

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2004 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor K. Ryder

Councillors A. Campbell, S. Hurley, J. Hunter, G. Majeran,
R. Peeples & D. Richards

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

Leona Thorogood

Media (2)

Absent: None

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

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

Motion 04:10:01 Moved by Councillor Richards to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 21, 2004

Motion 04:10:02 Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 21, 2004 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Business Arising from the September 21, 2004 Minutes

(i) Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg informed Council members that the new RCMP Sgt. Kevin Picard has purchased a home in Stettler. The possession date is November 18, 2004.

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

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

6. **Administration:** (a) Memo re: A.E. Kennedy Building Mould/Asbestos Abatement

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed the memo and explained that the Town received a report prepared by Golder Associates indicating increased levels of mould and exposed asbestos in the basement of the A.E. Kennedy Building (unoccupied crawl space). The report recommends abatement to remedy the situation. The report further stipulated that current tenants are at no immediate health risk according to Occupational Health and Safety Standards. Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg recommends that this problem be corrected in an appropriate manner as the A.E. Kennedy Building is a long-term economic asset to the Town of Stettler. Discussion ensued.

Administration will inform the Town's property insurer and request a determination for eligibility of coverage. It was noted that insurance policies generally contain mould exclusion provisions.

Motion 04:10:03

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council approve the following recommendation:

1. That an estimated budget of \$60,000 be allotted for asbestos abatement and mould remediation as set forth in the attached quote by Albrico Services Ltd.
2. That an additional \$5,000 be allotted for air quality testing during abatement/remediation procedures.
3. That abatement/remediation proceeds by October 31, 2004.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Input Requested re: Annual Appraisal – Director of Parks & Leisure

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg noted that this is the Director of Parks & Leisure, L. Penner's second appraisal in his current position.

(c) Memo re: Possible Policing Items for Discussion at AUMA Convention

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained the memo. The primary concern is that without enhancements to both the Rural and Highway Traffic staffing compliments, growth related pressures on the Municipal members will increase and local issues will suffer.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg requested input from Council regarding other areas of concern that could not be addressed at the local level.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of meeting with senior RCMP officials at AUMA, as well as who should attend.

(d) Strategic Goal #6: Indoor Soccer

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed the memo from the Director of Parks & Leisure Services. He advised that the idea of indoor soccer was presented to the minor soccer executive in January 2004. Although they would use such a program there was not enough interest in investigating or running it from within their association.

Discussion ensued.

Memo re: West Stettler Park Budget

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg reviewed the memo from the Director of Parks & Leisure Services. An Open House was held in January 2004 where a list of priorities was itemized. Some items have been completed in 2004 and a list of projects for 2005 and 2006 has been compiled. These items are presented for information purposes and will come forward in the annual budget process for final approval.

Discussion ensued regarding various parks throughout the entire Town and the commitment towards ongoing improvements at West Stettler Park.

Motion 04:10:04

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council approve the allocation of \$5,000 towards the purchase of snow making equipment in 2004.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(e) Parkland Regional Library – 2005 Budget

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that on September 1, 2000 the Town and County of Stettler joined the Parkland Regional Library. The initial 4-year commitment period will be fulfilled on December 31, 2004.

Mayor Ryder and Councillor Campbell jointly informed Council that the Stettler Public Library Board and the local librarian are satisfied with the benefits of membership in the Parkland Regional Library system.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed 2005 Parkland Regional Library Budget as presented.

Motion 04:10:05

Moved by Councillor Hurley that the Town of Stettler Council approve the Parkland Regional Library Budget for the year 2005 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(f) Joint Election – Agreement with Clearview School Division #71

Director of Finance & Administration, G. Switenky explained that the Town received correspondence from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Clearview School Division #71 requesting approval of an Agreement authorizing the Returning Officer of the Town of Stettler to be responsible for the conduct of a joint 2004 General Election, within the Town of Stettler.

Motion 04:10:06

Moved by Councillor Hunter that the Town of Stettler Council approve an Agreement, as authorized under the Local Authorities Election Act, with the Clearview School Division #71 for the conduct of a joint 2004 General Election in the Town of Stettler, and that the Town's Returning Officer be responsible for the conduct of the election.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(g) Memo re: Tax Penalty – Property Roll #841950007

Councillor Richards declared a possible conflict of interest and excused himself from voting and discussion on this item.

Director of Finance & Administration, G. Switenky reviewed the memo.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the receipt, the notice to the taxpayer and the July 30th due date in 2004.

Motion 04:10:07

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Town of Stettler deny the request of Mr. Chris Miller for the removal of a 9% tax penalty, authorized by Bylaw 1749-96, in the amount of \$131.08 added to tax roll #841950007 based on the payment not being received prior to 4:30 p.m. on July 30, 2004.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous with the abstention of
Councillor Richards

Councillor Richards returned to the regular meeting.

(h) Update re: Leisure Centre

Councillor Hunter informed Council that the final plans, which can be used for tendering purposes, are nearing completion.

Mayor Ryder informed Council that fundraising activities are continuing with a dinner and dance Christmas extravaganza planned on December 3, 2004.

(i) Town Manager's Report

Motion 04:10:08

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Mayor Ryder recessed the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Ryder reconvened the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m.

(j) Bank Reconciliation as of August 31, 2004

Motion 04:10:09

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Bank Reconciliation as of August 31, 2004 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(k) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$220,402.26

Motion 04:10:10

Moved by Councillor Campbell that Accounts Payable Cheque #4300 in the amount of \$25.68 payable to Town Centre Trophy & Gifts, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Abstained: Mayor Ryder

Motion 04:10:11

Moved by Councillor Hurley that Accounts Payable for the period ending September 29, 2004 in the amount of \$220,376.58 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Council:**

Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

(a) Mayor Ryder

- Sept 23 - Official Wal-Mart opening.
- Sept 29 - Heartland Youth Centre – RBC presented \$35,000 to the HYC After School Program.
 - Central AB Mayor's Meeting in Red Deer.
- Sept 30 - MLA, Judy Gordon's recognition/retirement evening.

(b) Councillor Campbell

- Sept 30 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

(c) Councillor Hunter

- Sept 27 - Parks & Leisure Board Meeting.
- Sept 28 - Meeting with Town Manager re: Committees & Boards.

(d) Councillor Hurley

- Sept 20 - Centennial Steering Committee.
- Sept 30 - DTHR Health Symposium in Consort re: Ambulance restructuring.

(e) Councillor Majeran

- Sept 30 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

(f) Councillor Peebles

- Sept 30 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.
- Oct 5 - Town & Country Museum Meeting.

(g) Councillor Richards

- Sept 30 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

8. **Minutes:**

- (a) Centennial Celebration Meeting of September 16, 2004
- (b) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of September 17, 2004
- (c) Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of September 30, 2004
- (d) Parks & Leisure Services Board Meeting of September 27, 2004

- (e) Highway 21 Community Initiatives Society Meeting of September 27, 2004

Motion: 04:10:12

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

9. **Public Hearings:** (a) None
10. **Bylaws:** (a) None
11. **Correspondence:** (a) Honourable Heather Forsyth – Municipal Police Funding
- (b) Ernie Patterson – Special Meeting on Policing/Recommended Resolutions
- Model Resolution
- News Release

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained correspondence from Mayor E. R. (Ernie) Patterson, AUMA President encouraging Councils, in municipalities serving populations over 5,000, to consider and adopt a model resolution requesting the Provincial Government to develop an equitable funding formula for policing costs.

Discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of supporting a model resolution.

Motion: 04:10:13

Moved by Councillor Peeples that the Town of Stettler urge the Alberta Solicitor General and the Government of Alberta to address the current inequities in provincial funding of municipal policing by:

- recognizing that the Province has not contributed fairly to policing expenditures, based on the fact that it is a shared responsibility of all orders of government, and the provincial government has consistently contributed a much lower percentage (19 per cent in 2002) towards policing than have municipal governments.
- immediately supporting and beginning work on Phase 2 of the new policing funding arrangements for municipalities, as there is a base core responsibility of the Province to ensure safe communities.
- ensuring that the funding is adequate, sustainable, long-term, predictable and equitable.
- immediately recognizing the following issues as provincial-municipal issues that must be addressed in partnership with municipal governments:
 - municipalities with special or high policing needs,
 - new police standards,
 - the demand for more police officers,
 - RCMP contractual obligations,
 - Special Constables,
 - communications with municipal governments, and
 - the relationship between municipal governments and their police services.

MOTION CARRIED (6 – 1)

Opposed: Councillor Majeran

(c) AUMA Supports the Canada West Foundation

(d) Local Calling Area Expansion

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg briefly explained the history behind the update from Telus regarding quotations for establishing new local calling routes.

Motion: 04:10:14

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) Mayor Ryder thanked members of Council and staff for the time served together and welcomed incoming Mayor Hunter and Councillor Thorogood to their new positions on Council.

13. **In-Camera Session:**

(a) Management Compensation

Motion 04:10:15

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 8:35 p.m.

Director of Finance & Administration, G. Switenky left the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion 04:10:16

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 9:01 p.m.

Motion 04:10:17

Moved by Councillor Hunter that the salary grid recommendation by Administration be approved.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

14. **Adjournment:**

Mayor Ryder declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Mayor

Director of Finance & Administration