

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016

Present: Mayor D. Richards, Councillors M. Fischer, D. Bachman, W. Brown, S. Nolls & K. Sernecky

CAO G. Switenky
Assistant CAO S. Gerlitz
Regional Fire Chief M. Dennis
Deputy Fire Chief E. Brugman
Director of Parks & Leisure Services, L. Penner
Parks & Leisure Foreman, A. King

Absent: Councillor A. Campbell

Call to Order: Mayor D. Richards called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

1. Agenda Additions/Deletions

- 6(a) Airport Runway
- 6(b) Emmerson Pathway
- 6(c) Content Bridge Incident

2. Agenda Approval

Moved by Councillor Bachman that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. Discussion re: Overflow Unserviced Campground Fees

CAO G. Switenky explained the current procedure for camping during special events, as per Policy X-1(f) – Campground Fees. During a recent tournament approximately 16 trailers were camping at Sports Park West. In addition to the Tournament there were various other community events within the Town. The campgrounds (Prairie Junction & Lion's Campground) also appeared to be full. Current rates for overflow camping is \$14/per night/per vehicle.

CAO G. Switenky advised Council of the administrative challenges such as current staff levels, time and costs to collect the unserviced camping fees. General discussion took place regarding the practical collection of these types of camping fees. Mayor Richards summarized the discussion by indicating that these special events are very important to the community. It was noted that overflow unserviced camping for these special events is permitted at the Community Hall, and within Sports Park West, however it was important to collect these camping fees to be fair and transparent to the community. It was the general consensus of Council to direct Administration to develop an event camping fee/deposit, if camping was going to be permitted by the event organizers, based on the current Policy X-1(f) that could be collected from the event organizers at the time of booking.

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4. Discussion re: Stettler History Book – Alf Erickson

Councillor S. Nolls provided a brief update on the proposed A. Erickson - Carl Stettler History Book publication. It was noted that Mr. A Erickson is currently working with the Stettler Museum. Council agreed to maintain communication with Mr. Erickson and the Stettler Museum regarding the history book.

5. Correspondence

- a. Nenshi's Pipeline War of Words with Vancouver Mayor
- b. Alberta Carbon Tax Prompts Fierce Oil and Gas Competiveness Debate

Moved by Councillor Sernecky that Correspondence Items 5(a) & 5(b) be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Unanimous

6. Additions

a. Airport Runway

General discussion took place regarding the feasibility of building a new north/south runway at the Stettler Airport. It was noted that acquiring additional land would be an issue, and a current north/south emergency grass runway does exist. Mayor Richards summarized the discussion by directing Administration to forward the request to consider a north/south runway to a future Airport Board Committee Meeting.

b. Emmerson Pathway

CAO G. Switenky advised that Administration has been working with a landowner regarding the Emmerson pathway connecting Tower Road to the Town Shop. Along 52nd Avenue. General discussion took place regarding the public benefits of community pathway systems and development within the Town owned boulevard adjacent to roadways. Mayor Richards summarized the discussion by highlighting the community benefits of the pathway systems and indicated that the proposed pathway system improvements for 2016 including the Emmerson pathway have been carefully planned, discussed and approved by Council.

c. Content Bridge Incident – Fuel Spill – June 9, 2016

Mayor Richards welcomed Regional Fire Chief, M. Dennis & Deputy Fire Chief E. Brugman to the meeting and thanked the entire emergency response team for the excellent job on dealing with a major incident. A very well organized and professional response.

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Regional Fire Chief, M. Dennis & Deputy Fire Chief E. Brugman gave a brief update on the Content Bridge incident.

Councillor M. Fischer departed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Nolls that the Committee of Whole Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO