provisions of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) respecting fair market value would still apply. This would mean that the lot would have to be sold at auction subject to a reserved bid or Council's intentions to dispose of property for less than market value would need to be advertised to the public.

Discussion ensued regarding the technical requirements of the MGA, the marketing value of the Auction, the potential locations of a lot and other considerations.

Motion 04:07:07

Moved by Councillor Hunter that the Town of Stettler Council approve that the Fundraising Committee for the Leisure Centre be authorized to sell by auction a lot in the Meadowlands Subdivision; specific lot to be determined by Administration, with the proceeds of the sale, net GST being provided to fund the construction of the new Leisure Centre, and further that the Town require the Fundraising Committee to post a reserved bid equal to the present price of the specific lot, and that all standard Town of Stettler building commitments be required of the purchaser.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(h) Update re: Naming of Facilities

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained the report from L. Penner, Director of Parks & Leisure Services. At the request of Council the Parks & Leisure Services Board discussed the Renaming of Facilities/Memorial Tributes at their meeting on June 14th. The Board would like to formulate and suggest criterion for use in Stettler. Information will be collected at the September 27th Board Meeting. Notwithstanding the support for recognizing Mr. Bob Stewart's contribution, criterion needs to be developed to ensure fairness, eligibility and consistency in renaming Facilities/Memorial Tributes and Recognition.

(i) Town Manager's Report

Motion 04:07:08

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town Manager's Report for the month of June be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Mayor Ryder recessed the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Ryder reconvened the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

(j) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$417,148.50

Motion 04:07:09

Moved by Councillor Campbell that Accounts Payable Cheque #42371 in the amount of \$22.47 payable to Town Centre Trophy & Gifts be approved for payment.

MOTION CARRIED

Abstained: Mayor Ryder

Motion 04:07:10

Moved by Councillor Peebles that Accounts Payable for the period ending June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$417,126.03 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Council:**

Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Ryder

- June 15 - Attended DARE (Drug Awareness) Grade 6 Graduation.
- June 16 - Met with senior RCMP officers who were conducting an audit of local detachment.
- June 24 - Stettler parade, supper and wagon races.
- June 25 - Met with George Roderick re: local Disaster Services and Fire Departments.
- June 28 - Met with Clearview School Board reps re: Joint Use & Reciprocal Use Arrangement.
- June 29 - Pool Fundraising Kickoff.
- July 2 - Attended Ponoka Stampede and parade.

(b) Councillor Campbell

-No report.

(c) Councillor Hunter

- June 24 - Parade luncheon.
- June 28 - Meeting with Clearview re: Joint Use Agreement.
 - Leisure Centre Committee.

-June 29 - Leisure Centre Fundraising Kickoff.

(d) Councillor Hurley

-June 16 - Ag. Society Meeting.

-June 17 - Centennial Meeting.
- Ambulance Meeting.

-June 24 - Parade luncheon.

(e) Councillor Majeran

-No report – absent from meeting.

(f) Councillor Peebles

-June 17 - Centennial Celebration Committee Meeting.

-June 21 - FCSS Meeting.
- Stettler Town & Country Museum Meeting.

-June 22 - AUMA Meeting in Edmonton re: Police costs and provincial per capita to Town's and cities with a population between 5,000 and 15,000.

(g) Councillor Richards

-No report – absent from meeting.

8. **Minutes:**

(a) Centennial Celebration Committee Meeting of June 17, 2004

(b) Fire Commission Meeting of June 10, 2004

(c) Heartland Beautification Meeting of June 3, 2004

(d) Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association Meeting of May 19, 2004

(e) Stettler Agricultural Society Meeting of June 16, 2004

(f) Stettler Town & Country Museum Meeting of May 17, 2004

Motion: 04:07:11

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

9. **Public Hearings:**

(a) None

10. **Bylaws:**

(a) 1896-04 re: Repeal Bylaw 1491 – Duties of Secretary-Treasurer

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that Bylaw 1491 is no longer required under the Municipal Government Act. The duties included in the bylaw are now part of the job description of the Director of Finance & Administration.

Motion 04:07:12

Moved by Councillor Hunter that the Town of Stettler Council give first reading to Bylaw 1896-04.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 04:07:13 Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 1896-04.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 04:07:14 Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council give permission for third and final reading to Bylaw 1896-04.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion 04:07:15 Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1896-04.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

11. **Correspondence:**
- (a) Sherri Kuefler re: Crazy Daze
 - (b) DTHR – Health Symposium Update
 - (c) Royal Canadian Legion – Support for Naming Blue Arena the Bob Stewart Memorial Arena
 - (d) DTHR - Dr. Recruitment

Mayor Ryder informed Council that a potential new Medical Doctor will be visiting Stettler on July 13th. The Town will be involved with the community tour.

Motion: 04:07:16 Moved by Councillor Peeples that the correspondence items 11(a) to 11(d) inclusive be accepted for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Items Added:**
- (a) 2004 Water Meter Tender Summary

Motion: 04:07:17 Moved by Councillor Hunter that the Town of Stettler Council award the 2004 Water Meter Tender to the low bid from Action Plumbing at a price of \$43,162.94 plus GST.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

13. **In-Camera Session:** (a) There was no In-Camera Session at this meeting.

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 04:07:18 Moved by Councillor Campbell that this regular meeting of the Town of Stettler Council be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 8:38 p.m.

Mayor

Director of Finance & Administration