

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 16TH, 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. Frenz	Councillor
T. McCormick	Councillor
D. Dukart	Municipal Administrator
V. Wiseman	Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Mayor Krewusik called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Open Session

No members of the public were present for the Open Session.

Additions to Agenda

The following additions were made to the Agenda:

- 9.1 Communities in Bloom
- 9.2 Whispering Pines Update
- 9.3 Aquatic Facilities Tour
- 9.4 Welcome/Reception for new CAO
- 9.5 Tax By-Law No. 640

Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
141-06

Motion by Councillor Frenz to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Carried

Delegations

None present.

New Business

Canadian Institute
Of Extreme Racing
Request Letter

Mayor Krewusik was dismayed to read the Death Race was experiencing some difficulty and the future of the race may be in jeopardy. Councillor Frenz also expressed his concern, he did not want to see this signature event for Grande Cache disappear. He suggested if Mr. Tuck, race organizer, was experiencing some administrative shortfall, perhaps the Town could help.

Mayor Krewusik agreed with Councillor Frenz and suggested Mr. Tuck be invited to Council. She noted Council should respond in writing to Mr. Tuck and inform him of Council's strong support of the Death Race.

Mayor Krewusik noted there was a problem at the campground during last year's Death Race with campers coming in, not realizing it was full. In the event the campground is full, a sign should be posted stating that and directing people to the overflow parking areas. There needs to be clear communication with the campground and a plan submitted to the Death Race organizers ahead of time.

Mayor Krewusik stated last year she was somewhat "taken to task" for the Town not being visible enough during the Death Race. Some

suggestions she received were, welcome signs placed at either end of Town (from the Town of Grande Cache); additional flags and balloons; perhaps decorating the Town office and have staff wear Death Race t-shirts, etc. She stated our CDO, Ms. Tara Fesyk, is willing to follow up on this.

Councillor Coray suggested Ms. Fesyk go ahead and get a plan together and take it to Council, Council will then give her a budget. Councillor McCormick suggested Ms. Fesyk consult with Mr. Tuck.

Councillor Frentz suggested giving Ms. Fesyk a budget ahead of time, so she knows what she has to spend. Councillor Beland suggested speaking with Tara first and then having a budget drawn up.

Councillor Bailey stated this was an excellent opportunity for the Town. Often, Grande Cache participates in trade shows with booths, displays, etc., to try and draw people to Grande Cache. With this event, the people are already here. This is an excellent opportunity for Ms. Fesyk to come up with a fantastic idea to promote our Town, while these people are here in our community.

Mayor Krewusik stated it seemed to be the consensus to refer this to Ms. Fesyk and to give her a ballpark budget figure to work with. She directed Mr. Dukart to discuss this with Ms. Fesyk and to instruct her to come to Council with her ideas.

Motion No.
142-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to approve the requests outlined in the request letter from the Canadian Institute of Extreme Racing with the exception of item 4 and to participate in further discussion to promote the Death Race initiative.

Carried

Pool Shutdown
Report

Recreation Director, Duane Didow, submitted a Pool Shutdown Report. Mr. Dukart stated the pool was scheduled to open on Wednesday, May 17th. The report was accepted as information.

Letter Dated May 8th,
To the Honourable
Rob Renner

A letter was forwarded to Minister Renner to request an extension for the filing of the 2005 Financial Statement for the Town until June 30th, 2006.

Motion No.
143-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to ratify the contents of the extension request letter to Minister Renner.

Carried

Garbage Can
Inventory

Councillor McCormick would like to see a garbage receptacle placed by the soccer pitch. He is meeting with Public Works Director, Steve Aucoin, to discuss the toboggan hill and will discuss garbage can placement at that time also.

Update on Survey
& Land Development
Projects

This update was submitted by Development Officer, Mr. Bob Krewusik. Mr. Dukart noted there was an advertisement in today's Mountaineer for clearing and grubbing. Additional information, consisting of a survey of the campground and golf course are progressing.

Communities in
Bloom

Mayor Krewusik noted a public meeting was held on May 11th. Five individuals from the committee attended, along with five others from the community. All of these individuals are very committed to the program. The committee feels they can get the flowers in the ground, but are concerned with the upkeep after that. Mayor Krewusik discussed the possibility of hiring someone for July and August to do the weeding, maintaining beds, garbage pickup, etc. She doesn't know how much time this would require.

Councillor McCormick felt the planter boxes were in need of some fixing up and repainting. He felt it was a good idea to hire someone.

Motion No.
144-06

Motion by Councillor Beland that the Public Works Department proceed with hiring someone to take care of the flowerbeds in and around the downtown area during the summer months.

Discussion
Following the Motion

Councillor Beland felt the businesses needed to take a more active approach to care for the areas in front of their businesses. Mayor Krewusik agreed that business interest has been dwindling in recent years.

Councillor Frenz noted the person hired should have a Class 3 license with air brakes, as they will need to drive the water truck. Mr. Dukart stated there is a wagon available instead of having to use the truck.

Carried

Whispering Pines
Lodge

Mayor Krewusik discussed the food services at Whispering Pines Lodge. The residents are not happy with the quality of meals they are receiving. The meals are prepared in the hospital kitchen and the hospital is restricted to the ingredients, spices, etc. that can be used. The Lodge is constantly buying food to make up for what the residents are not eating at their meal times. Mr. Dennis Puchailo is costing out what it would cost to install a kitchen at the Lodge, so that food can be prepared there. Peace Country Health and the Hospital have worked very hard, but the fact is they are serving hospital food. Mr. Puchailo is meeting with Lodge residents today.

Aquatics Facilities
Tour

Councillors Beland, Dube, McCormick, Frenz and Recreation Director Duane Didow toured two aquatic facilities. One in Fort St. John, B.C. and one in High Prairie, Alberta. Councillor Beland stated the tour was great, they received a lot of really good information. Councillor McCormick shared some photos taken of the facilities.

Councillor Frenz stated the Fort St. John facility was built ten years ago at a cost of \$8 million.

Councillor Beland stated these communities service a District, Grande Cache does not. Grande Cache will likely not get the same level of financial support from the M.D. Councillor McCormick stated only 8-10% of the population live in the M.D., at this point Council doesn't know what will come from the M.D. Fundraising has to start. Mayor Krewusik had the impression, from speaking with people involved in the industry, that the oil and gas companies are just waiting for the Town to take a position. Her understanding is there were big dollars out there that could be tapped into for the community.

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Councillor McCormick can get a copy of plans for the High Prairie facility. Mr. Dukart suggested taking the plans to the public and showing them what the Town is fundraising for. Councillor Frenz stated at first he was for fixing up what we currently have and planning for the future. However, after visiting the facilities, he is now in favour of taking this project and running with it.

Councillor Beland stated Council should do as Mr. Dukart indicated. Take the plans to the community, give them an estimate of the cost and have a plebiscite to decide if the community wishes to proceed.

Mayor Krewusik hoped Council would be in receipt of the information High Prairie is sending by the June 6th meeting. Mr. Dukart suggested inviting Ms. Fesyk and Director Didow to that meeting to work out a plan of how to take it to the public.

Councillor Beland suggested September for a public meeting and also suggested Councillor McCormick speak with the Mountaineer to publish an article to make the public aware of what's been done so far and in particular, the information gathered on the trip.

Mayor Krewusik suggested that some oil companies purchase memberships for their employees which may help user fees. It was suggested that Council consider supplying memberships for Town employees. Councillor Frenz agreed with the idea and thought it should take effect immediately. Mr. Dukart will investigate costs associated with the proposal with the Recreation Director.

Meet and Greet for
Mr. Darren Ottaway

Mayor Krewusik requested Council's permission to proceed with planning a "Meet & Greet" for Grande Cache's new CAO, Mr. Darren Ottaway, on June 19th, 2006.

Motion No.
145-06

Motion by Councillor Frenz for the planning of the "Meet & Greet" to continue.

Carried

Tax By-Law
No. 640

Mr. Dukart presented By-Law No. 640, which deals with rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Grande Cache for the 2006 taxation year. The tax rates for 2006 are:

Residential	13.828 Mills
Non-Residential	21.865 Mills

Motion No.
146-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to give By-Law No. 640 first reading.

Carried

Motion No.
147-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to give By-Law No. 640 second reading.

Carried

Motion No.
148-06

Motion by Councillor Coray to give By-Law No. 640 three readings at the same time.

Carried

Motion No.
149-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to give By-Law No. 640 third and final reading.

Carried

Mayor Krewusik stated the community has gained a lot recently. A new police position, a Community Development Officer and a Youth Worker. In addition to these, the costs for running the Town have also increased. The tax increase is necessary.

Round Table

Renaming of
Hummingbird Drive

Councillor McCormick was approached by Mr. Mas Saito, a resident of Hummingbird Drive. He expressed concern with respect to the renaming of his street to Stephenson Drive. No one approached him ahead of time and consulted with him. Mr. Saito stated he will incur some financial costs due to the change and asked how the process came about.

Mr. Dukart stated this decision was made quite some time ago, possibly prior to Mr. Saito moving to Hummingbird Drive.

Poker Challenge

Councillor McCormick inquired if Council was interested in participating in a corporate challenge. It would be a poker/garbage pick up challenge. The idea is, whoever wins, the Town would make a donation to a charity chosen by the winner. Mayor Krewusik and Council expressed some concerns with the poker part of the challenge, but felt the idea as a whole was a good one.

Seniors' Week
BBQ

Councillor Dube asked if the Town would be holding a BBQ for seniors' week. Mayor Krewusik reported the Town would. It was scheduled for Friday, June 9th.

No. 14 Mine

Councillor Dube was questioned by a community member in regards to the proposed No. 14 Mine project by Milner. Concern was expressed with coal dust blowing into Town.

Clean Up

Councillor Beland inquired if the Town yard would be included in the clean up week project. He suggested buying green slats to put around the public works yard, so the public could not see in. Mr. Dukart noted he researched the price of that and it is very expensive.

Councillor Coray stated clean up week will be held June 14th-21st. Councillor Coray asked if Mayor Krewusik could issue a Proclamation and a corporate challenge.

Tourism Centre

Councillor Frentz was approached regarding the "No Overnight Camping" sign at the Tourism Centre. The complainants feel the sign isn't very tourist friendly. Councillor Frentz explained to the individuals that there is a campground available in Town and space for RV parking in the downtown core. Mayor Krewusik felt there was a policy in place that was working.

Summer Meeting
Schedule

Councillor Frentz inquired if there was a need for a second meeting in the summer months of July and August. Mr. Dukart stated last summer, Council held only one regular meeting during July and August.

Recycling/Environmental
Awareness

Mayor Krewusik had some suggestions with respect to the recycling program. Signs should be posted as to where the depots are located. More bins are needed, as the present bins are always full. An

article should be placed in the paper stating what can and cannot be recycled and any recycling rules.

Highway 40

Councillor McCormick inquired if a letter had been written to the Minister regarding Highway 40. Mayor Krewusik stated she is leaving this week, she will be back June 6th and will get to work on it then.

In-Camera

Motion No.
150-06

Motion by Councillor Beland to go in camera at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

Out of Camera

Motion No.
151-06

Motion by Councillor Dube to end the in-camera session and return to the Regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Paintings by
Robert Guest

Mayor Krewusik stated that Mr. & Mrs. Guest had left three paintings that Mr. Guest had done, requesting Council consider purchasing for Town owned buildings. She had the paintings in her office for viewing, if anyone was interested. Council's opinion was the paintings and pictures in the Council Chambers and Town Office had been donated by the painter, etc. and that the Town would not purchase any more pictures at this time.

Individual Councillors interested in the paintings are to contact Mr. Guest to purchase the pictures for their own use.

Carried

Adjournment

Motion No.
152-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to adjourn this Regular meeting of Council at 9:30 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Municipal Administrator