

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor J. Hunter

Councillors A. Campbell, S. Hurley, G. Majeran, R. Peebles &
D. Richards

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

Press (2)

Absent: Councillor L. Thorogood

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

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

Motion 05:11:01 Moved by Councillor Richards to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 12(a) Police College Update
- 12(b) Schedule of Meetings
- 12(c) Dialysis Update

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council & Organizational Meeting held on October 18, 2005

Motion 05:11:02 Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council & Organization Meeting held on October 18, 2005 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Business Arising from the October 18, 2005 Minutes

None

4. **Citizen's Forum:** (a) Peter Chitrenky

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

5. **Delegations:** (a) None

6. **Administration:** (a) Memo re: Superfluity Shop Tax Exemption

Councillor Richards declared a possible conflict of interest and by departing the Council Chambers excused himself from voting and discussion on this item.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg noted that Superfluity has written a letter to Council informing the Town of their move to a new location in the Sears building. In addition, they are requesting a tax exemption on their new location for the future. The Assessor, Don Sheridan can grant this exemption for 2006 under the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER).

In accordance with Section 368(3) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the new location has been issued a prorated exemption for 2005 (\$319.86) and the former location has been issued an amended Tax Notice for 2005 with a prorated balance owing of \$291.60.

Motion 05:11:03

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council approve the request from Superfluity Shop for a 2006 tax exemption in accordance with appropriate legislation.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous with the abstention of
Councillor Richards

Councillor Richards returned to the Council Chambers.

(b) Memo re: South Saskatchewan River Basin Draft Water Management Plan

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed the recommendations and views of the Red Deer Basin Advisory Committee (BAC) and the South Saskatchewan River Basin Steering Committee (SSRB) as prepared by Bill Shaw.

Both groups provided recommendations to Alberta Environment who has released phase one of the Water Management Plan for the South Saskatchewan River Basin. The main recommendations in the Plan include capping the water available in the Red Deer River at 600,000 dam 3, that Alberta Environment stop issuing licenses on the Bow, Oldman and South Saskatchewan River Basins and that water conservation objectives (WCO) be established.

The Red Deer River Users Group will meet to discuss an appropriate joint submission. Alberta Environment will host several open houses and accept input until 4:30 p.m. December 9th.

Discussion ensued regarding the Red Deer River's capacity for existing and new licenses. The Town's current license is 1.7 million m³ per year with actual usage at approximately 900,000 m³ per year.

Motion 05:11:04

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Town of Stettler Council accept as information the memorandum from Bill Shaw regarding Water Management recommendations for the South Saskatchewan River Basin.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(c) Town Manager's Report

Motion 05:11:05

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(d) 7:30 P.M. - Leisure Centre Tour

Town Council toured the new Leisure Centre immediately following the Council Meeting.

(e) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$744,633.96

Motion 05:11:06

Moved by Councillor Hurley that Accounts Payable for the period ending October 27, 2005 in the amount of \$744,633.96 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

4. **Citizen's Forum:**

(a) 7:00 P.M. - Peter Chitrenky

Mr. Chitrenky was present and wished to discuss two Town policies:

- Town of Stettler Complex Naming Criteria Policy.
- Town of Stettler Lifetime Achievement Award and Stettler Community Recognition Award Policy.

Mr. Chitrenky informed Council that recognition, with a level of 650 points, requires points to be awarded from all three categories: Mandatory (420), as well as, from both optional categories: Sport (160) & Culture (160). He attempted to convince Council that the word "Optional" is used in both policies, however points are "Required" in order to qualify (with 650 points) to have a part of a facility named after someone.

Mayor Hunter informed Mr. Chitrenky that both policies reflect accurately Council's intentions.

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg explained that new policies often require subsequent amendments for clarification and/or implementation purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding semantics. Council members were unified in their interpretation of the intent of both policies.

Mr. Chitrenky commented that both policies are faulty and Council should recognize this and change them.

Mayor Hunter concluded that Council agrees to disagree with Mr. Chitrenky's opinion of both recognition policies and that his concerns have been duly noted.

Mayor Hunter thanked Mr. Chitrenky for attending the Council Meeting.

Mr. Chitrenky departed the Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m.

7. **Council:**

Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Hunter

- Oct 19 - Joint Council Meeting.
- Oct 20 - Affordable Housing Meeting.
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
- Oct 21 - Regular Town Office duties.
- Oct 26 - Mayors & Reeves Meeting in Drumheller.
- Oct 28 - Regular Town Office duties.
- Oct 31 - Interview with Central AB Business Magazine.
- Nov 1 - Police College.

(b) Councillor Campbell

- Oct 17 - One Stop Business Centre Meeting.
- Oct 19 - Joint Council Meeting.

(c) Councillor Hurley

- Oct 5-8 - AUMA Convention.
- Oct 11 - Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Oct 13 - Water Meeting in Castor.
- Oct 19 - Joint Council Meeting.

(d) Councillor Majeran

- Oct 19 - Joint Council Meeting.
- Ag. Society Board Meeting.
- Oct 24 - Parks & Leisure Services Board Meeting.

(e) Councillor Peebles

- Oct 19 - Joint Council Meeting.
- Oct 28 - Museum Budget & Planning Meeting.

(f) Councillor Richards

- Oct 19 - Joint Council Meeting.
- Oct 20 - Low Cost Housing Meeting.

(g) Councillor Thorogood

-No report – absent from meeting.

8. **Minutes:**

(a) Marketing Corporation Meeting of October 6, 2005

(b) One Stop Business Service Organization Meeting of October 17, 2005

(c) Stettler Regional Partnership Committee Meeting of October 13, 2005

(d) Stettler Agricultural Society Meeting of September 21, 2005

(e) FCSS Board Meeting of September 19, 2005

- (f) East Central Water Users Meeting of October 13, 2005
- (g) East Central Regional Water Commission Meeting of October 13, 2005
- (h) Stettler Town & Country Museum Meeting of August 15, 2005
- (i) Stettler Parks & Leisure Services Meeting of October 24, 2005
- (j) Regional Board of Trade & Community Development Meeting of October 24, 2005

Motion: 05:11:07

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- 9. **Public Hearing:** (a) None
- 10. **Bylaws:** (a) 1919-05 re: Borrowing Bylaw

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reported that the Town of Stettler wishes to establish temporary borrowing authority in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of financing operation expenses. This is a requirement of the Town's Financial Institution.

Motion: 05:11:08

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Town of Stettler Council give first reading to Bylaw 1919-05.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion: 05:11:09

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council give second reading to Bylaw 1919-05.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion: 05:11:10

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council give consent for third and final reading to Bylaw 1919-05.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Motion: 05:11:11

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 1919-05.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- 11. **Correspondence:**
 - (a) Invitation Notice – Rural Development Strategy Update
 - (b) CAEP – Advanced Community Economic Development Training
 - (c) Alberta Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation re: Heavy Construction Equipment is Eligible Under AMIP

Motion: 05:11:12

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Additions:**

(a) Police College Update

Mayor Hunter informed Council that he met with the County to determine whether an RFP – procurement of land should be submitted in an attempt to attract the newly proposed Alberta Police and Peace Officer College. The County has allocated \$10,000 towards hiring a consultant provided the Town will match.

Motion: 05:11:13

Moved by Councillor Majeran that the Town of Stettler Council allocate \$10,000 towards hiring a consultant to prepare a joint submission with the County for the Alberta Police and Peace Officer College; RFP – procurement of land.

MOTION CARRIED (5 – 1)
Opposed: Councillor Peeples

(b) Schedule of Meetings

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg informed Council that the Operating Budget Session should be postponed from November 8th to November 22nd. The Capital Budget Session should be moved to November 29th and the Strategy Session to January 10th, 2006. No concerns were presented with the revised dates.

Also, it was mutually agreed that the first workshop to discuss the Meadowlands Outline Plan will be held immediately after the Council Meeting on November 15, 2005.

(c) Dialysis Update

It was stated that the DTHR has announced that the new dialysis unit at the Stettler Hospital is scheduled to be open on November 21st, 2005. Construction is proceeding on time and on budget.

13. **In-Camera Session:**

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

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 05:11:14

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

Director of Finance & Administration