

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
RCMP  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 @ 12:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Gordon Frentz (Chair)  
Councillor Paul Bailey  
Councillor Terry Coray  
Councillor Jackie Dube

Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer  
Carolyn Ferraby, Chief Financial Officer  
Bob Krewusik, Land Development Officer  
Vangie Wiseman, Executive Secretary

**RCMP** Ms. Cecile Warner, Regional Asset Manager  
Tim Vatamaniuck, Inspector, Officer in Charge of Client Services  
Superintendent Marlin Degrand, Western Alberta District  
Sergeant Art Hopkins, Commander, Grande Cache Detachment

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Frentz called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by T. Coray and seconded by P. Bailey**  
**72/06 RESOLVED THAT** the agenda is adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Construction of a new RCMP Detachment**

The RCMP delegation appeared before Council to get input from Council regarding the construction of a new detachment for Grande Cache.

Currently, the Province of Alberta is paying the full cost of police services for the Town. However, if the population reaches 5,000, the cost reverts back to the Town (30% paid by the province).

The current RCMP lease with the province expires in March of 2009. Various options were discussed; including:

- Renovating the current space (not feasible)
- Having the construction done by a commercial developer
- The municipality constructing the facility and then leasing it to the Province
- RCMP constructing the facility

Ms. Warner stated the likelihood of the R.C.M.P. paying for the construction of a new detachment was very slim. Alberta fits into the Northwest Region and participates in an Asset Investment Strategy. The Region's priorities are presented to the Federal Government and are in competition nationwide for funding. With Grande Cache's population expected to reach 5,000, Grande Cache is not high on the priority list.

Council expressed concern with the price of constructing a new facility and tying up the Town's borrowing power. The next census is 2011, with the results available in 2012. Once communities receive word that they've reached the 5,000 mark, they have two years to make alternate arrangements for policing.

CAO Ottaway stated that at this point, it is only speculation the Town will reach 5,000. Inspector Vatamaniuck stated the ball was in Council's court, if they decided not to build a new facility and the RCMP did go ahead and the policing costs did revert back to the Town, the Town would have to assume the leasing arrangements in place at that time or build a new facility.

Ms. Warner stated the RCMP would like to have a decision from Council in the next two to three months stating if the Town will or will not assume the responsibility for the construction of the new detachment.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by T. Coray and seconded by P. Bailey**

**73/06 WHEREAS** the business of this Special Meeting has now been completed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1:10 p.m.

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Councillor Gordon Frenz,  
Chair

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Darren Ottaway,  
Chief Administrative Officer