

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF BEISEKER HELD MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003  
AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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**PRESENT**

MAYOR	Dave Fegan
DEPUTY MAYOR	Ray Courtman
COUNCILLOR	Len Priestman
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ruth Copeland-Brunelle
PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN	Dale Wells
DELEGATIONS	Doreen Rempel, Eric Egeland & Gord Robinson of MGV Energy Inc. Rollie Stroub, Campground Manager

**ABSENT**

COUNCILLOR	Bruce Rowe
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fegan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved adoption of the Agenda with the following additions:

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

#9-16 - Municipal Government Board re 2003 Linear Property Assessment Complaints.

#9-17 - AUMA re Telus Communications Linear Assessment Appeal.

#9-18 - E-Mail from Minister of Health and Wellness re West Nile Virus Response Plan.

#9-19 - Messrs. Brownlee Fryett re RT Joint Venture Ltd. (to be discussed *In Camera*)

CARRIED UNAN.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Mayor Fegan moved to adopt the minutes of the regular Meeting of Council held on April 14, 2003 with the following correction:

1. Page 5 under Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation, amend the sentence that reads "the Board is going to do a self-evaluation with the new Board members;" to read "the Board is going to do a self-evaluation of all the Board members" CARRIED UNAN.

**DELEGATIONS**

Doreen Rempel, Eric  
Egeland and Gord  
Robinson

Doreen Rempel advised Council that the purpose of their presentation was to communicate with the Village on MGV's proposed operations in this area.

Gord Robinson advised Council that MGV Energy Inc. is a Calgary based natural gas production company founded in 1997. MGV has been active in acquiring natural gas reserves and developing shallow gas reservoirs in southern Alberta. MGV is also a private Canadian Company which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Quicksilver Resources Inc. which is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. MGV has substantial land holdings in the Beiseker area where it is exploring for unconventional gas resources including coal bed methane. Coal bed methane is natural gas that is found in most coal seams with methane being the principal component of natural gas. Coal bed methane is

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a cost-effective and clean-burning fuel that has many applications such as home heating. Coal bed methane is produced by reducing the natural pressure within the coal seam to allow the gas to release from the coal and flow into a well then towards the surface where it is compressed and transported through natural gas pipelines.

Doreen Rempel further advised Council that approximately 120 wells have been drilled in the area down to Strathmore. MGV would now like to focus on the area north and west of Beiseker and start with 2 wells per section and in the future expanding that to 8 wells per section. A compressor station is being proposed at a location which is approximately 2 miles west of Beiseker. A copy of the Notification for the proposed compressor station was presented to Council for their review and consideration.

Rollie Stroub,  
Campground Manager

Rollie Stroub advised Council that he has been using the tourist information booth for storage and since this building is to be moved, he would like to purchase a 12 x 10 shed for a storage shed. Mr. Stroub advised Council that he had been quoted a price of \$800.00 for a shed of this size.

Res. #2003-33

Mayor Fegan moved that the campground manager be permitted to purchase a storage shed for the campground for a sum not to exceed \$1,000.00. The funds to purchase the storage shed to be transferred from the capital reserves account for the campground.

CARRIED UNAN.

**PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS**

Reservoir #2

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that a new chlorine pump was installed at Reservoir #2.

RoadWork

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that Public Works staff were in the process of filling potholes and sweeping the streets. Mayor Fegan noted to the Public Works Foreman that there were large potholes in the alley between the bank and Sears, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and the alley between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. Council recommended that some of these areas may need to be barricaded and closed until such time as the weather improves and the roads can dry out.

9<sup>th</sup> Street

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that the last block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street had been leveled and seeded.

Water Meters

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that Public Works staff read water meters.

Snow Removal

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that the Public Works staff were busy removing snow during and after the snowstorm on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Council expressed their thanks to the Public Works Foreman and his staff for a job well done in clearing the streets.

Res. #2003-34

Mayor Fegan moved to send a letter to the Fire Department thanking them for their assistance in opening the Community Hall to accommodate the stranded motorists during the April 26<sup>th</sup> snowstorm and to send a letter of thank you to Mike Richter and Rick McCarthy for coming to the aid of the Public Works staff to help clear the roads.

CARRIED UNAN.

Council took a short recess between 8:50 p.m. and 8:56 p.m.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Councillor Priestman moved to approve the accounts cheque #4111 to 4142 in the amount of \$16,028.46. CARRIED UNAN.

4111, 4112 &		
4114 to 4120	Payroll Cheques	5,020.57
4113	Fremar Enterprises	270.00

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4121	Access Medical	676.24
4122	Acklands-Grainger Inc.	29.43
4133	Atco Electric	30.00
4124	AUMA Member Services	2,371.01
4125	Beiseker Automotive	399.75
4126	Bob Anderson	100.00
4127	Ruth Copeland	136.64
4128	Dave Fegan	496.82
4129	Fremar Enterprises	173.46
4130	Hodge Handyman Services	120.00
4131	Monuments and More	80.25
4132	CANCELLED	00.00
4133	Telus Communications	832.37
4134	Atco Gas	166.55
4135	Municipal Information Systems Inc.	320.37
4136	Office Depot Canada	101.61
4137	Recall	48.26
4138	Strategic Security	321.00
4139	Dale Wells	139.05
4140	WFR Wholesale Fire & Rescue ltd.	1,515.61
4141	Murray Skog	31.33
4142	Mountainview Credit Union (Epcor)	2,648.14

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**Priestman**  
Lab Data Quality  
Assurance Program

Councillor Priestman advised Council that he is still attempting to contact Craig Reich at Alberta Environment to discuss the implementation of the Lab Data Quality Assurance Program for water testing.

Rocky View  
Foundation

Councillor Priestman advised Council that the Rocky View Foundation had their last meeting in Beiseker. The Board took a tour of the Beiseker Manor.

Joint Villages Council

Councillor Priestman advised Council that he would not be able to attend the Joint Villages Council meeting in Linden on April 30, 2003.

**Courtman**  
Community Hall

Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that he was disappointed by the dirty condition of the Community Hall when the Village opened the hall to house a number of stranded motorists. He noted that there were a number of pilot lights out on the stove and the grease trap for the grill had not been cleaned out in quite some time. The back door still needs to be repaired to prevent mice from entering the building and there appears to be a roof leak over the furnace room.

Airport

Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that the Beiseker Airport Operating Committee is holding a meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2003 to discuss future development at the airport, the summer maintenance schedule and temporary taxiway #3.

**Fegan**  
Kneehill Regional  
Water Committee

Mayor Fegan advised Council that the Kneehill Regional Water Committee is awaiting final ICAP approval and approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to establish the water commission. The committee is now looking at banking proposals for the project.

There are approximately 11 engineering firms that will be submitting proposals for the pre-design for the water pipeline. The technical committee of the Kneehill Regional Water Committee will be meeting on May 13, 2003 to review these proposals and prepare a short list for interviews. Interviews with the short listed engineering firms will be held on May 22, 2003.

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The next meeting of the water committee will be held on May 29, 2003.

AUMA Regional  
Seminar

Mayor Fegan advised Council that he attended an AUMA Regional Seminar in Red Deer on April 23, 2003. The seminar reviewed many of AUMA's ongoing initiatives such as:

- e-financial shared services;
- general insurance and benefits program;
- the Small Communities Task Force;
- the Urban/Rural Cost Sharing Task Force;
- Utilities;
- Municipal Energy Efficiency Trust; and
- Alberta Supernet.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

2003 Census

The Administrator advised Council that three (3) applications for census taker were received for this year's municipal census. From the applications that were received, Rhonda Coombe and Nancy Vance were chosen as the successful applicants. Mary Straub will be meeting with both Rhonda and Nancy in the near future to brief them on how the census is to be conducted and the procedures to be followed. The census must be completed by June 30, 2003. Mary Straub will be responsible for compiling the census information as collected by the census takers.

Kneehill Regional  
Water Committee

The Administrator advised Council that she was informed by Joanne Weller, CAO for the Village of Acme, that Alberta Municipal Affairs will not proceed with the formation of the water commission until such time as Council has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement, a copy of which was provided for Council's review. The Kneehill Water Services Committee requires a letter confirming that the Mayor and CAO have been authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to be forwarded to Alberta Municipal Affairs. The format for this letter was also provided to Council.

Res. #2003-35

Mayor Fegan moved that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Village of Beiseker between the Kneehill Regional Water Services Commission and the participating municipalities. CARRIED UNAN.

The Administrator advised Council that she had received a request from Urban Systems for the provision of a reference letter to be provided with their application for the pre-design of the water pipeline project.

Res. #2003-36

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved that the Village of Beiseker provide Urban Systems with a letter of reference which letter will only reference Village of Beiseker projects where Urban Systems has provided engineering services without any reference being made to the Kneehill water line project. CARRIED UNAN.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

AUMA

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Board of Directors Meeting Notes to Council  
FILED

EQUUS Consulting

A letter from Equus Consulting Group re Alberta's draft Water Strategy. FILED

Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that he would complete the Water for Life Survey.

Child and Family  
Services Authority

A letter from Region 3 Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority regarding new Board of Directors. FIELD

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Beiseker Chamber of Commerce	A letter from Beiseker Chamber of Commerce regarding 2003 Street Fair.	FILED
Res. #2003-37	Councillor Priestman moved to allow the Beiseker Chamber of Commerce to block off 6 <sup>th</sup> Street between the Mountainview Credit Union and Dell's Big Way Foods on June 7, 2003 for the Beiseker Chamber of Commerce Street Fair.	CARRIED UNAN
Marigold Library System	A letter from Marigold Library System regarding Notice of Annual General Meeting.	FILED
Tire Recycling Management Assoc.	A letter from the Tire Recycling Management Association of Alberta regarding Annual Report.	FILED
	Deputy Mayor Courtman advised Council that he would attend the Tire Recycling Management Association dinner on May 15, 2003.	
AAMD & C	The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties Newsletter Contact! dated April 16, 2003.	FILED
Alberta Community Development	Alberta Community Development regarding 2003 Municipal Recreational/Tourism Grant.	FILED
Village of Linden	A letter from the Village of Linden regarding April 20, 2003 Joint Council Meeting Agenda.	FILED
	Deputy Mayor Courtman and Councillor Priestman will be unable to attend. Mayor Fegan and the CAO will be in attendance.	
Alberta 2005 Centennial Railway Museum Society	A letter from the Alberta 2005 Centennial Railway Museum Society.	FILED
	The Administrator was requested to discuss these requests with the Public Works Foreman Dale Wells.	
AUMA	A letter from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the AUMA President's Summit	FILED
Minister of Municipal Affairs	A letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding 2003 Municipal Sponsorship Program.	FILED
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Res. #2003-38	Deputy Mayor Courtman moved that the Village of Beiseker apply for an enhanced grant for the completion of a Long Term Capital Plan under the 2003 Municipal Sponsorship Program and to include a component for the implementation of a "theme" for main street.	CARRIED UNAN
The Rockyview Foundation	A letter from the Rockyview Foundation regarding 2003 Requisition.	FILED
Municipal Government Board	A letter from the Municipal Government Board regarding 2003 Linear Property Assessment Complaints.	FILED
AUMA	A letter from the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding Telus Communications Linear Assessment Appeal.	FILED

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Res. #2003-39

Mayor Fegan moved the following resolution:

"It is resolved that the municipality of the Village of Beiseker considers it in the interests of the public of the municipality to intervene at the Municipal Government Board hearing of a complaint by Telus Communications Inc. regarding their 2002 Linear property assessment. The municipality of the Village of Beiseker hereby delegates to AUMA the authority to appear on behalf of the municipality and make representations on their behalf." CARRIED UNAN.

Minister of Health and  
and Wellness

An E-mail from the Minister of Health and Wellness regarding West Nile Virus Response Plan. FILED

**IN CAMERA ITEMS**

Deputy Mayor Courtman moved that Council go *in camera* @ 10:26 p.m. to discuss correspondence item #9-19 from Messrs. Brownlee Fryett re RT Joint Venture Ltd. CARRIED UNAN.

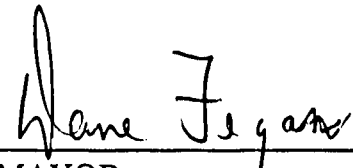
Councillor Priestman moved that Council reconvene from *in camera* @ 10:45 p.m. CARRIED UNAN.

Res. #2003-40

Mayor Fegan moved that the Village of Beiseker send a letter of the Urban Developers Association expressing our displeasure with Resland Development Inc. and RT Joint Ventures Inc. in the handling of their development projects in Beiseker. CARRIED UNAN.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fegan moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:48 p.m. CARRIED UNAN.

  
MAYOR

  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR