

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF BEISEKER HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.
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PRESENT

MAYOR	Bruce Rowe
DEPUTY MAYOR	Ray Courtman
COUNCILLOR	Al Henuset
COUNCILLOR	Brenda Hnybida
COUNCILLOR	Fred Walters
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ruth Copeland-Brunelle
PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN	Dale Wells
DELEGATIONS	Larry Marshall, Stacy Knull & Cameron Cline, Encana Corporation Jason Finner, Urban Systems

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to adopt the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNAN.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Walters moved to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 10, 2005.

CARRIED UNAN.

DELEGATIONS

Larry Marshall, Stacy
Knull & Cameron
Cline

Larry Marshall, Stacy Knull & Cameron Cline of Encana Corporation advised Council that the purpose of their visit was to bring Council up to date as to Encana's operations in the area as well as upcoming projects. Encana offers a Community Investment Program which provides funding to community groups for special projects. Encana is a publicly traded company and has been in this area for over 50 years. The Strathmore Business Unit expects to drill 687 wells and construct 10 booster compressors in 2005. Encana's operations and facilities mandate is to meet and or in most cases exceed all regulatory requirements as part of their best practices including water protection, facilities, weed control and re-seeding.

Jason Finner, Urban
Systems Ltd.

Jason Finner discussed in detail with Council the estimated engineering costs to complete the Skyland Industrial Park. Mr. Finner confirmed with Council that the following is the work yet to be completed:

- site grading;
- remaining underground utilities and services (water and sanitary sewer);
- drainage improvements including drainage ditches, swales and culverts;
- road construction; and
- shallow utility installations for power, telephone and natural gas.

Mr. Finner also noted that surface drainage on the site remains a challenge but once the final design has been completed the grades can then be established accordingly.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Wild Rose Economic
Development
Corporation
Res. #2004-06

Councillor Henuset moved that the Village of Beiseker enter into a Municipal Partnership Agreement with Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation in regard to the Regional Assets Inventory/On-Line Business Directory and Community Project.

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PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

- Snow Removal** The Public Works Foreman advised Council that the Public Works Staff have been very busy with snow removal. Council again complimented the Foreman and his staff for a job well done.
- Christmas Decorations** The Public Works Foreman advised Council that a majority of the Christmas decorations had been taken down.
- Vehicles** The Public Works Foreman advised Council that all of the public works vehicles are in need of servicing.
- Campground** Council requested that the Public Works Foreman remove the flags from the camp kitchen at the campground.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to approve account cheque #20050035 payable to Fremar Enterprises in the amount of \$90.00. CARRIED

Councillor Walters abstained from voting or commenting on the above item.

Councillor Walters moved to approve accounts cheque #20050036 to #20050069 in the amount of \$24,427.79. CARRIED UNAN.

20050036 to		
20050044	Payroll Cheques	5,089.34
20050045	Action Solutions Radio Inc.	394.53
20050046	Alberta First.Com Ltd.	322.07
20050047	Alberta One-Call Corporation	2.14
20050048	Alberta Permit Pro	106.49
20050049	Alberta Urban Municipalities Association	3,305.19
20050050	Beiseker Municipal Library	500.00
20050051	Calgary Regional Emergency Services	600.00
20050052	CU Credit Master Card	597.18
20050053	D.L.F. Holdings Ltd.	16.65
20050054	Dynagra Corp.	94.28
20050055	Family and Community Support Services	120.00
20050056	Ladean Henderson	502.13
20050057	Irricana Pro Hardware	80.68
20050058	Konica Minolta Business Solutions	112.31
20050059	Mountainview Credit Union Ltd.	1,000.83
20050060	Municipal Information Systems Inc.	338.22
20050061	Nexen Marketing	7,603.15
20050062	Pioneer Supply Co.	496.36
20050063	Shelley Schneider	56.82
20050064	U.F.A.	1,055.82
20050065	CANCELLED	
20050066	Waste Management	322.18
20050067	Sandra & Blaine Cisna	65.00
20050068	Beiseker Paint & Bodyworks	1,031.11
20050069	Urban Systems	615.31

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Walters
Campground

Councillor Walters enquired if electrical quotes had been obtained to change out the service panel at the campground. The Administrator advised that she was in the process of obtaining quotes for the 2005 budget.

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- Skateboard Park Councillor Walters advised that the next meeting of the Skateboard Park Society is scheduled for January 25, 2005.
- Rockyview Foundation Councillor Walters advised Council that the next meeting of the Rockyview Foundation is scheduled for January 27, 2005.
- Henuset**
Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation Councillor Henuset advised Council that he attended a meeting of the Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation on January 13, 2005. The by-laws were amended to allow a Director to serve 3 terms on the Board. The go ahead was given to purchase a new condo in Strathmore for new WREDC offices.
- Hnybida**
Education Advisory Council Councillor Hnybida advised Council that she attended an Education Advisory Meeting on January 19, 2005. The school had a sewer back-up and Councillor Hnybida was asked to pass along a thank you to the Public Works Foreman for correcting the problem even though it was not the Village's responsibility. On January 14, 2005 the school was in a lockdown situation for approximately 1 1/2 hours. On January 14, 2005 the Rockyview School Division held a sod turning ceremony for the new school division office in Airdrie. It is hoped that the new building will be ready to occupy by December 2005. Councillor Hnybida was appointed to be the Grade 9 representative.
- Courtman**
Airport Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that Nav Canada has asked to keep the radar facility operational at the Airport. Nav Canada will be sending someone out to make the appropriate upgrades.
- Recycling Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that the computer/electronic recycling program has been extended to February 19, 2005.
- Rowe**
Library Board Res. #2005-07 Mayor Rowe moved to approve the appointment of Dawn Stevenson and Melanie McCullough to the Beiseker Library Board. CARRIED UNAN.
- New Council Table Mayor Rowe advised Council that on January 16, 2005 he met with Brian Graefer who works at SMED about obtaining quotes for a new council table and front counter. Councillor Hnybida advised Council that she had obtained a quote of approximately \$2,500.00 from Fred Parent to have the interior of the Village Office and foyer painted.
- Res. #2005-08 Councillor Walters moved that the Village of Beiseker contract the services of Fred Parent to paint the interior of the Village Office and foyer area. CARRIED UNAN.
- EDC Wine & Cheese Mayor Rowe advised Council that the Economic Development Committee held it's annual business appreciation wine & cheese. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. Councillor Al Henuset is now the Chairperson for the Economic Development Committee however Mayor Rowe will remain as a committee member.
- Community Hall Board Mayor Rowe advised Council that he and Councillor Henuset met with some of the members of the Hall Board on January 15, 2005 to discuss a number of issues regarding the maintenance of the Community Hall. The Hall Board passed a motion to have the hall professionally cleaned twice a year in January and July. The Administrator was instructed to obtain quotes for this service. The Hall Board also discussed about having the HVAC system serviced twice a year in May and November. The Administrator was instructed to contact Coast to Coast Mechanical to arrange for this service on a contract basis. Councillor Henuset will be the Council representative on the Hall Board. The Administrator was instructed to send a letter to Jodi Gerlitz in response to her complaints about the condition of the Community Hall.

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The Kidney
Foundation

Mayor Rowe advised Council that he received a letter from the Kidney Foundation requesting permission to canvass in the Village of Beiseker from March 1, 2005 to March 16, 2005.

Res. #2005-09

Councillor Hnybida moved that The Kidney Foundation be permitted to canvass in the Village of Beiseker between March 1, 2005 and March 16, 2005.

CARRIED UNAN.

Marigold Library
System

Mayor Rowe advised Council that he received a letter from the Marigold Library System with respect to "Freedom to Read Week".

Res. #2005-10

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved that the Mayor proclaim February 20, 2005 to February 26, 2005 as Freedom to Read Week in the Village of Beiseker.

CARRIED UNAN.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2005 Budget Meetings

The Administrator advised Council that it was that time again to be thinking about the budget process and the scheduling budget meetings. The Administrator requested that if any Councillor had any capital items that they would like to have considered in this year's budget that may require quotes or research, to please advise the Administrator as soon as possible in order that those items may be included in our budget deliberations. Further, if any Council member has any other thoughts or comments about this year's budget, to please advise the Administrator as soon as possible. Council set the date of February 19, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. for the first budget 2005 meeting.

Highway #9 Road
Widening Land
Acquisition

The Administrator advised Council that our Planning Advisor Karl Nemeth has been in contact with Alberta Transportation ("AT") regarding negotiations to purchase the MR lot (0.30 acres) on the west side of Highway #9 running parallel to the Skyland Industrial Park. Alberta Transportation has offered \$5,000.00/acre for the 0.50 acre parcel adjacent to the sewer lagoon on the east side of Highway #9, however, AT is only prepared to pay \$1.00 for 0.50 acres of land on the west side of Highway #9 as this land was identified for future highway widening. Under the Municipal Government Act, when a municipality sells land, it must receive fair market value for it. The Administrator advised that when the Area Structure Plan was prepared and the subdivision approved for the Skyland Industrial Park, Karl decided that since AT was not in a position at that time to purchase the land for future road widening, he felt that it was best to dedicate the land as a Municipal Reserve ("MR") under the control of the Village and then the Village would receive the money from the sale, at market value and not the \$1.00 proposed by AT. Karl has now suggested that as a "bargaining tool" that we propose to AT to exchange the land for a bermed buffer in their ROW and that they construct a bike/pedestrian path on the westerly toe of the berm or just construct a bike/pedestrian pathway along the highway to eventually join up with the south access road to the Village. The cost to construct such a bike/pedestrian pathway would far exceed the \$5,000/acre that we should be receiving for this land. Council instructed the Administrator to advise our Planning Advisor that a bike/pedestrian for this area would be impractical and to continue negotiating with AT to be paid \$5,000.00/acre for this land.

Ambulance Transition -
Airdrie Ambulance

The Administrator advised that as everyone is probably aware, ambulance delivery service throughout the Province is to be transferred to the local Health Authorities as of April 1, 2005. Our ambulance service provider, the City of Airdrie is currently attempting to negotiate a ten year contract with the Calgary Health Region ("CHR") as opposed to the 3 year contract being offered. The Administrator advised that she recently met with Sheldon Leavitt who is the Chief of Emergency Services for the City of Airdrie. Sheldon advised that there is a concern that the CHR could move some of Airdrie's ambulances to Calgary or other areas in the CHR region. The fear is that response times for ambulance service will increase instead of decrease. There is also speculation that First Responders i.e. our own Fire Department, will not fit into the CHR way of doing business for the provision of medical care. The

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Administrator provided for Council's information copies of recent newspaper articles and a copy of a Petition that is being circulated in the City of Airdrie.

The Village of Beiseker has had a contract with the City of Airdrie for ambulance service since 1989. Airdrie EMS has always provided our Village with first class professional advanced life support medical care. Many of Airdrie's paramedics have taken time out of their business schedules to come and train our First Responders at no additional cost to the Village. The Administrator recommended that Council send a letter to the City of Airdrie's Council stating that the Village of Beiseker fully supports the City of Airdrie in it's fight for a long term contract with the CHR under the City of Airdrie's current operating format which is an integrated fire/ambulance service.

Res. #2005-11

Councillor Henuset moved that the Village of Beiseker send a letter to the City of Airdrie supporting Airdrie in it's negotiations for a 10 year contract with the Calgary Health Region to continue operations as an integrated fire/ambulance service with a copy of this letter to be forwarded to Premier Klein, Health Minister Iris Evans and MLA Carol Haley.

CARRIED UNAN.

Year End
Adjustments

The Administrator advised Council that she is in the process of working on year end adjustments. Whenever surplus operating funds are being transferred into reserves, the auditors want to see a resolution of Council approving such transfers. Therefore, the Administrator requested Council to pass a resolution approving the following transfers into reserves:

- transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 budgeted in the 2004 budget for the sidewalk replacement on 7th Street. This sidewalk replacement will now be occurring in 2005;
- transfer the sum of \$500.00 of FCSS Funding into reserves for a Women's Conference to be held in 2005. This is a request from the FCSS Board;
- transfer the Fire Department's 2004 operating budget surplus of approximately \$15,000.00 to purchase new sirens, emergency lighting for both the Rescue and Tanker, SCBA units (self-contained breathing apparatus) and spare SCBA air tanks and portable radios;
- transfer any operating surplus in the Tourism & Economic Development budgets.

Res. #2005-12

Councillor Walters moved that the following amounts be transferred into reserves from the 2004 budget:

- the sum of \$35,000.00 budgeted in the 2004 budget for the sidewalk replacement on 7th Street;
- the sum of \$500.00 of FCSS Funding into reserves for a Women's Conference to be held in 2005;
- the Fire Department's 2004 operating budget surplus of approximately \$15,000.00 for the purchase of fire fighting equipment;
- the Tourism & Economic Development 2004 budget surplus, if any.

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CORRESPONDENCE

M.D. of Rockyview #44	M.D. of Rockyview #44 re land redesignation for Plan 9210788, Lot D in SE 2-28-26-W4M.	FILED
Res. #2005-13	Mayor Rowe moved to send a letter to the M.D. of Rockyview No. 44 expressing Council's concerns re traffic volumes and safe access to and from Highway #9.	CARRIED UNAN.
AAMD&C	AAMD&C January 7, 2005 Contact! Newsletter.	FILED
Alberta Environment	Alberta Environment re Water Act Licenses.	FILED
Res. #2005-14	Alberta Environment re Water Act Licenses for the Village of Beiseker. The Administrator will discuss this matter further with the Public Works Foreman and Alberta Environment.	
AUMA	AUMA January 13, 2005 Media Release re support of workplace smoking ban.	FILED
Town of Millet	Judy Boyda, Town of Millet re AUMA Munishare Initiative.	FILED
Calgary Health Region	Calgary Health Region News Release re new continuing care beds for seniors.	FILED
Beiseker Bullets Women's Hockey Team	Beiseker Bullets Women's Hockey Team re 5 th Annual Women's Recreational Team Hockey Tournament.	FILED
Res. #2005-15	Deputy Mayor Courtman moved to allow the Beiseker Bullets Women's Hockey Team tournament participants to sleep in the Community Hall during the hockey tournament to be held March 19 - 20, 2005 on the condition that the Village of Beiseker be named as a additional name insured on the team's liability insurance and that evidence of such insurance be provided to the Village Office.	CARRIED UNAN.
Village of Carbon	Village of Carbon re the next Joint Villages Council Meeting in Carbon.	FILED
	Mayor Rowe, Councillor Henuset, Councillor Hnybida & Councillor Walters indicated that they would be attending this meeting.	
Alberta Municipal Affairs	Alberta Municipal Affairs re Finding Agreement with Difficult Issues, Constructive Collaboration for Communities Workshop.	FILED
Marigold Library System	Marigold Library System re 2005 Levy.	FILED

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Walters moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:43 p.m.

CARRIED UNAN.


MAYOR


MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR