

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PROVINCIAL BUILDING, GRANDE CACHE, ALBERTA

Present

T. McCormick	Deputy Mayor
P. Bailey	Councillor
V. Beland	Councillor
T. Coray	Councillor
J. Dube	Councillor
G. Frenz	Councillor

D. Dukart	Municipal Administrator
V. Wiseman	Recording Secretary

Absent

L. Krewusik	Mayor
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Call to Order

Deputy Mayor McCormick called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Open Session

Mary and Ron Sibbald appeared before Council to give an update on the Grande Cache Dinosaur Tracks. An article will be published in the Alberta Gazette giving notice that the site will be designated a National Historic Site.

Mr. Sibbald stated there is a lot of excitement in the scientific community surrounding the tracks. He has yet to contact Grande Cache Coal Corporation regarding access to the site.

Mr. Sibbald also stated he would like to move the dinosaur display from the park in front of Home Furniture to the area by Rocky the Ram. This area will be more visible and subject to less vandalism.

Most of the Friends of the Dinosaurs executive board were seniors who have left town, Mr. Sibbald is trying to resurrect the executive and form a new board.

Additions to Agenda

The following additions were made to the Agenda:

- 6.3 Tenders for Fire Truck/Ambulance
- 6.4 Report presented by Public Works Director, Steve Aucoin

Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
063-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Carried

Delegations

None present.

New Business

Workshops/
Sessions

Items 5.1 – 5.8 were reviewed by Council. The following Motions were passed following the review.

Motion No.
064-06

Motion by Councillor Frenz that any Councillor wishing to attend the seminars/workshops listed in Items 5.1 –5.5 contact Administration to make arrangements and to attend at Town expense.

Carried

Census Week

Motion by Councillor Beland to advertise the Mayor's Proclamation for Census Week.

Carried

By-Law
No. 639-Draft

Council suggested removing c & d from Item IV in the Draft for By-law No. 639. Tenure will be as per the Labour Standards Act. This will be corrected and presented at the next meeting.

Other Business

Barr Ryder Conference
Report #15

Barr Ryder's report was reviewed by Council. Council directed Administration to make plans to travel to Fort St. John and High Prairie, stay over night and travel the next day to Whitecourt, Edson and Jasper. Dates chosen were March 13th & 14th, 2006.

Letter of Concern:
Highway #40
Crossing from Shand
Trailer Court

A letter was received regarding safety concerns surrounding children crossing the Highway from Shand Trailer Court going to School.

Motion No.
065-06

Motion by Councillor Beland for Administration to contact the Department of Highways regarding this issue.

Carried

Councillor Coray requested Administration also mention both entrances to Town. He thought permanent reflectors would work better than "line spotting."

Two Tenders for Fire
Truck and one Tender
For Ambulance

There were two tenders submitted for the Fire Truck and one tender for the ambulance. The tender received for the ambulance was from Cobbett Oilfield Services Ltd. for \$750.00. The fire truck tenders were received from Cobbett Oilfield Services Ltd. for \$2,020.00 and Mr. Richard Kocor for \$6,120.00. The bid from Mr. Kocor was received on February 21st, 2006, which was after the advertised tender had closed.

Fire Chief, Len McLeod, suggested waiting to decide on the Fire Truck and Ambulance tenders. An advertisement was placed on a related website, he would like to see what kind of feedback he gets from it.

Councillor Coray noted the tenders had officially closed and those who submitted tenders must be notified of the Town's decision.

Motion No.
066-06

Motion by Councillor Frenz for Administration to advise Mr. Ted Cobbet of Cobbett Oilfield Services Ltd. that his bids were unsuccessful. Also, to advise Mr. Richard Kocor that his bid was disqualified due to the fact it wasn't received until February 21st, 2006. The deadline was February 17th, 2006.

Carried

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Report by
Mr. Steve Aucoin
Public Works Director

Mr. Aucoin appeared before Council to give them an update on some mechanical problems his Department has been experiencing.

On February 18th, 2006, mechanical problems were experienced at the Water Treatment Plant. An air compressor valve failed, causing the water pumped from Victor Lake to be pumped directly into the treatment plant and into the sewer main. This caused an overflow in the main sewer, which in turn caused sewer backups in six homes along 97th Avenue.

Mr. Aucoin also stated the 1987 Case 450 dozer is in need of major mechanical repairs. It will cost an estimated \$25,000.00 to repair. Mr. Aucoin did some research and found a 1999 Case 550 dozer for sale for \$65,000.00. The present dozer could be sold at auction for approximately \$17,000.00-\$20,000.00.

The 1976 FMC Sewer Cleaning machine also needs to be replaced. Due to the age of this machine, it is nearly impossible to find replacement parts. It will cost an estimated \$87,000.00 to replace the machine. The machine is used to unplug mains and services and is a very important piece of equipment.

Mr. Dukart noted the insurance company had been notified regarding the sewer backups and the problem with the water treatment plant and we are waiting to hear from the adjuster.

Mr. Aucoin also explained to Council the flow of sewer from the properties east of the highway. All sewer runs to the line by the Tourism Centre and crosses the highway at only one location. It is an 8 inch line and is running to just about full capacity. With construction on the new industrial land coming up for development, the Town should be planning for a new line from the industrial area to the line at Hoppe Avenue, south of Stage V. This would also open up an area of land south of 97th Avenue that could be utilized for residential development.

It was suggested that ISL perform a review of the area in question and see what could be done to increase the sewage flow from the industrial area.

Motion No.
067-06

Motion by Councillor Coray for an engineering company to be retained to complete a drainage system review for the Town of Grande Cache.

Carried

Motion No.
068-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to direct the Public Works Director to look into options for replacing the sewer machine and the 450 Dozer.

Carried

Deputy Mayor McCormick thanked Mr. Aucoin for his report.

Round Table

Councillor Frenz requested Administration write a letter to Milos Restaurant regarding the issue of cigarette smoke entering Milos Restaurant through the open doorway of the lounge.

Councillor Frenz asked about the new police position for the RCMP. His understanding was the process would take a couple of years.

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With the new Member expected to be here soon, has this been taken into account in the budget? Mr. Dukart stated it had.

Councillor Frentz asked Council if anyone was aware of camps being set up within Town limits. One next to Galloway Oilfield and the other behind the old Alberta North building.

Motion No.
069-06

Motion by Councillor Coray to direct Administration to contact the owners of the property by letter, notifying them that they are in contravention of the Land-Use Bylaw and they have 14 days to comply.

Carried

Councillor Beland had received some complaints regarding debris behind the condos (#90 area). A garage had been burned down and a new one built. The debris from the fire is stacked on the edge of the property behind the home where the fire occurred. Mr. Dukart will contact the By-Law officer to look into this.

Councillor Frentz had a concern with the alley way by the Grande Cache Hotel. A pile of dirt had been unloaded there and is blocking the access route.

Councillor McCormick noted it would be beneficial for the Town to place bear-proof garbage bins in strategic locations throughout Town to avoid garbage being tossed and to aid dog walkers.

Motion No.
070-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to direct Administration to get costs and suggestions for locations for the bear-proof garbage bins.

Carried

Councillor Coray noted a problem with the Muskeg Falls Turnout. Travelers on the highway are using this as a rest stop/washroom. He suggested the Department of Highways be contacted about installing an outhouse/porta-pottie.

Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Dube to adjourn this Regular meeting of Council at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

Deputy Mayor

Municipal Administrator