

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2006 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PROVINCIAL BUILDING, GRANDE CACHE, ALBERTA

Present

L. Krewusik	Mayor
P. Bailey	Councillor
V. Beland	Councillor
T. Coray	Councillor
J. Dube	Councillor
T. McCormick	Councillor
D. Didow	Recreation Director
D. Dukart	Municipal Administrator
S. Wells	Director of Finance
V. Wiseman	Recording Secretary

Absent

G. Frentz	Deputy Mayor
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Call to Order

Councillor McCormick called this Special meeting of Council to order at 7:15 p.m.

Purpose

Mr. D. Didow was on hand to present Barr Ryder Architects & Planners Evaluation Report, dated January 17th, 2006. In summary, Barr Ryder recommends doing as little as possible, by way of renovations, if the plan is to go ahead with a new pool within three years.

The following were identified as being structurally mandatory:

- Bracing or stabilizing the glazed south wall of the pool area.
- Refurbishing the upper portion of the exterior masonry wall around the pool area.
- Repairing the arena west wall.

Mr. D. Dukart stated there is roughly \$800,000.00 available in grant dollars that must be spent. Barr Ryder's recommendations amount to approximately \$200,000.00. There is a time frame for spending the grant money, it must be spent by March 2007

Mr. S. Wells cautioned Council the recreation project needs to be defined. He could provide financial information, but until the project is defined, a true financial picture would not be available.

Mr. Didow stated the Town of Whitecourt completed a survey of 750 households regarding their recreation project. He believes the cost was approximately \$5,000-\$7,000 for the survey. They had the results back in a couple of weeks. Mayor Krewusik noted the survey done in Grande Cache in 2002 centered mainly on a wading pool, hot tub and weight room. Maybe it would be prudent to have a phone survey done now, since the focus has changed. A community center was not an issue at that time.

Mr. Wells, in response to Councillor Bailey's request for dollar amounts to be added to the Strategic Plan, provided Council with an amendment to the Strategic Plan. There are approximately \$5 million in initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan, not including the recreation centre. He noted the infrastructure money from the province may be able to slide to secondary structures, such as the recreation centre, there could potentially be \$3.3 million available there. The first step in the process is to finalize what is needed.

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Mr. Didow will obtain a copy of the Whitecourt survey. Mayor Krewusik stated a lot of people have expressed interest in getting involved in this process and wondered how best to involve them.

She felt it would be beneficial to put together a diverse group to look at the needs of the whole community.

Motion No.
005-06

Motion by Councillor Coray for administration to research six or seven other similar sized communities that had constructed a recreation facility in the past year or two and obtain costs of the construction.

Carried

Councillor Bailey has done a lot of research on other facilities. He presented a PowerPoint presentation to Council, administration will review the presentation.

Motion No.
006-06

Motion by Councillor Beland that Mr. Didow and Mr. Dukart meet and determine how to best utilize the grant money with respect to recreation centre improvements in conjunction with Dave Ryder from Barr Ryder.

Carried

Motion No.
007-06

Motion by Councillor Bailey to accept Mr. Wells' amendment to the Strategic Plan as information and to place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Carried

Next Meeting

Mr. Dukart will communicate the next meeting date via e-mail.

Adjournment

Motion No.
008-06

Motion by Councillor McCormick to adjourn this Special meeting of Council at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Municipal Administrator