

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Deputy Mayor Councillor R. Peeples

Councillors D. Dennis, D. Garbutt, D. Richards & L. Thorogood

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg
Assistant CAO G. Switenky

Press (2)

Absent: Councillor A. Campbell

Call to Order: Deputy Mayor Councillor R. Peeples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

- 12(a) Post Review of the Rodeo & Parade
- 12(b) Cemetery condition
- 12(c) Notice of Joint Meeting with the Clearview School Board on Thursday September 17th, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 4, 2009

Motion 09:09:02 Moved by Councillor Richards that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 4, 2009 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (b) Business Arising from the August 4, 2009 Minutes

None

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

5. **Delegations:** (a) 7:30 P.M. – Keith Ryder re: Canadian Badlands Recent Funding Announcement

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

- (b) 7:45 P.M. re: Jim Hunter re: Presentation

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

6. **Administration:** (a) Reminder re: A Ceremony respecting the presentation of a Stettler Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of (the late) Mr. Bob Stewart will be held on September 12th, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stettler Recreation Centre (SRC)

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg advised and invited all Members of Council to attend the Ceremony to honor (the late) Mr. Bob Stewart as a recipient of a Stettler Lifetime Achievement Award.

- (b) Recommendation to Change the November 3rd, 2009 Council Meeting to November 2nd or October 27th (due to a conflict with the AUMA Convention in Calgary)

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that due to the AUMA Convention being held the first week in November, the regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 3rd, 2009 should be changed.

Motion 09:09:03

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council move/advance the regularly scheduled Council Meeting that would otherwise be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 to Monday, November 2nd, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (c) Memo re: AUMA Convention November 4-6/09

Discussion ensued regarding various logistical planning initiatives associated with the Members of Council who will be attending the AUMA Convention in Calgary.

- (d) Memo re: Municipal Strategic Planning Priorities – Governance Initiatives

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that given the resignation of Mayor Hunter and the upcoming bi-election on October 19th, 2009 Council may want to consider initiatives to encourage the public to become interested in understanding local governance and running for office.

Possible items to consider:

1. Council interviews with Q14 and the Stettler Independent to promote being involved as an elected official.
2. Approaching possible candidates to consider letting their name stand for office.
3. Hosting a come and go session for residents interested in becoming an elected official.
4. Other suggestions?

Motion 09:09:04

Moved by Councillor Thorogood that the Town of Stettler Council initiate/encourage Council interviews with Q14 and the Stettler Independent to promote being involved as an elected official, and to host a come and go informational session prior to Nomination Day for residents interested in becoming an elected official.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (e) Town Manager's Report

Motion 09:09:05

Moved by Councillor Richards that the Town of Stettler Council accept the Town Manager's Report for the month of August as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (f) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,957,478.67

Motion 09:09:06

Moved by Councillor Garbutt that Accounts Payable in the amounts of (\$607,244.51, \$900,501.14, \$139,081.70, \$20,631.45 & \$290,019.87 for the period ending August 26, 2009 for a total amount of \$1,957,478.67 having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Council:** Mayor and Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.
- (a) Councillor Campbell
- No report – absent from meeting.
- (b) Councillor Dennis
- Aug 16 - Rodeo pancake breakfast.
- (c) Councillor Garbutt
- Aug 16 - Rodeo pancake breakfast.
- (d) Councillor Peeples
- Aug 7 - Town Office signing cheques.
- Aug 14 - Town Office duties signing cheques and meeting with Town Manager.
- Aug 15 - Stettler Parade and luncheon.
- Aug 16 - Rodeo pancake breakfast.
- Aug 19 - Farewell for Jim Hunter.
- Aug 20 - Meeting with Keith Ryder, Executive Director Board of Trade.
- Aug 21 - Town Office duties.
- Aug 28 - Town Office duties.
- (e) Councillor Richards
- Aug 15 - Stettler Parade and luncheon.
- Aug 29 - Met with Bobby Hall and discussed clinic in Stettler – forwarded to Stettler Minor Hockey Association.
- (f) Councillor Thorogood
- No report – on holidays.
8. **Minutes:** (a) None
9. **Public Hearing:** (a) None
10. **Bylaws:** (a) None
11. **Correspondence:** (a) Canadian Badlands Welcome Sign Funding Program
(b) The Law of Defamation Options for Municipal Councillors and Staff
(c) Parkland Regional Library Celebrating 50 Years
(d) Communities in Bloom Judges Thank You
(e) AESO (Alberta Electric System Operator)

- (f) FCM Members Advisory re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- (g) The Globe and Mail re: Libraries Turn Page to Thrive in Digital Age
- (h) Meeting of the Provincial Network of Welcoming and Inclusive Communities
- (i) Canadian Badlands RE: Vantage Point
- (j) Red Deer Advocate re: Rocky Tops Crime Rate
- (k) RCMP re: Priorities for 2009/10

Motion 09:09:07

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Items Added:**

- (a) Post Review of the Rodeo and Parade

Roundtable discussion ensued regarding the successes of the recently held rodeo and parade in Stettler.

- (b) Cemetery condition

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg advised that he recently received a letter of complaint regarding the condition of our local cemetery. This letter will be published in the Stettler Independent on September 2nd, 2009 (tomorrow).

- (c) Notice of Joint Meeting with Clearview School Board on Thursday September 17th, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg advised that a decision respecting the Council/Trustee table design is needed.

It was mutually agreed that the meeting should be held sooner if possible.

13. **In-Camera Session:**

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

5. **Delegations:**

- (a) 7:30 P.M. – Keith Ryder re: Canadian Badlands Recent Funding Announcement

Keith Ryder, Executive Director, Stettler Board of Trade and Community Development entered the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

K. Ryder firstly presented Council with a Certificate of Recognition from Alberta's Rural Development Fund to recognize that the Town of Stettler has demonstrated a commitment to collaboration, growth and improved quality of life in rural Alberta through sponsorship of the Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Centre Program.

K. Ryder explained that the Canadian Badlands has been awarded, through their Rural Alberta Development Fund Application, \$5 million dollars to deliver \$7.5 million dollars in tourism infrastructure development programming through the "The Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Centre".

The Province of Alberta has provided core funding toward operations and administration, human resources and additional support through research studies. This core funding has allowed the initiative to grow to 57 shareholders in southeast Alberta including both the Town of Stettler and the County of Stettler.

The \$5 million dollars has been directed into 17 programs. These programs cover: grant writing, a community assessment tool kit, workforce development and customer quality initiatives education. Also included are: small to medium business incubators for tourism businesses and artists, tourism master planning, area development plans and an update of a study done in 1990 called the Red Deer River Valley Scenic Route. To deliver these programs the Canadian Badlands will be hiring two regional development specialists.

The program will take two and a half years to deliver and will end in September of 2012.

It will take the work of key persons within each municipality to make these programs effective and be delivered on time. The Canadian Badlands region as an iconic destination is a paradigm that has not been tried before. We have 90,000 sq. kilometers to develop, manage and grow into Alberta's next iconic destination.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential benefits for Stettler and area.

Deputy Mayor Councillor R. Peeples thanked K. Ryder for his informative presentation.

(b) 7:45 P.M. re: Jim Hunter re: Presentation

Deputy Mayor Councillor Peeples welcomed former Mayor James Hunter to the meeting and formally thanked him for his 14 years of service, dedication and leadership to the Town of Stettler and its residents.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Peeples presented former Mayor Hunter with a symbolic gift of appreciation.

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 09:09:08

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

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO