

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR  
THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>,  
2006 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PROVINCIAL BUILDING,  
GRANDE CACHE, ALBERTA

**Present**

L. Krewusik	Mayor
P. Bailey	Deputy Mayor
V. Beland	Councillor
T. Coray	Councillor
J. Dube	Councillor
G. Frentz	Councillor
T. McCormick	Councillor
D. Dukart	Municipal Administrator
V. Wiseman	Recording Secretary

**Call to  
Order**

Mayor Krewusik called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Open Session**

**Additions to  
Agenda**

The following additions were made to the Agenda:

- 10.3 Cheque Listing for Council  
Cheque Nos. 20060965-20061294, dated June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- 11.3 Seniors' BBQ, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- 11.4 Request from Grande Cache Oilmen's Society

**Adoption of  
Agenda**

Motion No.  
153-06

Motion by Councillor Bailey to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Carried

**Adoption of  
Minutes**

Special Council  
Meeting  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Motion No.  
154-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to adopt the Minutes of the Special Council meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Carried

Regular Council  
Meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

Motion No.  
155-06

Motion by Councillor Frentz to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.

Carried

Special Council  
Meeting  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Motion No.  
156-06

Motion by Councillor Coray to adopt the Minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Carried

Regular Council  
Meeting  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Motion No.  
157-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Carried

**Business Arising  
From Minutes**

Falling Incident

Councillor Dube inquired if the injured party was satisfied and had signed off on the incident. Mr. D. Dukart stated she had signed off.

Hayden Ridge Issue

Councillor Beland inquired if Administration had heard from Hayden Ridge, regarding access changes to their property. Mr. Dukart replied Hayden Ridge is still in the discussion stages.

Public Rest Stops

Councillor Dube inquired if Administration had received a date from Alberta Infrastructure as to when the rest rooms would be installed on Highway 40. Mr. Dukart replied he hadn't heard anything as of today. Mayor Krewusik directed Administration to contact Alberta Infrastructure to get an update.

**Delegations**

Mr. Stan Cummings  
Re: Sub-division of  
Lot 14, Block 35

Mr. Cummings circulated his proposed development plans to sub-divide Lot 14, Block 35 into two parcels. The plan is to build a new hotel on one section and offices on the other. At this time, he's just looking to sub-divide the property; he will apply to have the property re-zoned for the offices at a later date. Council accepted the request as information and will wait to hear from Development Officer, Mr. Robert Krewusik.

Foothills Model Forest  
Ms. Lisa Risvold-Jones,  
Dr. David Andison,  
Erik Kok & Mark Storie

Dr. David Andison, along with Ms. Lisa Risvold-Jones, Mark Storie and Eric Kok appeared before Council to discuss the Highway 40 North Project. A PowerPoint presentation was made by Dr. Andison. He stated this was an innovative and exciting project happening in Grande Cache's backyard.

The goal of the demonstration project is to test the application of natural disturbances research in forest management. The area covers 70,000 hectares encompassing four different management jurisdictions: Alberta Newsprint Company; Hinton Wood Products, West Fraser Mills; Foothills Forest Products and the Willmore Wilderness Park area.

Dr. Andison stated the management team would like to see a pullout area on the highway, so the public can get a rare glimpse of innovative science in action.

Councillor Frentz inquired if any members of the public were included in the management team. His concern was for public use of the area, he would like to see all interests represented. Dr. Andison replied, that as far as planning went, the government planning systems are still in place and followed. For example, Foothills Forest would have their own rules and regulations with respect to their forest management area. Those rules are still in place. Ms. Jones stated having public input was something that could be looked at in the future.

Councillor McCormick inquired if the group had encountered any Mountain Pine Beetle in their research. Mr. Kok replied the farthest east they've seen the beetle is by the S curves. The beetle is also on Mt. Louie.

Councillor Bailey inquired as to the average age of the trees in the area. Dr. Andison replied the average time between fires is 100-150 years, this is the estimated age for the forest in the Foothills area. If you move out of that area, the average age is 70-90 years. These forests are on the high end. They are old. Councillor Bailey asked if the team had actual models of when a major fire may come and wipe out the forest. Dr. Andison replied they did have that information, as well as historical data. Councillor Beland felt those historical figures are not as relevant today, due to the FireSmart program taking place around Grande Cache and because we now have access to air bombers, etc.

Mayor Krewusik expressed interest in the tourism/educational opportunities this project could present: interpretive programs, nature walks, highway pullouts, etc. She relayed Council had recently met with Alberta Infrastructure to discuss, along with other items, the need for pullouts along Highway 40. Mayor Krewusik inquired if the Town of Grande Cache could be doing something at this stage to support the project. Ms. Jones replied that up to this point, the efforts have been focused on SRD, now the focus is shifting to the public. If all concerned could work together and bring one, consistent message to Alberta Infrastructure, that would be to everyone's advantage.

Mayor Krewusik thanked the team from the Highway 40 North Project for their very informative presentation and offered Council's help if needed.

#### Willmore Wilderness Foundation

Ms. Sue Feddema appeared before Council on behalf of the Willmore Wilderness Foundation. The Foundation has run into some funding problems with the government. Ms. Feddema relayed that because the Foundation's office is located here in Grande Cache, the government views them as a local entity, not provincial. She feels the Foundation should not be competing for local dollars, as the Foundation is totally separate from the Town of Grande Cache. Ms. Feddema stated a concerted effort by the Town of Grande Cache, the M.D. of Greenview and the Foundation is needed to make government aware that the Foundation is a separate entity. She is asking for the Town's support of this. Ms. Feddema has spoken with Mr. Ivan Strang, MLA, he suggested she go this route.

Mayor Krewusik thanked Ms. Feddema for her presentation and stated Council would follow up.

Mr. Steve Aucoin,  
Public Works Director  
& Mr. Russ Ayers-Berry  
of Lambourne  
Environmental,  
Re: sludge removal

Mr. Russ Ayers-Berry of Lambourne Environmental attended Council, along with Public Works Director, Mr. Steve AuCoin, to discuss the ponds and lagoon at the sewage treatment facility. Mr. Ayers-Berry stated the ponds are full at this point and action must be taken fairly quickly. Grande Cache provides a challenge, in that usually the sludge in the ponds is trucked to a farmer's field and used as fertilizer, as long as tests prove it is safe and beneficial to do so. In Grande Cache, there are no farmer's fields, so an alternative method had to be devised.

Mr. Ayers-Berry noted sludge is almost a yogurt consistency and difficult to handle. He is suggesting the "geo tube de-watering technology." This is a passive, de-watering system that can be set up on site and is very cost effective. This product has been used in other facilities and works very well. You pump the solids into the tube, the solids remain inside and the water is expressed through holes in the tube. The solids inside the tube can then be taken to the landfill, along with the tubes.

Councillor Beland inquired as to the cost of the system. Mr. Ayers-Berry stated they submitted a proposal for \$130,000.00. The price includes cleaning the current ponds out and setting up the new system. Public Works would do the site preparation, the ground needs to be level, so the tubes don't roll, and in the Spring, the Town will truck the tubes off to the landfill. He is anticipating a 2/3 reduction in volume when the ponds are cleaned out.

Councillor Beland stated, if grant money is available, it might be wise to put in another cell with the increase in population and usage. Mr. Ayers-Berry stated a lot of communities have set up a small receiving cell for industrial waste. It is then tested before it gets put into the system for contaminants. This way, if it is contaminated, it is contained.

Councillor Bailey asked if the sludge that will be hauled to the landfill is "dead." Mr. Ayers-Berry replied that when treated, it becomes inert and is safe to put in the landfill. Ceba Chemicals out of Sweden operates worldwide, a sample would be taken here and sent to their representative in Edmonton, he would then advise us as to how best to treat it.

Councillor Dube asked about the time line. Mr. Ayers-Berry stated they would need approximately 15 days on site in Grande Cache. Prior coordination with Director AuCoin would take place to prepare the laydown area, a representative from Lambourne would be here on site and take responsibility for that. Plastic liners, consisting of low-grade 20mm plastic (designed to last about 20 years) would have to be installed. The crew would work straight through for 15 days, until the job was completed. Mr. Ayers-Berry would come back after a month or so and do some testing, which would include taking samples to their lab-quality, dry-down oven. He assured Council Lambourne's involvement would be long-term.

Mr. Ayers-Berry stated the tubes are 150 feet long, 60 feet in circumference and are 6 feet high when full. After the dewatering process, they are 2 feet high. What's left in the tube, looks like peat moss.

Mayor Krewusik asked if this was something that had to be done this year. Director AuCoin replied it had to be done, as they could not divert raw sewage to the ponds, they are too full. Mayor Krewusik inquired as to what kind of an impact this would have on the landfill. Director AuCoin replied this would be a bonus, as they are always looking for cover.

Mayor Krewusik asked Mr. Ayers-Berry when he could proceed with the project, if Council were to approve. He stated the end of July or first of August, the tubes have to be ordered from Tennessee and take about 5-6 weeks to arrive.

Mr. Ayers-Berry named the following Lambourne Environmental projects:

- Town of Eckville
- Drayton Valley, truck dump lagoon
- County of Lacombe, alum pond
- Cold Lake, Shell Canada, lime sludge project
- High River, Cargill Foods, sludge processing

Mayor Krewusik thanked Mr. Ayers-Berry and Director AuCoin for their presentation.

Ms. Tara Fesyk  
Community Development  
Officer, re: Death Race

Ms. Tara Fesyk presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "What can the Town of Grande Cache do to Support the Canadian Death Race?"

Ms. Fesyk stated the biggest complaint she received was poor customer service. She suggested the Town sponsor a Customer Service Workshop. The Death Race weekend brings thousands of visitors to the community. Money is being dropped in the local economy, if guests are treated poorly, that reflects badly on the image of Grande Cache, as word of mouth is a valuable marketing tool, sending people away with a negative view is detrimental to our goal of promoting tourism.

Ms. Fesyk also suggested community and trail clean up. In particular, areas of concern raised were the area behind the firebreak and highway, where the Kids Death Race follows and Leg 3 of the race, which goes on the old mine road and is located near the dump. Garbage tends to blow over and collect in this area.

Accommodation preparation was also a concern. She suggested the Town plan well in advance for renovation activities, etc., keeping the Death Race weekend in mind.

Street line painting prior to the event would help to brighten up the Town. Directional signage at both ends of town and pointing the way to the campground, registration, etc. would also be very helpful.

Ms. Fesyk suggested the Town start to promote the Death Race early in the summer. Also, custom street banners would help to promote the town and the event. The Town could purchase Death Race t-shirts for all Town employees with the intent of all staff wearing them the week prior to the race. All Town offices could be decorated with balloon bouquets, etc. Another option is to have a challenge for the best-decorated local business.

Customized paper place mats could be purchased and distributed to the local restaurants for the weekend, containing information on Grande Cache.

The downtown core could be lit up. Also, a false laneway painted along the side of the road. This could be temporary or permanent. A Death Race countdown could be set up on the Town's website. Also, ads placed in the Mountaineer.

Ms. Fesyk suggested a number of promotional items, everything from plastic bags for registration kits to customized water bottles.

Another area of concern is activities for the support people. There are not enough activities planned, especially between 12:00-8:00 a.m. Suggestions were also offered on this. Having hot food and beverages available and a communal bonfire.

The Tourism Centre and the summer staff have many ideas and are eager to get involved. Ms. Fesyk also suggested partnering with the Chamber of Commerce on the downtown festival.

To help encourage people to return next year, the Town could sponsor a draw for the runners to cover the cost of registration for next year's race. Town staff should also be encouraged to get involved.

When the presentation was complete, Council commended Ms. Fesyk on her hard work and thorough presentation. Mayor Krewusik suggested putting together a sub-committee to determine what activities the Town could feasibly carry out. Part of the committee's job would be to encourage other groups to get involved. Councillor Frenz agreed that was a good idea and suggested enough members of Council sit on the committee so that decisions do not have to come back to Council. Mayor Krewusik stated that was one way, another was to strike a budget, establish the committee and let them run with it. Ms. Fesyk cautioned that time was short, if promotional items were going to be ordered, that had to be done right away.

Councillor Bailey stated it was important for Council to have the right mindset. The Town of Grande Cache spends a lot of money supporting festivals and marketing the Town. Here, we have a golden opportunity. People are here in Grande Cache. We're talking about tourism, so what do we have to do to have these people come back and bring other people with them. This is such a great opportunity for Grande Cache to put its best foot forward. The Race is a separate entity.

Councillor Beland stated last year's Death Race registration appeared to be very unorganized. Ms. Fesyk stated a new administrative person, with experience in organizing and sports management, was hired.

Councillors Dube and McCormick, along with Mayor Krewusik agreed to be the sub-committee for the Death Race. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with Ms. Fesyk.

## Committee Reports

Motion No.  
158-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to accept Committee Reports numbered 7.1-7.4 as information.

Carried

## Business Arising from Committee Reports

Councillor Bailey inquired as to why some of the cheques for the library were retroactive. Councillor Dube replied that was the staff's pay raise, which was retroactive to the beginning of the year.

## New Business

Proposed Hotel  
Expansion, submitted  
By: Mr. Jean Bourdua

Mr. Dukart explained Mr. Bourdua is asking for the addition of a road from Shand Ave. to the back of the hotel. Access from the Highway is not possible, the next closest is from Shand Ave. Mr. Dukart stated Mr. Krewusik has reviewed the plan from Alberta Infrastructure and has no problem with it. Councillor Frentz asked if this would be at Mr. Bourdua's expense, Mr. Dukart replied it would.

Motion No.  
159-06

Motion by Councillor Frentz to approve Mr. Bourdua's request to grant access from Shand Ave. to the property at the back of the Grande Cache Hotel.

Discussion  
Following the Motion

Councillor Coray felt this new access route would cause a problem with traffic flow across the highway. Mr. Dukart assured Council that the map presented by Mr. Bourdua was drawn up and approved by Alberta Infrastructure. Councillor Frentz felt it was no different than any other intersection. Councillor Coray stated it was the Town's intersection, not Infrastructure's.

Friendly  
Amendment

Mayor Krewusik suggested a friendly amendment be made to Councillor Frentz's motion stating the new access must meet Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's standards.

Carried

Revised Taxes for 2006  
-Cancellations Needed

Memos from Administration regarding the cancellation of taxes for Hayden Ridge Estates Ltd., Farnell Property & Development Ltd. and Pacer Corporation were reviewed by Council, as per the development agreement when the land was sold.

Motion No.  
160-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to cancel the taxes as outlined in Administration's request memos, dated May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, in the amount of \$5,894.34

Carried

Stage VI, Park Area  
Inquiry

Councillor Frentz was approached by a Stage VI resident, asking if the Town had plans to construct a park in the area. Mr. Dukart noted there were never any plans to construct a park in that area. Councillor Frentz directed Administration to reply to the inquire by letter, stating when the Stage was constructed, the intent

was to provide a low-cost housing alternative. With the development of the extension, a park is something that could be considered at a later date.

## Financial Reports

Monthly Cash Statement  
For the Month Ending  
February 2006

Motion No.  
160-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to accept the Monthly Cash Statement for the month ending February 2006.

Carried

Monthly Cash Statement  
For the Month Ending  
March 2006

Motion No.  
161-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to accept the Monthly Cash Statement for the month ending March 2006.

Payment of Accounts  
Dated June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Council was provided with a listing of Payroll and Accounts Payable cheques, numbered 20060965 to 20061294 in the amount of \$1,387,047.57.

Motion No.  
162-06

Motion by Councillor Bailey to accept the Payment of Accounts dated June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as information.

Carried

## Correspondence- Items for Action

Town of Fox Creek,  
Re: Revenue Sharing

Mayor Krewusik stated Council representatives from Fox Creek, Valleyview and Grande Cache are trying to arrange a meeting with the M.D. of Greenview. Mr. Dukart will advise, when a date is confirmed.

G.A.E.R.-Regional  
Networking Session

Correspondence was received from Chris Lockhart with G.A.E.R., stating the Seventh Regional Networking Session in Edson has been rescheduled to June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Mayor Krewusik noted this was a very important meeting, if no one was able to attend, she would.

Seniors' BBQ  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

The annual Seniors' BBQ will be held this Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the recreation centre. Councillors McCormick, Dube, Frenz and Bailey will attend and do the cooking. Mr. Dukart noted other events are being planned as well, such as the poker walk, etc.

Grande Cache  
Oilmen's Society,  
Re: request letter

The Oilmen's Society is planning their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Scramble Golf Tournament on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006. They are requesting permission to house approximately 10-15 participants arriving with self-contained camper units at the ball diamonds next to the golf course. The Oilmen's Society will provide rental lighting, garbage barrels, no open fires will be permitted and all sewage is

required to be contained and/or disposed of at the appropriate disposal station(s).

Motion No.  
163-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to approve the Oilmen's Society's request to temporarily allow the self-contained camper units to use the ball diamonds, provided there are no sites available at the Marv Moore campground.

Carried

**Correspondence-  
Items for Information**

Motion No.  
164-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to accept Items 12.1 to 12.29 as information.

Carried

**Correspondence-  
Not bound in  
Package**

None.

**Other Business**

Monthly Reports

Motion No.  
165-06

Motion by Councillor Coray to accept the Monthly Reports, numbered 14.1(a) to 14.1(e), as information.

Carried

Willmore Wilderness  
Foundation Discussion

Mayor Krewusik stated Ms. Feddema has asked Council to write a letter of "support in principal" for their projects, stating the Town request government view the Willmore Wilderness Foundation as a separate entity from the Town and that any funding that is associated to the Foundation not be included in any grant dollars coming to the Town of Grande Cache. Mayor Krewusik offered to draft the letter.

Motion No.  
166-06

Motion by Councillor Dube that Mayor Krewusik proceed with drafting a letter to the government outlining the Town supports the government viewing the Willmore Wilderness Foundation as a separate entity and should have financial support from the Province.

Carried

Sludge Removal from  
The Sewage Treatment  
Lagoons Discussion

Mayor Krewusik stated Council needed to make a decision on the proposal from Lambourne Environmental. Councillors Beland, Frenz and Dube all agreed that the Town should go ahead with the project. Councillor Bailey asked if it needed to be done, what was Director AuCoin's recommendation. Councillor Frenz stated his understanding was that it had to be done, the product had to be ordered.

Councillor Coray suggested building the third cell for industrial waste as well. Councillor McCormick asked if there were

any other alternatives, something more economical. Mr. Dukart stated the Town had been discussing this issue for some time. There is no place to haul the sludge to. This proposal meets the Town's needs.

Councillor Bailey asked if the Town had the \$130,000.00 required for the project. Mr. Dukart replied there is \$40,000.00 available for the project. The government has given Grande Cache money for special projects. This project would likely fall under that criteria. There are also grant dollars available through Alberta Environment.

Motion No.  
167-06

Motion by Councillor Beland for the Town of Grande Cache to proceed with entering into an agreement with Lambourne Environmental to recover the sludge and install the de-watering geo tubes.

Carried

Mayor Krewusik suggested Director AuCoin investigate options to deal with industrial waste. Councillor Coray requested Director AuCoin provide a breakdown of the costs, including Lambourne Environmental's and also Public Works' cost to remove the product from the sewer treatment plant to the landfill and building the site.

## Round Table

Motor Cars West

Councillor Dube noted Council was invited to travel from Grande Prairie to Grande Cache in a speedy rail car. If anyone is interested, please let Councillor Dube know.

Silhouettes on  
Highway 40

Councillor Dube commended the Public Works staff for erecting the silhouettes, constructed by Grande Cache Institution, along the highway, she stated they look wonderful.

Parking Area behind  
The Recreation Centre

Councillor Beland noted the parking area behind the recreation centre and down the bank, (where they dispose of the ice) needs to be cleaned up.

Resident's Concern,  
Re: Misty Mountain  
Landscaping

Councillor Frenz was approached by Mr. Merle Cropley regarding the landscaping of the new Misty Mountain building. Mr. Cropley stated the landscaping was supposed to be completed before the residents moved in. It appears that Mr. Verstraten has already begun to rent out the units. Councillor Frenz stated it was a directive from the Appeal Board, that the landscaping be done first, it's not negotiable. Mr. Dukart stated he will inform Mr. Krewusik of the situation and Mr. Cropley's concern.

Land Development  
Package

Councillor Frenz suggested the Town's Development Department prepare a complete package of what is required when you purchase a parcel of land to develop. Examples of what should be included are: the number of permits needed, from the Town and from PermitPro; applications for the various utility companies; basically all the steps needed to make the process easier for the purchaser.

Motion No.  
168-06

Motion by Councillor Frentz for the Town to put a process in place outlining the total requirements when purchasing land.

Carried

Councillor Coray suggested including the costs as well.

Meeting with  
Mr. Wendel Headrick

Councillor Bailey met with Mr. Wendel Headrick for an update on the plans for the Grande Cache Institution to be converted to a Medium Security facility. Two concerns identified by Mr. Headrick were housing and personnel.

Clean-Up Week  
June 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

All three schools will participate in Clean Up week. The Clean-Up week advertisement for the Mountaineer will cost \$250.00. Public Works will have sign up sheets available for the removal of old vehicles. A corporate challenge will be issued as well. Mr. Dukart stated, as in the past, the Town will pay \$2.00/bag of garbage collected.

Steelworkers'  
Memorial

Councillor McCormick inquired if approval had been given to have the Steelworkers' Memorial moved to another location, due to the sale of the Steelworkers' building. Mr. Dukart replied the Memorial will be moved to the Rocky the Ram area.

Communities in  
Bloom

Mayor Krewusik asked if there were any further developments with respect to hiring a Communities in Bloom employee. Mr. Dukart stated it would be added in with the summer help positions at Public Works.

Death Race

Mayor Krewusik stated Council needed to establish a budget for Death Race promotion.

Motion No.  
169-06

Motion by Councillor Frentz to allow the Death Race sub-committee a budget of \$10,000 for the Town of Grande Cache to support the Death Race weekend festivities.

Carried

Action Log Item  
Unightly Premises  
By-Law

Mayor Krewusik requested this item be placed on the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

Move to  
In-Camera Session

Motion No.  
170-06

Motion by Councillor Dube for this Regular meeting of Council to move in-camera at 1:12 p.m.

Carried

Revert Back to  
Regular Meeting

Motion No.  
171-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to end the in-camera session and revert back to the Regular Council meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Carried

**Adjournment**

Motion No.  
172-06

Motion by Councillor Coray that this Regular meeting of  
Council be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor

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Municipal Administrator