

Town of Bishop's Falls
Public Council Meeting No. 1247
July 30, 2009 at 4:00 pm
Council Chambers

Minutes

Deputy Mayor J. Budgell called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm on July 30, 2009 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Councillor D. Tremblett
Councillor B. Saunders
Councillor H. Sutton
Councillor A. Hynes

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Interim Manager

Mayor J. Fancey was on an approved leave of absence for medical reasons. Councillor N. Stewart was absent with regrets.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 341/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

To adopt the agenda as presented.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Item 2: Motion to suspend Standing Orders 1.3 and 3.1

Motion 342/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

To, for the purpose of this meeting, suspend Standing Orders 1.3 and 3.1 that sets forth certain timeframes in relation to calling and notifying Councillors of public meetings.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Item 3: Letter from R. Drover, Town Clerk/Interim Manager

Motion 343/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

That Council resolve into an *in camera* session.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

IN CAMERA DISCUSSIONS COMMENCED AT 4:11 PM

IN CAMERA DISCUSSIONS CONCLUDED AT 5:28 PM

Motion 344/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

That Council adopts the revised Town of Bishop's Falls Organizational Flow Chart as presented (attached).

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 345/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

That Council begin the process of recruiting a Town Manager immediately.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Motion 346/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

That the Selection Committee for the Town Manager be comprised of the Chairpersons of the four (4) Standing Committees.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Centennial Loan Request

Motion 347/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

Whereas the Centennial Committee requested a \$20,000 loan to ensure the events organized for August 1, 2009 are able to proceed as planned; and whereas in order to provide this loan Council will need to borrow from its operating line of credit; and whereas this will result in interest charges if the \$20,000 is not returned before a certain time; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall provide the Centennial Committee with an additional \$20,000 loan that must be repaid on or before August 7, 2009; be it further resolved that the Centennial Committee shall be liable for any interest that accumulates on the \$20,000 loan if the balance is not repaid on or before the said deadline.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Centennial Committee Gas Tax Agreement Request

Motion 348/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor A. Hynes

Whereas the Town of Bishop's Falls will receive approximately \$462,000 under the Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement for projects of an environmental nature; and whereas Council developed several Capital Investment Plans to utilize these funds within the parameters of the Agreement; and whereas Council must once again amend its Local Government Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan to incorporate new priorities; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall adopt the revised Local Government Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan as follows:

Priority	Description	2007	2008	2009	Total	Outcome
1	Installation of onsite sewage treatment (Blivet) for the King's Road Subdivision.	\$140,000			\$140,000	Reduction of raw sewage being discharged into the Exploits River.
2	Sewage treatment pre-planning	55,000			55,000	Required to prepare final plans for full sewage treatment for the community; elimination of Town's discharge of sewage into the Exploits River.
3	Dehumidifiers (two) for the Pat O'Reilly Memorial Community Centre.		\$35,000		35,000	Reduction of energy use.
4	Installation of Manhole inflow protectors.		15,000		15,000	Protection of sewer/storm drainage system infrastructure.
5	Fallsview Municipal Park Renovations			12,000	12,000	Installation of energy efficient street lights and the reconstruction of a road near the Exploits River.
6	Electrical upgrades at the Pat O'Reilly Memorial Community Centre			13,000	13,000	Electrical capacity of Pat O'Reilly Memorial Community Centre is improved for life and safety reasons.
5	Street re-construction (Hobbs Park)			\$192,000	\$192,000	Prevention of erosion; construction of storm drainage infrastructure; road construction.

Yeas: 4 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, and Councillor B. Saunders.

Nays: 1 - Councillor H. Sutton

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Councillor H. Sutton noted the reasons for his objection for the record. He stated that Council was informed that the renovations to the Fallsview Municipal Park would be done on a voluntary basis, and there would be no charges to the Town or Centennial Committee. Moreover, Council decided that it could not complete these renovations for financial reasons, and if they were to occur it would have to be done through in-kind contributions or government grants. As for the stadium, the Town Manager notified the Committee that the Town could not afford to complete the electrical upgrades, but this was done anyway. Councillor H. Sutton believed these expenses should not be passed on to the taxpayers when Council already decided against them.

Item 7: Botwood Day Celebrations Invitation

The Deputy Mayor and Councillors indicated that they are unable to attend the Botwood Day Celebrations on August 3, 2009 because of other commitments.

Item 8: Alternant Returning Officer

Motion 349/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

That Vicki Greene shall be appointed as the Alternant Returning Officer for the upcoming municipal elections.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Item 9: Appointment of the Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2009

Motion 350/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor D. Tremblett

That Council appoints Ms. Lori Mercer, Chartered Accountant, as the Town's auditor for the fiscal year 2009.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

Item 10: Adjournment

Motion 351/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

To adjourn Public Meeting 1247.

Yeas: 5 – Deputy Mayor J. Budgell, Councillor D. Tremblett, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor B. Saunders, and Councillor H. Sutton.

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Deputy Mayor J. Budgell

Randy Drover, Town Clerk