

Town of Bishop's Falls
Public Council Meeting No. 1235
January 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers

Minutes

Mayor J. Fancey called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm on January 20, 2009 and presided with the following Councillors and staff in attendance:

Councillor H. Sutton
Councillor B. Saunders
Councillor A. Hynes
Councillor N. Stewart

Mr. Gary Drover, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Randy Drover, Town Clerk

Deputy Mayor J. Budgell and Councillor D. Tremblett were absent with regrets.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 001/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor N. Stewart

To adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 2: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1233

Motion 002/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor A. Hynes

To adopt the minutes for Public Council Meeting no. 1233 as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 3: Adoption of Minutes for Privileged Council Meeting Dec 15, 2008

Motion 003/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor A. Hynes

To adopt the minutes for Privileged Council Meeting December 15, 2008 as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Motion 004/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas the Town of Bishop's Falls is currently in the process of implementing a community wide sewage treatment system; and whereas this project will be completed in three phases; and whereas phase one was estimated to cost \$700,000, but the Infiltration Detection and Sewage Repairs study found that an additional \$600,000 is necessary to complete essential infrastructure work; and whereas this additional \$600,000 will result in savings over the remainder of the project; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall apply for an additional \$600,000 from the Department of Municipal Affairs as recommended by the Town's engineering firm.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 4: Adoption of Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 1234

Motion 005/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor A. Hynes

To adopt the minutes for Public Council Meeting no. 1234 as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 5: Public Works Standing Committee Meeting No. 265 (Jan 7, 2009)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor A. Hynes, Acting Chairperson of the Public Works Standing Committee, presented the following report:

“First of all, Madame Mayor, I would like to wish my fellow Councillors and the residents of Bishop’s Falls a happy and prosperous New Year. I should also say that I present this report on behalf of the Chairperson, Councillor Sutton, who was absent from the meeting because of other engagements. The Public Works Standing Committee held a meeting on January 7, 2009 and for the most part it addressed routine matters (i.e. permit applications, general correspondence, etc). We continue to work on the possibility of rezoning the land located behind Kinsmen Drive, and hopefully the Committee will be prepared to make a recommendation in the near future. Madame Mayor, I now submit this report for Council’s consideration.”

Motion 006/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor N. Stewart

To accept the report for Public Works Standing Committee no. 265 as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Motion 007/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor H. Sutton

That the following development applications be approved for permit:

Applicant	Construction Type
Paul Sheppard (Grenfell Heights Extension)	Dwelling (35' x 48')

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 008/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor B. Saunders

To accept the Bacteriological Water Analysis Reports from the Department of Government Services for December 1 and 10, 2008.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 009/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor H. Sutton

Whereas in 2008 Council agreed to plow Market Road, at the request of a business owner, to allow access to the buildings in the area; and whereas Council agreed to this measure to assist the business during its final months of operation; and whereas Council does not believe Town equipment should be used to continue plowing Market Road because it is private property; therefore, be it resolved that effective January 20, 2009 the Town of Bishop's Falls shall no longer be responsible for the plowing of Market Road. For the purpose of this motion, plow or plowing refers to the removal of snow.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 010/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas a child with a hearing disability lives in the central area of the community and close to the main road; and whereas Council desires to take all precautions to ensure the safety of the child; therefore, be it resolved that a ‘Deaf Child at Play’ sign be placed on the right passing Glen’s Ultramar in an easterly direction and on the right passing Value Foods in a westerly direction.

DISCUSSION

Amendment – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor A. Hynes

To change the motion to read as follows:

“Whereas a child with a hearing disability lives in the central area of the community and close to the main road; *and whereas the child’s parent asked Council to consider erecting ‘Deaf Child at Play’ signs in the area;* and whereas Council desires to take all precautions to ensure the safety of the child; therefore, be it resolved that a ‘Deaf Child at Play’ sign be placed on the right passing Glen’s Ultramar in an easterly direction and on the right passing Value Foods in a westerly direction.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Amendment Carried

With no further discussion, Mayor J. Fancey called for a vote on motion 010/2009 as amendment.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 6: Recreation Standing Committee Meeting No. 207 (Jan 7, 2009)

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Councillor A. Hynes, Chairperson of the Recreation Standing Committee, presented the following report:

“Madame Mayor, the Recreation Standing Committee held a meeting on January 7, 2009, and it was during this time that it reviewed applications under the General Skating Attendant and Stadium Signage Programs. I am pleased to state that the Fallsview Figure Skating Club was awarded both Programs, and we have recently finalized the terms of the Partnership Agreements that will be presented later tonight. I would like to thank Ms. Diana Tatic, President of Fallsview Figure Skating Club, for working with the Town on these initiatives. On another note, the Committee is actively working on the Recreation Infrastructure Investment Plan, and we are now in the process of soliciting quotes from various contractors. We anticipate that the Plan will be ready for Council’s review in the coming weeks. Madame Mayor, I now submit this report for Council’s consideration.”

Motion 011/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor N. Stewart

To accept the report for Recreation Standing Committee meeting no. 207 as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 7: Finance Standing Committee Meeting No. 459 (Jan 8, 2009)

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Councillor H. Sutton, acting on behalf of Mayor J. Fancey, Chairperson of the Finance Standing Committee, presented the following report:

“I respectfully present this report on behalf of Mayor Fancey who serves as Chairperson of the Finance Standing Committee. During this meeting the Committee finalized an Accounts Payable Policy that will be presented to Council later in the meeting. In short, the Policy sets forth clear direction for Town staff as it concerns routine and non-routine expenditures. We have also initiated discussions with Mr. Trevor Davis regarding the transfer of the Newfoundland Strongman Competition. Both parties are now negotiating the terms of the transfer, and once finalized it will come to Council for approval. Moreover, the Strongman ACOA Agreement expires at the end of this month, and we have recently engaged a firm to design the Competition’s website. This is one of our final deliverables under the Agreement. Madame Mayor, I now submit this report for Council’s consideration.”

Motion 012/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor N. Stewart

To adopt the report for Finance Standing Committee meeting no. 459 as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Motion 013/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor N. Stewart

That the AP Transactions Journal as of January 8, 2009, totalling \$214,739.56, be approved for payment as presented (attached as appendix A).

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 014/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas a resident requested a refund of real property taxes in the amount of \$400 because he/she purchased the real property part way into the 2008 fiscal year; and whereas section 112 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* enables Council to impose an annual property tax "... on the owners of real property in the municipality"; and whereas it has been Council's practice to impose property tax on the owners of real property regardless of when the real property was acquired in any given fiscal year; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall not refund the resident his/her 2008 real property tax as requested.

DISCUSSION

Councillor N. Stewart asked whether the property in question was previously owned, or is it a new development. The Mayor responded by saying it was a newly developed lot. With no further discussion Her Worship called for a vote.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 015/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

To adopt Status Report No. 5 for the Infiltration Detection and Sewer Repairs Project as prepared by Design Management Group.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 016/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas the Town of Bishop's Falls is in the process of implementing a community wide sewage treatment system; and whereas certain projects are underway that requires the timely payment of invoices; and whereas the Town has not yet secured a loan for its 20% of the projects; therefore, be it resolved that;

1. That \$2,260, as described in Payment Certificate No. 2 from Design Management Group, is approved for payment to W. Reid Construction; and
2. Council shall provide bridge financing of 20% to ensure a full payment is made until a loan is secured.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 017/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor A. Hynes

Whereas a player on the Central AAA Peewee IcePak Team requested a sponsorship; and whereas Council has sponsored players in the past that was generally limited to \$100; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall sponsor the player for a total sum of \$100.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 018/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is a national voice of all municipalities in Canada; and whereas the FCM lobbies the Government of Canada for changes that benefit all municipalities; and whereas the annual membership fee is \$499.68, inclusive of taxes; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall become a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the fiscal year 2009.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 019/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor N. Stewart

Whereas the Finance Standing Committee has prepared an Accounts Payable Policy that captures the current practice of Council as it concerns the payment of invoices; and whereas such a Policy is necessary to ensure the proper administration of the Town's financial obligations; therefore, be it resolved that Council adopt the Town of Bishop's Falls *Accounts Payable Policy*, as presented, effective January 20, 2009 (attached as appendix B).

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 020/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas on December 1, 2008 a resident requested that Council waive the water tax that has been imposed upon his/her vacant real property; and whereas the resident is being charged water tax because the real property is capable of being serviced as per section 130 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* and motion 167/2007 of the Bishop's Falls Town Council; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall not waive the water tax imposed upon the resident's real property as requested.

DISCUSSION

Councillor H. Sutton asked if other municipalities in the Province implemented such a policy. Mayor J. Fancey stated that the *Municipalities Act, 1999* does not provide Council with any discretionary power in this circumstance because it says 'shall' and not 'may'. With no further discussion Her Worship called for a vote.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Item 8: New Business

DOMESTIC MILL LICENCE APPLICATION – REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL

Motion 021/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas a resident requested Council's approval to operate a domestic mill on his/her property on Hampton's Hill; and whereas Domestic Mill Licences are issued by the Department of Natural Resources; and whereas Council does not have a problem with the resident operating a domestic mill on his/her property on Hampton's Hill subject to the conditions outlined in this motion; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall approve the resident's Domestic Mill Licence Application subject to the following conditions;

1. The domestic mill is operated between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm;
2. In the event a complaint is received about the noise generated by the domestic mill, the resident will take all necessary steps to remediate the noise problem to the satisfaction of Council; and
3. The resident does not permit an accumulation of waste material as a result of operating the domestic mill.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

NAMING OF REID'S SUBDIVISION

Motion 022/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor N. Stewart

Whereas W. Reid Construction selected 'Centennial Drive' as the name of Reid's Subdivision; and whereas W. Reid Constructed requested Council's approval of 'Centennial Drive' on December 16, 2008; and whereas Council believes 'Centennial Drive' is a creative and appropriate name for the subdivision; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall approve the name of 'Centennial Drive' for Reid's Subdivision.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

STANDING COMMITTEES STRUCTURE

Motion 023 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas the Bishop's Falls Town Council currently has seven Standing Committees, namely Finance, Public Works, Public Safety, Community Development, Civic Affairs, Recreation, and Labour Relations; and whereas some of these committees have very similar mandates; and whereas Town business can be dealt with more efficiently with less Standing Committees; therefore, be it resolved that effective January 20, 2009;

1. The Finance Standing Committee, Labour Relations Standing Committee, and Community Development Standing Committee shall merge under one Standing Committee named Governance;
2. The Public Safety Standing Committee and Civic Affairs Standing Committee shall merge under one Standing Committee named Community Relations; and
3. The Terms of References for the Governance Standing Committee, Community Relations Standing Committee, Recreation Standing Committee, and Public Works Standing Committee are adopted, as presented.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

STATEMENT: JUDGING RESULTS FOR THE 2008 CHRISTMAS LIGHT-UP CONTEST

Councillor H. Sutton, Judge for the 2008 Christmas Light-up Contest, made the following statement concerning the winners of this year’s competition:

“Madame Mayor, it is my pleasure to announce the results of the 2008 Annual Christmas Light-up Contest. There were many homes decorated this year, and clearly the residents of this community have great Christmas spirit. Without further ado, the first place winner this year was Mr. Jack Ellis, second place went to Mr. Ron Lahey, and third was awarded to Mr. Lloyd Reid. Congratulations to all winners. Madame Mayor, I would like to thank Council for the opportunity to serve as this year’s Judge.”

Motion 024/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor A. Hynes

To adopt the statement presented by Councillor H. Sutton concerning the results for the 2008 Christmas Light-up Contest.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

REPORT: FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS

Councillor N. Stewart, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, presented the following report concerning the election results of the Fire Department:

“Madame Mayor, as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee I facilitated the recent election of officers for the Bishop’s Falls Fire Department. The results of the election are as follows:

Chief	Gary Harnum
Senior Assistant Chief	Joe O’Reilly
Junior Assistant Chief	Ed Osbourne
Senior Captain	Freeman Green
Junior Captain	Brian King
Senior Lieutenant	Dan Oldford
Junior Lieutenant	Don Voitier
Secretary	Tracey Fancey
Treasurer	Steve Glavine

Madame Mayor, I now present this report for Council's consideration."

Motion 025/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor B. Saunders

To adopt the report for the 2008 Bishop's Falls Fire Department election results as presented by Councillor N. Stewart.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

OFFICAL TOWN CRIER

Motion 026/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor N. Stewart

Whereas the Town Crier is an official position of the municipality that is responsible for the announcement of proclamations; and whereas Her Worship, Mayor J. Fancey believes Mr. Phillip Lingard, being a resident of the Town of Bishop's Falls, is an excellent choice for this position; therefore, be it resolved that Council, upon and with the advice of Her Worship, Mayor J. Fancey, appoint Mr. Phillip Lingard as the Town Crier for the Town of Bishop's Falls until December 31, 2011.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Her Worship proceeded to formally acknowledge Mr. Lingard, who was in attendance, by presenting him with the official Town Crier Bell.

AMENDMENT TO CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Motion 027/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor N. Stewart

Whereas section 2.1 of the Bishop's Falls 2009 Centennial Celebrations Committee Terms of References states that "Council shall appoint two (2) individuals to act as Co-Chairs of the Committee. One Co-Chair shall be a resident of Bishop's Falls, the other the Mayor or Deputy Mayor"; and whereas the term of office for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor expires in

September 2009; and whereas the Deputy Mayor currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Centennial Committee; therefore, be it resolved that section 2.1 of the Bishop's Falls 2009 Centennial Celebrations Committee Terms of Reference shall be amended to read as follows: "Council shall appoint two (2) individuals, who are residents of Bishop's Falls, to act as Co-Chairs of the Committee".

DISCUSSION

Mayor J. Fancey noted that with this change Council will need to appoint a liaison to the Centennial Committee after September 2009, provided the Deputy Mayor chooses not to seek a second mandate. With no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

ACTING TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENTS

Motion 028/2009 – Councillor H. Sutton/Councillor B. Saunders

Whereas the previous Town Clerk/Manger resigned her office on July 18, 2008; and whereas Council did not hire a Town Clerk until October 16, 2008; and whereas during this period Ms. Linda Snow and Ms. Vicki Greene clerked meetings of Standing Committees and Council; and whereas Council did not formally appoint Ms. Snow or Ms. Greene as Acting Town Clerk, but nonetheless acknowledged them as Acting Town Clerk during Standing Committee and Council meetings; therefore, be it resolved that Council formally appoints Ms. Linda Snow and Ms. Vicki Greene as Acting Town Clerk for the period between July 19, 2008 and October 15, 2008.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

TOWN TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Motion 029/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor H. Sutton

Whereas the Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the financial management of the Town of Bishop's Falls; and whereas section 63 (b) of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* states that Council may appoint a Treasurer; and whereas section 64 (4) of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* states that "The treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the town..."; and whereas section 76 (2) provides the Treasurer with countersigning authority for cheques or orders withdrawing money from the Town's bank account; and whereas the Chief Administrative Officer is a countersigning authority for the latter purpose; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall appoint the Chief Administrative Officer as Town Treasurer with the powers and responsibilities outlined in the *Municipalities Act, 1999*.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

BISHOP'S FALLS LIONS CLUB ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL ADVERTISING REQUEST

Motion 030/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor H. Sutton

Whereas the Bishop's Falls Lions Club is holding its 25th Annual Winter Carnival from February 19 to March 1, 2009; and whereas the Lions Club is printing an anniversary commemorative booklet to celebrate the Town's Centennial Celebrations; and whereas the Lions Club is soliciting advertisements in the booklet; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall purchase a full page advertisement in the booklet at a cost of \$100.00.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC SKATING ATTENDANT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Motion 031/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor N. Stewart

Whereas the Recreation Standing Committee awarded the Public Skating Attending partnership to the Fallsview Figuring Skating Club; and whereas both parties reached an

agreement concerning the partnership; therefore, be it resolved that Council approves the Public Skating Attendant Partnership Agreement, as presented, and authorizes Mayor Jody Fancey to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Bishop's Falls (attached as appendix C).

DISCUSSION

Councillor H. Sutton asked for an update on the Agreement, and wondered if any changes were made. Councillor A. Hynes and Councillor N. Stewart summarized some of the changes (i.e. joint verification of participants, dispute mechanism, etc), noting that the revised Agreement was distributed to Council earlier in the day by email. With no further discussion, Her Worship called for a vote.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

STADIUM SIGNAGE PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Motion 032/2009 – Councillor A. Hynes/Councillor N. Stewart

Whereas the Recreation Standing Committee awarded the Stadium Signage Program partnership to the Fallsview Figuring Skating Club; and whereas both parties reached an agreement concerning the partnership; therefore, be it resolved that Council approves the Stadium Signage Partnership Agreement, as presented, and authorizes Mayor Jody Fancey to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Bishop's Falls (attached as appendix D).

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

EXPLOITS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Mayor J. Fancey explained that the Chamber will be holding its Annual Exploits Business Excellence Awards on January 22, 2009, and the Town is being asked to sponsor the event. While the Chamber is requesting \$500, the sponsorship can be higher or lower. Her Worship then asked the Councillors to consider putting a motion to the floor.

Motion 033/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor A. Hynes

That the Town sponsors the Annual Exploits Business Awards for a total sum of \$250.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor stated that \$250 is reasonable, considering the Town hosts its own awards program each year. With no further discussion, Mayor J. Fancey called for a vote.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed: Councillor H. Sutton

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

Motion 034/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor B. Saunders

That the Town purchase two tickets for the Mayor and a Councillor to attend the Annual Exploits Business Awards dinner on January 22, 2009.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton, and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed:

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

ADVERTISING SIGN (TOWN HALL)

Motion 035/2009 – Councillor B. Saunders/Councillor H. Sutton

Whereas the Town of Bishop's Falls desires to increase the level of community awareness concerning certain events and activities; and whereas one of the means this can be achieved is through a large community bulletin board (mobile sign) located in front of the Town Hall; therefore, be it resolved that Council shall approve an expenditure up to \$1,500 to purchase or rent a mobile sign, to be placed in front of the Town Hall, to advertise various community events and activities.

Discussion

Councillor N. Stewart questioned why the Town would consider renting the mobile sign if one could be purchased. The CAO responded by saying the approximate cost of rental is \$200 per month, and he can purchase one for roughly \$1,300. The motion provides both

options, but obviously purchasing is most feasible. Councillor B. Saunders called for the question.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton, and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed:

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

MAYOR' STATEMENT: STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS

Her Worship made the following statement concerning the Standing Committees Chairpersons and members.

“Over these past few days I have attempted to incorporate, to the extent possible, the interests of Councillors when selecting the Chairpersons and members of our new Standing Committees. These Committees will, it is hoped, make the business of governing this Town more efficient, thereby enabling us to accomplish our collective goals and objectives as we move closer to the end of our mandate.

Governance

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Governance Standing Committee Terms of Reference, I hereby appoint Councillor Doreen Tremblett as Chairperson effective January 20, 2009. Councillor Tremblett has displayed exceptional leadership qualities as a Councillor, and has often served as Acting Chairperson of the former Finance Standing Committee in my absence. She will bring a sense of professionalism and enthusiasm to this new and demanding role.

In accordance with section 2.0 of the same Terms of Reference, I hereby appoint the following Councillors to the Governance Standing Committee: Councillor Barry Saunders and Mayor Jody Fancey. Councillor Saunders has been on Council for many years, and will continue to bring his vast experience and knowledge to the table. As Mayor, I believe it is essential that I sit as a member of the Governance Standing Committee to ensure our strategic direction is maintained. The alternant member will be Councillor Anita Hynes.

Community Relations

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Community Relations Standing Committee Terms of Reference, I hereby appoint Councillor Anita Hynes as Chairperson effective January 20, 2009. Councillor Hynes is a community leader in every sense who has dedicated a great deal of her time to various organizations, events and activities. She

understands the significant role that residents play in the governance of their community, and I have no doubt she will serve as an excellent Chairperson and will represent Council well.

In accordance with section 2.0 of the same Terms of Reference, I hereby appoint the following Councillors to the Governance Standing Committee: Councillor Tremblett and Deputy Mayor Jose Budgell. I am confident that both of these individuals, drawing from a vast amount of experience and under the leadership of Councillor Hynes, will ensure the safety and best interest of our community is foremost in the mind of Council. The alternant member shall be Councillor Saunders.

Public Works

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Public Works Standing Committee Terms of Reference, I hereby reappoint Councillor Hubert Sutton as Chairperson effective January 20, 2009. Councillor Sutton has served as Chairperson of the Public Works Standing Committee for the past few months, and he has demonstrated strong leadership skills as we make our way through several capital works projects, including sewer treatment. Councillor Sutton has also managed to balance the interest of the community against the interest of the individual, and I am confident he will continue to serve this Town well as Chairperson of the Public Works Standing Committee.

The members of the Public Works Standing Committee, as per section 2.0 of its Terms of Reference, shall be Councillor Saunders and Councillor Stewart. Both of these Councillors have sat as members of the Committee in the past, and possess a great understanding of the complex issues that are often brought to the table. Together, this Committee will guide the Town through several much awaited capital works projects. The alternant member shall be Councillor Tremblett.

Recreation

Last, but not least, is the Recreation Standing Committee, and in accordance with section 4.1 of its Terms of Reference I hereby appoint Councillor Nancy Stewart as Chairperson effective January 20, 2009. Councillor Stewart has a great passion for recreation and healthy living, and her background as a health professional will add value to our various recreation programs and services. Councillor Stewart served as Chairperson of the Recreation Standing Committee early in our mandate, and her experience and knowledge will once again help carve Council's recreation policies.

Of all the departments of our Town, recreation has the least resources from a management perspective. The Recreation Standing Committee, therefore, plays a large role in developing policies and implementing strategic direction. I can think of no other individuals who can provide the experience and knowledge necessary for this Committee, and in accordance with section 2.0 of the Committee's Terms of

Reference, I hereby appoint Councillor Hynes and Councillor Sutton as members. The alternant shall be Deputy Mayor Jose Budgell.

We have much to accomplish over these next few months, and these Committees will help facilitate that work. On a personal note, I want to express my appreciation for your cooperation as we pilot this new model of Standing Committees. We have managed to condense seven committees into four, and it is our collective intentions to create an efficient and effective governance model to ensure an easy transition in September 2009. Your cooperation, guidance, and understanding have been, and remains much appreciated.

I look forward to the remaining months of our mandate.”

Motion 036/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor B. Saunders

To adopt the statement presented by Mayor J. Fancey concerning Standing Committee Chairpersons and members.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton, and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed:

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 037/2009 – Councillor N. Stewart/Councillor B. Saunders

To adjourn Public Meeting no. 1235.

In Favour: Mayor J. Fancey, Councillor B. Saunders, Councillor A. Hynes, Councillor H. Sutton, and Councillor N. Stewart.

Opposed:

Abstained: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Jody Fancey, Mayor

Randy Drover, Town Clerk