

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor J. Hunter

Councillors A. Campbell, D. Dennis, R. Peeples & D. Richards

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg
Assistant CAO G. Switenky

Press (2)

Absent: Councillors L. Thorogood & D. Garbutt

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

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

Motion 09:07:01 Moved by Councillor Peeples to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions:

- 12(a) Animal Control
- 13(a) In-Camera Session re: Development Enforcement

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 16, 2009

Motion 09:07:02 Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 16, 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Business Arising from the June 16, 2009 Minutes

None

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

5. **Delegations:** (a) 7:30 P.M. – Sgt. Rowland Schmidt re: 2008 Statistics and Introduction of new Constable Tim Hogg

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

6. **Administration:** (a) Memo re: Apollo Lodge #27 – Tax Refund Request

Mayor Hunter and Councillor Campbell each declared a possible conflict of interest and by departing the Council Chambers excused themselves from voting and discussion on this item.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Peeples assumed the Chair.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg noted that in previous years the practice of Town Council has been to refund the municipal portion of the property taxes for the Apollo Lodge. The reason for this refund is that part of the Apollo Lodge is used by the community.

Motion 09:07:03

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council approves a refund of 2009 municipal property taxes for the Apollo Lodge #27, Tax Roll #119900009 in the amount of \$935.15 as allowed per Section 347 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimous with the abstention of Mayor Hunter & Councillor Campbell

Mayor Hunter and Councillor Campbell returned to the meeting and Mayor Hunter reassumed the chair.

(b) Annual Appraisal of the Assistant CAO

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg requests input for the annual appraisal of the Assistant CAO, G. Switenky by July 10, 2009.

(c) Town Manager's Report

Motion 09:07:04

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

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimous

(d) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,101,169.08

Motion 09:07:05

Moved by Councillor Peebles that Accounts Payable in the amounts of (\$355,794.71, \$598,718.94, \$755,382.82 & \$391,272.61) for the period ending June 30, 2009 for a total amount of \$2,101,169.08 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimous

7. Council:

Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Hunter

- June 3 - Tim Horton's Camp Day.
- June 5 - Town Office duties.
- June 9/11- Greetings to CREW – AB Government employees.
- June 12 - Meeting with MLA, Jack Hayden.
 - SMRWCS Turn-On.
 - Relay for Life Greetings.
- June 19 - Town Office duties.
- June 20 - Brought Greetings to the Estonian Celebration at Linda Hall.
- June 26 - Town Office duties.
- July 6 - Rotary Farmer's Night.

(b) Councillor Campbell

- June 17 - Rodeo Meeting.
- June 19 - Stettler Waste Management Meeting.
- June 24 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

- June 27 - Ponoka Parade and Rodeo.
- July 1 - Canada Day – West Stettler Park.

(c) Councillor Dennis

- June 18 - Library Board Meeting.
- June 19 - Stettler Waste Management Meeting.
- June 22 - Ambulance Board Meeting.
- June 30 - Appreciation for Dr. Vogel for his 5 yrs. service as Medical Director.

(d) Councillor Garbutt

- No report – absent from meeting.

(e) Councillor Peebles

- June 4 - Beautification Committee Meeting.
- June 6 - Pancake breakfast at the Museum.
- June 9 - Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- June 12 - Meeting with MLA, Jack Hayden.
 - SMRWCS Grand Opening of waterline.
- June 24 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

(f) Councillor Richards

- June 25 - Sports Park Meeting re: Pheasantback scramble on September 19.

(g) Councillor Thorogood

- No report – absent from meeting.

8. **Minutes:**

- (a) Stettler Public Library Board Meeting of May 21, 2009
- (b) Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association General Meeting of June 18, 2009
- (c) Stettler District Ambulance Association Meeting of May 12, 2009
- (d) Boom Town trail Community Initiatives Society Meeting of June 22, 2009

Motion 09:07:06

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

9. **Public Hearing:**

- (a) None

10. **Bylaws:**

- (a) None

11. **Correspondence:**

- (a) Government of Alberta re: Thirty-Nine Communities Share \$278 Million to Create More Affordable Housing

Discussion ensued regarding Stettler's provincially approved block funding allocation in the amount of \$154,740, and possible alternatives for utilizing these funds and/or making an application for further funding under the \$78 million RFP process.

It was mutually agreed that this item will be discussed further at a later date, likely in the fall after the busy summer construction season.

- (b) 2009-10 Municipal Policing Assistance Grant (MPAG)
- (c) Some Ambulances Lack Paramedics
- (d) Stettler Public Library – Usage Statistics May 2009
- (e) New Assessment Legislation
- (f) Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association

Motion 09:07:07

Moved by Councillor Peeples that although our friendship with the Town of Okoppe, Japan will always be respected and honored in Stettler, our formal relationship as a Twin-Town no longer fosters, strengthens or promotes initiatives for which it was originally created in 1990 and reaffirmed in 2000. Therefore the Town of Stettler Council supports and desires to initiate the mutual dissolution of the formal Twin-Town status with the Town of Okoppe, Japan.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (g) County of Stettler No. 6 Declares a Local State of Agricultural Disaster
- (h) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

Motion 09:07:08

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Items Added:**

- (a) Animal Control

It was questioned whether any of the Town's Animal Control Bylaws have provisions respecting exotic pets? Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg stated that he will have to confirm whether there are or are not any existing provisions and will bring this item back to a future Council Meeting for further review and discussion.

13. **In-Camera Session:**

- (a) Development Enforcement

Motion 09:07:09

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council proceed into an In-Camera Session with the Town Manager & Assistant CAO present.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:20 p.m.

Motion 09:07:10

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:36 p.m.

5. **Delegations:**

- (a) 7:30 P.M. – Sgt. Rowland Schmidt re: 2008 Statistics and Introduction of new Constable Tim Hogg

Sgt. R. Schmidt entered the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Hunter welcomed RCMP Detachment Commander Sgt. R. Schmidt to the meeting.

Sgt. R. Schmidt presented the 2008 Annual Report for the Stettler Detachment and provided a brief update of current operations and staffing levels at the local detachment.

Cst. T. Hogg entered the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Questions and discussion ensued regarding various statistical information included in the report.

Sgt R. Schmidt highlighted the progress that was made regarding the RCMP priorities that Council had supported in 2008. Those priorities included implementing RCMP initiatives/tactics aimed at reducing incidents of unsafe driving and reducing property crimes.

Discussion ensued regarding the establishment of local RCMP priorities for 2009. Mutual areas of concern identified by Council included: senseless vandalism, drug trafficking and noisy vehicles/mufflers.

Mayor Hunter thanked RCMP Detachment Commander, Sgt. R. Schmidt for his informative report and presentation.

Sgt. R. Schmidt introduced Cst. T. Hogg as a new Constable at the Stettler Detachment. It was stated that Stettler is Cst. Hogg's first posting as a Member of the RCMP.

Members of Council and Administration welcomed Cst. T. Hogg to the community.

Sgt. R. Schmidt and Cst. T. Hogg departed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 09:07:11

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO