

## FINAL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ATHABASCA

HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Richard Verhaeghe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Present were Mayor Richard Verhaeghe; Councillors Lionel Cherniwchan, Paula Evans, Mike Gismondi, George Hawryluk and Hugh O'Farrell; Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Topinka; Director of Finance and Administration (DF&A) Melody Wolansky; Outside Services Superintendent, Robert Balay; Regional Recreation Director (RRD) Jeff Summers; Recording Secretary, Carla Gallinger and Joyce Butson; representatives of the media and delegations as listed below.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Colleen Powell

**MINUTES:** Page 6637, Bylaw 10-06, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph. Amend to read "Councillors Gismondi and Cherniwchan disagreed stating that the request came from front line staff at the school board and not the bus contractor and that the safety of children in the loading zones of the schools does not compare with the loading and unloading on Town streets."

Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and Evans "THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED."

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**AGENDA:** The proposed agenda was available and the following revisions were made:

Add: ADMINISTRATION:

7(c) County of Athabasca No.12 - Proposed Amendment

Add: OLD BUSINESS:

6(b) Paving Contract

Add: IN-CAMERA:

18(b) Personnel

Motion by Councillors O'Farrell and Gismondi "THAT THE AGENDA BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED."

MOTION CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Sergeant Rawson:** Sergeant Dwayne Rawson from the Athabasca RCMP was in attendance to provide Council with his report. Sergeant Rawson informed Council that his CO would like to open the lines of communications with Council.

Sergeant Rawson asked Council if they had any concerns.

Councillor Evans expressed concerned with the on going issue of quad activity in Town limits.

Sergeant Rawson informed Council that the RCMP is currently implementing a Community Advisory Committee which will consists of County and Town residents, High School students and volunteers from the Town of Athabasca. The Community Advisory Committee will be able to discuss area concerns and what they can do to address those issues.

Mayor Verhaeghe thanked Sergeant Rawson for his attendance.

(Exited at 7:17 p.m.)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fortis Alberta Fees:** CAO Topinka asked Council if they wish to amend the 2007 Franchise Fees Agreement with Fortis Alberta. CAO Topinka informed Council that the current Electric Distribution Franchise Fee is 3%.

**Motion by Councillors O'Farrell and Gismondi "THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO CONFIRM WITH FORTIS ALBERTA THAT THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE FEE FOR 2007 REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM 2006."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Paving Contract:** Councillor Cherniwchan expressed his concern with the lack of core samples taken for the 2006 Paving Program.

CAO Topinka informed Council that OSS Balay would get further information from our engineers with respect of core sampling and report back at the next Council meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**Financial Statement:** Motion by Councillors O'Farrell and Hawryluk "THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006 BE ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION."

**MOTION CARRIED**

Refund Utility Penalties: Council considered a letter requesting the refund of utility late penalty fees from B. Mair.

Motion by Councillors Cherniwchan and Hawryluk "THAT COUNCIL UPHOLD THE CURRENT POLICY AND DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO RESPOND TO MR. MAIR ACCORDINGLY."

MOTION CARRIED

County of Athabasca Proposed Amendment: CAO Topinka informed Council that the County of Athabasca is circulating Amendments to the County's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 5-2002 and Land Use Bylaw 6-2002.

September 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. were suggested as possible meeting dates for the Athabasca and Area Intermunicipal Outline Area Committee.

REMINDERS: - Council Appreciation Barbeque  
- AUMA Convention Oct 4-6, 2006

**PROPERTY:**

Letter, Hillside Hill: Council reviewed a letter of concern with respect of vehicles driving inappropriately in the Hillside Motel area.

Bylaw 12-06 Amendment: Council reviewed Bylaw 12-06 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 01-01, C-1 District.

Motion by Councillors Cherniwchan and O'Farrell "THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO BYLAW 12-06 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE BYLAW 01-01, SECTION 11.2 OF PART C OF SCHEDULE B, IS AMENDED BY ADDING THERETO THE FOLLOWING: (U) CHURCHES."

[Recorded Vote] Mayor Verhaeghe requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Mayor Verhaeghe, Councillors Cherniwchan and O'Farrell.

AGAINST: Councillors Evans, Gismondi and Hawryluk.

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion by Councillors Gismondi and O'Farrell "THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO BYLAW 12-06 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE BYLAW 01-01, SECTION 11.3 OF PART C OF SCHEDULE B IS AMENDED BY ADDING THERETO THE FOLLOWING: (F) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS BYLAW TO THE CONTRARY, A CHURCH SHALL BE CONSIDERED A DISCRETIONARY USE ON LOT S1/2 19, BLOCK 1, PLAN V (ROMAN NUMERAL 5)."

[Recorded Vote] Mayor Verhaeghe requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Mayor Verhaeghe, Councillors Cherniwchan, Evans, Gismondi, Hawryluk and O'Farrell.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and Cherniwchan "THAT COUNCIL SET OCTOBER 17, 2006 AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW 12-06 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WHICH IS TO FOLLOW THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW 11-06 WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M.."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECESS:** Mayor Verhaeghe called a recess at 8:11 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Mayor Verhaeghe reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**OUTSIDE SERVICES:**

**AT & U, Request  
Alley Closure:** OSS Balay discussed with Council a request from Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure for an alley closure off of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Highway 55 East.

**Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and Cherniwchan "THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO CLOSE THE ALLEY BETWEEN 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND HIGHWAY 55 EAST AS PER THE MAP, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO AND FORMING A PART OF THE MINUTES AS "SCHEDULE A"."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PROTECTION:**

**Bylaw Officers  
Report:** Motion by Councillors Gismondi and Hawryluk "THAT THE BYLAW REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006 BE ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RECREATION:**

**FCSS, Expansion:** RRD Summers provided Council with information on the expansion and additional rental space for Family and Community Support Services.

**Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and Gismondi "THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT RRD SUMMERS REPORT ON THE EXPANSION AND ADDITIONAL RENTAL SPACE FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES AS INFORMATION."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Arena, Update:** RRD Summers provided Council with an update on the break and enter that occurred at the arena. RRD Summers informed Council that there has been an estimated \$1,500.00 worth of damage.

**Motion by Councillors Gismondi and Hawryluk "THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT RRD SUMMERS UPDATE ON THE BREAK AND ENTER AT THE ARENA AS INFORMATION."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

PC Fundraiser: Council considered the invitation for Supper and a Fundraiser on October 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. for the Honorable Mike Cardinal.

**Motion by Councillors Cherniwchan and O'Farrell "THAT THE TOWN PAY FOR A TICKET FOR ANY COUNCILLORS WISHING TO ATTEND THE ATHABASCA-REDWATER PC CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION SUPPER AND FUNDRAISER ON OCTOBER 27, 2006 AND FURTHERMORE THAT THE TOWN PROVIDE A DENIM SHIRT FOR THE SILENT AUCTION."**

**MOTION DEFEATED**

ANFCS, Support: Council reviewed a letter from the Athabasca Native Friendship Centre Society (ANFCS) requesting a letter of support from the Town of Athabasca for their grant application for a Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant. The letter also requested that the ANFCS be exempted from the development costs of parking related to this project.

**Motion by Councillors Gismondi and Hawryluk "THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE THE ATHABASCA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE SOCIETY WITH A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AND INFORM THEM THAT THE TOWN OF ATHABASCA WILL UPHOLD ITS BYLAW IN REGARDS TO PARKING COSTS."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Proclamation: Council reviewed a request to proclaim October 2006 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Motion by Councillors Cherniwchan and Hawryluk "THAT COUNCIL PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2006 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

BISL Intermunicipal Sponsorship Grant Application: Council reviewed the BISL Intermunicipal Sponsorship Grant request.

**Motion by Councillors Gismondi and Evans" THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO SEND A LETTER TO BISL COMMITTEE AND REQUEST THEM TO CLARIFY THEIR BUDGET AND THEIR PARTNERSHIPS BY NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 3, 2006."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM:**

ARDC Budget: Council reviewed the proposed ARDC budget.

**Motion by Councillors Cherniwchan and Hawryluk "THAT THE ARDC BUDGET BE TABLED UNTIL MORE INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED."**

**[Tabled]**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Committee Reports were given.

Councillor Cherniwchan exited Council Chambers at 9:07 p.m.

Councillor Cherniwchan returned to Council Chambers at 9:10 p.m.

**RECESS:** Mayor Verhaeghe declared a recess at 9:21 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Mayor Verhaeghe reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

**IN-CAMERA:** Motion by Councillors Evans and O'Farrell "THAT THE MEETING GO IN-CAMERA AT 9:31 P.M."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OUT OF IN-CAMERA:**

Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and O'Farrell "THAT THE MEETING COME OUT OF IN-CAMERA AT 10:05 P.M."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

**Open House:** Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and O'Farrell "THAT THE TOWN OF ATHABASCA HOST A OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE TWO POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE NEW CAMPGROUND THAT WILL REPLACE THE TOWNS CAMPGROUND ON THE RIVERFRONT."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Campgrounds:** Motion by Councillors Gismondi and Hawryluk "THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE OPTIONS TO PURCHASE THE LANDS REQUIRED FOR THE TWO PROPOSED NEW CAMPGROUND SITES."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Salary Grid:** Motion by Councillors Gismondi and Hawryluk "THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SALARY GRID FOR THE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO AND FORMING A PART OF THE MINUTES AS SCHEDULE "B"."

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councillors Hawryluk and O'Farrell "THAT THE MEETING BE  
ADJOURNED AT 10:10 P.M."**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

