

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF BEISEKER HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003
AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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PRESENT

MAYOR	Dave Fegan
COUNCILLOR	Len Priestman
COUNCILLOR	Bruce Rowe
COUNCILLOR	Herman Witt
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ruth Copeland-Brunelle
PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN	Dale Wells
DELEGATIONS	Tamala Peters, By-Law Enforcement Officer

ABSENT

DEPUTY MAYOR	Ray Courtman
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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fegan called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Witt moved adoption of the Agenda with the following additions:

ITEM 11 – IN CAMERA ITEMS

11(2) Correspondence from Gowling Lafleur Henderson, LLP re the Beiseker Airport.
CARRIED UNAN.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Councillor Rowe moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 13, 2003.
CARRIED UNAN.

DELEGATIONS

Tamala Peters, By-Law Enforcement Officer Mayor Fegan welcomed Ms. Peters to the meeting. Mayor Fegan indicated that there are some instances of bylaw infractions that must go to Court in order to make it clear to the public that our bylaws will be enforced. The Administrator presented Council and Ms. Peters with a letter provided by Deputy Mayor Courtman since he was absent from the meeting, outlining his position on by-law enforcement. In his letter, Deputy Mayor Courtman stated that:

“I believe that bylaw enforcement must focus on the spirit of the bylaws rather than the letter of those bylaws. If every infraction, even the smallest, is enforced to the letter of the bylaw, public confidence and cooperation is soon lost. Enforcement officers must use their discretion and judgement on each complaint and avoid ‘nit picking’. The loss of public support would make bylaw enforcement difficult for all of us.”

Councillor Witt advised Ms. Peters that she has his full and complete support in the execution of her duties as Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Councillor Rowe echoed Councillor Witt’s comments and added that there are a number of situations in the community that have gone on and on with no resolution and these matters need to be dealt with accordingly.

Ms. Peters advised Council that she has been doing bylaw enforcement since 1996. She is also the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Villages of Carbon, Linden, Munson and now Acme and Irricana. Ms. Peters suggested Council should review some of the fines especially for second and third offences. She also suggested that Council should amend the Dog Bylaw in relation to the payment date for dog licences from January 2nd in each year to January 31st each year. She also suggested that licence fees be doubled if not purchased until after January 31st in each year. This would then provide an incentive to residents to obtain their licences before the January 31st deadline. Ms. Peters advised Council that she generally has a three strike rule when it comes to bylaw enforcement.

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She will firstly discuss an infraction with a resident to make them aware of the bylaws. If the resident offends a second time, a warning is given. If there is a third offence the resident would then be ticketed. The only instance in which she would deviate from this procedure was if the resident was not at home at the time of the first offence or if it involved a dog bite.

Ms. Peters advised Council that she will be providing 2 monthly reports, a detailed report for the Administrator and a summary report for Council. Ms. Peters also advised Council that our first Court date has been set for February 4, 2003 for a Dangerous Dog Hearing. All Court appearances are in Drumheller on the first Wednesday of every month.

The Administrator advised Council that for the purposes of prosecuting bylaw violations in Provincial Court, Ms. Peters retains the services of Collin Kloot of the law firm of Ross, Todd & Company and she would like, if Council is in agreement, to use Mr. Kloot for all Village of Beiseker bylaw enforcement matters.

Res. #2003-03

Mayor Fegan moved that the Village of Beiseker retain the legal services of Collin Kloot of the law firm of Ross, Todd & Company for the purposes of prosecuting bylaw enforcement matters in Provincial Court. CARRIED UNAN.

Ms. Tamala Peters then took the Official Oath for the office of By-Law Enforcement Officer.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CBD Land Use
By-Law Amendment

The Administrator advised Council that she had discussed with our Planning Advisor, Karl Nemeth, the possibility of amending our Land Use By-Law to permit dwelling accommodation on the second story of a commercial or retail building without the requirement that the residents be the owner/occupier of the business. Mr. Nemeth advised that many communities now allow this type of mixed development and that it would be quite simple to make such an amendment to our Land Use By-Law. Council instructed the Administrator to have our Planning Advisor take the necessary steps to amend the CBD provisions of the Land Use By-Law.

PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

Tom Cat

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that a new broom assembly was purchased and installed on the Tomcat.

Snow Removal

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that Public Works staff removed snow as and when required.

Water Break

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that a water valve was leaking and repaired at the corner of 4th Avenue and 7th Street.

Servicing

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that the trash pumps and emergency generator have been serviced.

Water and Sewer
Services for 817 – 1st

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that he had been contacted by the owner of the property at 817 – 1st Avenue in regard to servicing the property with water and sewer. The Foreman advised the property owner that the Village did not have the equipment to install these services in the winter months, therefore the property owner will be responsible for hiring the appropriate equipment. It is the intention to run the water and sewer services down the alley to connect to the mains on 7th Street.

Centennial Building
Furnace

Councillor Priestman declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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The Public Works Foreman presented Council with two (2) quotes for the replacement of the furnace at the Centennial Building, one from Coast to Coast Mechanical and the other from MJM Sheet Metal (1984) Ltd.

Res. #2003-04

Councillor Witt moved to accept the quote of Coast to Coast Mechanical Contractors Ltd. to replace the furnace in the Centennial Building. CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Councillor Witt moved to approve the accounts cheque #3829 to #3869 in the amount of \$25,227.64. CARRIED

3829 & 3830		
3832 - 3839	Payroll Cheques	5,114.44
3831	Fremar Enterprises	180.00
3840	Alberta Permit Pro	3,262.01
3841	Alberta Water & Wastewater Association	240.75
3842	All-Can Medical	48.00
3843	Ascom Canada TMS	300.00
3844	AUMA Member Services	2,380.90
3845	Beiseker Automotive	410.55
3846	Canadian Waste Services Inc.	238.26
3847	Cleartech Industries Inc.	699.91
3848	Ruth Copeland	177.64
3849	Ray Courtman	773.48
3850	Done Deal Deliveries	64.20
3851	Family and Community Support Services	120.00
3852	Dave Fegan	157.84
3853	Greyhound Courier Express	16.68
3854	Health Education Inc.	300.00
3855	Laser Recharging Systems Inc.	401.23
3856	Local Government Administration	716.90
3857	Marigold Library System	3,681.00
3858	Minolta Business Equipment	61.64
3859	Mountainview Credit Union Ltd.	3,204.56
3860	Mountainview Credit Union Ltd.	807.61
3861	Mountainview Credit Union Ltd.	233.15
3862	Mountainview Credit Union Ltd.	246.67
3863	Municipal Information Systems Inc.	320.37
3864	R&R Inn and Suites	134.34
3865	Recall	32.21
3866	Redline Service Ltd.	41.48
3867	Sprouse Fire & Safety (1996) Corp.	708.88
3868	Village of Acme	62.94
3869	Herman Witt	90.00

Councillor Priestman returned to the meeting @ 8:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Rowe
Police Services

Councillor Rowe advised Council that he recently read an article in the Calgary Herald in regard to a proposed motion of the Three Hills Council to withhold their payments to the Provincial Government for police services. The Town of Three Hills contends that all municipalities should be paying for policing costs including those with populations under 2,500. The Town of Three Hills is seeking support from other "like-minded" municipalities.

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Economic
Development
Committee

Councillor Rowe advised Council that he attended a meeting of the Economic Development Committee on January 20, 2003. Plans were presented to the committee for the tourist booth area. There was some discussion regarding washrooms at the site but it was felt that the washroom facilities in the Village Office would be sufficient.

Councillor Rowe advised Council that the committee has some concerns with regard to the state of the Compak Filter property and how this will impact the committee's efforts with the Communities in Bloom project. Council instructed the Administrator to send a letter to Compak Filter Services expressing our concerns regarding the current state of the property and that it is the Village's intention to contact Alberta Environment in the near future. It was also noted that some of flower boxes for main street will need to be repaired. The committee has received some donations for the Communities in Bloom project under their sponsorship program.

Councillor Rowe advised Council that the Economic Development Committee is looking at replacing at least one of the "Welcome to Beiseker" signs this year. Councillor Rowe presented Council with an artist's concept for the new proposed sign which was well received by all Council members. There were two quotes for the signs, one for a flat sign at \$1,450.00 or a raised lettering sign for \$2,338.00.

Councillor Rowe advised Council that the Economic Development Committee held their annual Business Appreciation Wine and Cheese on January 25, 2003 at the Community Hall. The Library Board did an excellent job of catering.

Railway Museum

Councillor Rowe advised Council that he felt that Council should have a representative attending any meetings of the Railway Museum Society. In this way, Council could then be kept up to date on the activities and progress for the railway museum. The Administrator was asked to contact Randy Hellier of the Alberta 2005 Centennial Railway Museum to find out when the society holds their meetings.

Priestman
M.D. of Rockyview
Community Profile

Councillor Priestman advised Council that he recently attended a meeting at the M.D. of Rockyview offices in Calgary and obtained a copy of the M.D. of Rockyview's Community Profile which he presented to Council. It was suggested that a copy of this Community Profile be left in the Village Office for future reference.

Fegan
Cosway Adjacent
Landowners Assoc.

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he had received an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Cosway Adjacent Landowners Association on Tuesday, January 28th, 2003. Mayor Fegan advised Council that he was planning to attend this meeting.

Community Initiatives
Program

Mayor Fegan advised Council that Carol Haley's office had contacted him regarding the Community Initiatives Program noting that the Village of Beiseker had not made any application for funding. There is approximately \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 of grant funding available. The deadline for applications is March 30, 2003. The Administrator advised Council that the Fire Department was making an application for funding to go towards the purchase of "Jaws of Life".

Kneehill Regional
Water Committee

Mayor Fegan advised Council that the next meeting of the Kneehill Regional Water Committee is scheduled for February 6, 2003 at 7 p.m. in Acme. Deputy Mayor Courtman will be attending that meeting in the Mayor's absence.

Urban/Rural Cost
Sharing Survey

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he did provide AUMA with a response to their Urban/Rural Cost Sharing Survey.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2002 Audit

The Administrator advised Council that on January 23, 2003 she had an initial meeting with our new auditors to review the working papers for the 2002 audit. The auditors will be coming back to the office on February 11th, February 12th and February 13th to complete the audit process.

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CORRESPONDENCE

AUMA	AUMA December 20, 2002 Notes to Council.	FILED
AUMA	AUMA Notice re Small Communities Workshop Summary.	FILED
Urban Systems	E-Mail from Jason Finner of Urban Systems re SHIP Grant.	FILED
	Council asked that this item be put on the Agenda for the next Joint Villages Council Meeting.	
AUMA	AUMA Media Release re GHG Reduction Trust.	FILED
AAMD&C	AAMD&C January 15, 2003 Contact! Newsletter.	FILED
City of Airdrie	City of Airdrie re 2003 Ambulance requisition.	FILED
	The Administrator was asked to obtain from the City of Airdrie Emergency Services a cost breakdown to substantiate the per capita fee increase.	
Marigold Library System	Marigold Library System re "Freedom to Read Week."	FILED
Res. #2003-05	Councillor Rowe moved that Mayor Fegan declare the week of February 23 to March 1, 2003 as "Freedom to Read Week".	CARRIED UNAN.
Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Asso.	Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association re "Recycling" Workshop.	FILED
Linalta General Contractors	Linalta General Contractors re request for water and sewer services at 508 - 7 th Street (Crescent Drive).	FILED
	The Administrator was instructed to obtain cost estimates for this project from our engineers.	
Marigold Library System	Marigold Library System re 2003 Levy.	FILED
Emergency Management Alberta	Randy Tiller, Emergency Management Alberta re Emergency Preparedness Course.	FILED
	The Administrator was asked to register Councillor Rowe for this training session. The Administrator was also asked to contact Deputy Mayor Courtman to see if he would also be available to attend.	

BY-LAWS

By-Law #2003-03	A by-law of the Village of Beiseker to authorize the Village of Beiseker to take the necessary action to establish a Regional Water Services Commission..	
First Reading	Councillor Rowe moved first reading of By-Law #2003-03.	CARRIED UNAN.
Second Reading	Councillor Witt moved second reading of By-Law #2003-03.	CARRIED UNAN.
Permission for Third & Final Reading	Councillor Priestman moved permission for third and final reading of By-Law #2003-03.	CARRIED UNAN.

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Third &
Final Reading

Mayor Fegan moved third and final reading of By-Law #2003-03.

CARRIED UNAN.

IN CAMERA ITEMS

In Camera

Councillor Rowe moved that Council go *in camera* @ 10:07 p.m. to discuss:

1. Correspondence from Brownlee Fryett re RT Joint Venture Ltd.; and
2. Correspondence from Gowling Henderson, LLP re the Beiseker Airport.

CARRIED UNAN.

Reconvene

Mayor Fegan moved that Council reconvene from *in camera* @ 10:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNAN.

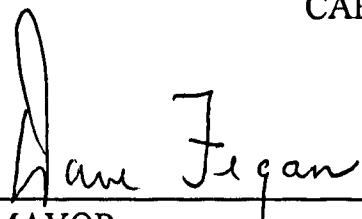
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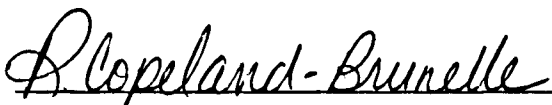
Mayor Fegan moved to table the correspondence from Gowling Henderson, LLP re the Beiseker Airport to the next Council Meeting when Deputy Mayor Courtman would be in attendance to provide some input into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Witt moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNAN.


MAYOR


MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

OFFICIAL OATH

I, TAMALA PETERS, do swear that I will diligently, faithfully and to the best of my ability, execute according to law, the office of BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER for the VILLAGE OF BEISEKER (Name of Municipality)

So help me God.

SWORN before me at the VILLAGE of BEISEKER in the Province of Alberta, this 27TH day of JANUARY A.D. ~~19~~ 2003

Ruth E. Copeland
A Justice of Peace, Notary Public or Commissioner etc.

Tamala Peters
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