

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BEISEKER HELD MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

MAYOR:	Dave Fegan
DEPUTY MAYOR	Carol L'Abbee
COUNCILLOR	Ray Courtman (arrived at 8:58 P.M.)
COUNCILLOR	Fred Walters
COUNCILLOR	Len Priestman
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	Wendy Ramberg
PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN	Bill Clift
FIRE CHIEF	Roland Brunelle
RATEPAYER	Bill Turner
STERLING PRESS:	Jamie Dorim, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fegan called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Walters moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under Public works Items #3 Beiseker Health Care Clinic; #4 Crystal - Work boots; #5 Elm Trees; Accounts for Approval Replacement Sheet. CARRIED UNAN.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mayor Fegan moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Beiseker held Monday, March 8, 1999. CARRIED UNAN.

DELEGATIONS

Fire Dept.

Roland Brunelle, Fire Chief, came to Council representing the Beiseker Fire Department to discuss several concerns he had and also to give a report and an update to Council.

- The Rescue van is up and running. The engine has a one year warranty or 20,000 kilometers.

- The pumper had a new engine installed year before last.

- Tanker - Some work needs to be done on the tanker to install nozzles on the end bumper to assist in putting out grass fires.

Long Range Planning

It is not known how long the tanker will last and it is up for recertification this year.

Trailer Court

The Fire Chief is concerned about the wiring in the trailer court.

Res. #99-59

Councillor Walters moved to send a letter to the owners of the Beiseker Trailer Court advising them that the upgrading of electrical wiring on the mobiles needs to be done within two weeks of receiving this written notice and also that the mobiles need to have proper numbering on them, front and back for fire purposes. Copy to be sent to Alberta Permit Pro. CARRIED UNAN.

Community Hall

The Fire Chief also expressed concern with the fact that the pilot light on the oven at the Community Hall in the kitchen seems to go out a lot and it needs a proper cleaning. This item was referred to the Community Hall board and also Council to instruct the hall board to install a sign regarding the pilots lights that asks all those who rent the hall to check the pilot light on the oven.

Arena

There was a concern expressed by the Fire Chief that the alarm system in the arena doesn't seem not to be in proper working order. Administration instructed to send the

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arena board a letter regarding the concern with the alarm system and have the arena board update the Fire Chief on these systems.

Inspections

The question of inspections was discussed with Council and the fact that the Fire Prevention Bylaw needs to be updated. The Fire Department is currently working on this item and will bring back to Council.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Chief discussed the idea of having the public invite the Fire Department to come and check out the premises for fire hazards, particularly the commercial businesses. This item will be advertised in the Village Informer for Fire Prevention Week.

PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

Lagoon

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that while he was at the Wastewater Seminar in Banff he talked to our representative from environment regarding the lagoon signage as well as fencing. Environment will be out soon to inspect the new lagoon and at that time if there are any recommendations they will be brought forward to Council to deal with them.

Flushing

The Public Works Foreman advised that Beacon Heights has now been flushed and that work has begun for flushing the other side of town and it should be done within another week to a week and a half.

At this time the subject of grease interceptors was discussed. The Administrator advised Council that the plumbing act requires the installation of grease interceptors should the Municipality require this to be done.

Res. 99-60

Councillor Courtman moved to have Administration prepare a Bylaw to include grease interceptors as a requirement for installation of all commercial restaurant businesses. CARRIED UNAN.

Transfer Site

The Public Works Foreman advised Council that the bin pickup has been changed to Mondays and he has a concern that because there is not a lid on one of the bins that skunks will get in there over the weekend. He has advised Drumheller that this could be a possibility.

The Mayor asked that Public Works get the lid installed as soon as possible and if it becomes a problem with garbage pickup that Council would consider switching garbage days from Friday to Monday.

Safety Boots

Public Works Foreman advised that our casual worker needs to purchase safety boots and wondered if her boots would be covered under the policy Council has in place for full time employees.

Res. 99-61

Councillor Walters moved to pay up to \$100.00 towards our current temporary full time employee's boots purchase. CARRIED UNAN.

Elm Trees

The Public Works Foreman advised Council of several quotes he received regarding maintaining the elm trees and the poplar trees. He also advised Council that elm trees should not be cut between the time of April 1 and September 1. Council advised Public Works that when they chop down the dead trees, to make sure that they are burnt right away so there is not danger of bug infestation.

Chiropractic Clinic

Council received a letter from the Beiseker Health Care Clinic regarding snow removal on his sidewalks and also the build up of ice on his sidewalks that are broken up.

Res. 99-62

Councillor Walters moved that all commercial property on Main Street have snow removal done on the sidewalks in front of their businesses. CARRIED UNAN.

Sidewalks

Sidewalk repair was discussed and the Public Works Foreman advised Council that the previous Council had made a policy not to repair sidewalks on streets where there was no pavement. Also the issue of mud pumping of this sidewalk would not be a possibility as only full slabs can be raised and these have many cracks in them.

Council felt that the reason why there was ice build up on the sidewalks could be due to the fact that there was no swale from the roadway which causes water to run onto the sidewalk. Public Works Foreman instructed to try and install a swale on sixth street between third and fourth avenue on the North side to see if this will alleviate some of the water pooling areas.

Arena Garbage

The shared garbage bin used by the arena and the Community Centre has been a problem recently as the garbage has been overrunning causing a mess. There was discussion as to whether another bin should be brought in or not for the arena during the winter months.

Res. #99-62 (A)

Councillor Walters moved to have the Village supply a dumpster for the arena during the winter months.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Arena Bin  
Res. #99-63

Deputy Mayor L'Abbee moved to postpone a decision on the arena bin until the fall.

CARRIED UNAN.

Mayor Fegan left the meeting at 8:51 P.M. after the arena bin motion #99-63.

DELEGATION

Alan Becker

Alan Becker, representing the Causeway Adjacent Landowners Association came to Council to discuss the Trail 2000 Project. He also included a letter for Council which had been written to the County of Knechill and M.D. of Rockyview regarding the concerns of the landowners association with regard to Trail 2000.

Councillor Courtman commented that the Village needs to take a forceful stand as far as rezoning and clean up of the site and that an area structure plan needs to be done.

Mr. Becker also advised that access is a big issue for the farmer. Mr. Becker thanked Council for their support.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Councillor Priestman abstained from commenting or voting on the following matter.

Councillor Walters moved to pay the following accounts Cheque #4369 to #4380 in the amount of \$13,028.14. CARRIED

4369-4377	Payroll Cheques	4,909.02
4378	Alberta Municipal Employee Benefits	1,928.02
4379	Receiver General	3,956.30
4380	Coast to Coast Mechanical	2,234.80

Councillor Walters abstained from voting or commenting on the following matter.

Deputy Mayor L'Abbee moved to pay the accounts cheque #4381 to #4411 in the amount of \$68,682.74. CARRIED

4381	Fremar Enterprises	41.84
4382	Agline	85.36
4383	Alberta One-Call Corporation	5.35
4384	Alberta Registries	105.00
4385	AON Reed Stenhouse Ltd.	131.00
4386	Beiseker Grocery	94.86

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4387	Big John's Electric	231.84
4388	Canadian Waste Services Inc.	116.43
4389	Canwest Propane Inc.	281.19
4390	Ruth Copland	79.52
4391	Elyps Dispatch Solutions	786.45
4392	Greyhound Courier Express	23.48
4393	Hi-Way 9 Express Ltd.	24.99
4394	Telus Communication	789.66
4395	Canadian Western Natural Gas	472.53
4396	Nisku Safety Supply & Services	119.84
4397	Office Depot	106.91
4398	Redline Truck "N" Trailer Services Ltd.	59.77
4399	Redwood Meadows Emergency Services	450.00
4400	Thuro Inc.	642.00
4401	U.F.A.	451.31
4402	Village of Irricana	197.12
4403	Workers Compensation Board	684.20
4404	Beiseker Community School	128.50
4405	Darlene Olsen	276.00
4406	Roadway Diesel Services	599.20
4406	VOID	00.00
4407	William Clift	151.00
4408	Ruth Copland	15.68
4409	Wendy Ramberg	25.07
4410	Roadway Diesel	599.20
4411	Provincial Treasurer	61,506.64

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Airport Transfer Agreement

This item was postponed to next Council wherein we will have a letter from our Solicitors regarding the document.

FOIP Workshop

Council was given a copy of the change in time for the FOIP Workshop March 25, 1999. Councillor Walters and Deputy Mayor L'Abbee to attend this workshop.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

VanBelle & Assoc.

A registration form for a training seminar for the members of the subdivision and development appeal boards, their supporting staff and municipal Councils. FILED

Mayor Fegan returned to Council at 9:16 P.M. during the elm tree discussion.

Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease

A letter from Verna Mumbly, STOPDED Inventory Coordinator for the Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease advising Council that along with a detailed inventory data they will also send a complete report outlining the total dollar values of the elm trees and recommendations to the our organization about the care and management of elm trees. FILED

Council discussed the situation of the elm trees with regard to the trees owned by the Municipality and the privately owned elm trees and the fact that public information should go out to the private elm tree owners with regards to maintenance of their trees.

Council asked Bill Clift, as the Public Works Foreman to phone to see if STOPDED is notifying private land owners.

Councillor Courtman was concerned with bringing firewood into the Village. Administration asked to advise people to avoid bringing firewood into the Village.

 Regional Cable T.V.

A letter from Shawna Epp, Marketing Assistant for Regional Cable T.V. advising Council about developing the 1999 Community events calendar. FILED

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Discussion ensued regarding the fact that Acme seems to have live television on their Community Channel and Council instructed Administration to find out if that would be a possibility for our community.

Meyers Norris Penny A letter from Meyers Norris Penny regarding Alberta Limitation Act. FILED

AUMA A information bulletin from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the essential agreements for budget 99. FILED

Airdrie Resource Council A copy of the minutes of the February Meeting of the Airdrie Resource Council FILED

Kneehill County A copy of a letter to the Town of Three Hills from Kneehill County regarding the Kneehill Regional Water Committee and ownership of the water plant.

Res. #99-64 Mayor Fegan moved we continue to participate in the Kneehill Water Commission. CARRIED UNAN.

Adsum Consulting A letter from Adsum Consulting Ltd. regarding a FOIP Workshop. FILED  
Administration already attended a three day workshop.

Alberta Municipal Financing Corp. An information packet from Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation regarding their Annual General Meeting and the Election of Class "D" shareholders representative. FILED

TelPay An information letter from TelPay Business Connect regarding the advantages of Telpay services. FILED

Canada Day A letter from Speros Vlassopoulos, Program Officer for Canada Day Celebrations advising Council that deadline for applications is April 15, 1999. FILED

Council advised that Acme is planning a large celebration for that day.

AACIP/CPAA An information brochure regarding the AACIP/CPAA Planning Conference to be held in Red Deer Thursday, April 15, 1999. FILED

Bow Region An information letter regarding the Bow Region highlights. FILED

In Camera Deputy Mayor L'Abbee moved Council go in camera at 9:30 P.M. CARRIED UNAN.

Reconvene Councillor Courtman moved Council reconvene at 10:10 P.M. CARRIED UNAN.

Fire Hydrants Res. #99-64 (A) Deputy Mayor L'abbee moved to install two new hydrants, one on Fifth Avenue and one on Third Avenue and Ninth Street at the new subdivision and also to repair the hydrant on seventh street. CARRIED UNAN.

NEW BUSINESS

Casual Labour Res. #99-65 Councillor Walters moved to raise the casual labour rate to \$8.00 per hour effective May 1, 1999. CARRIED UNAN.

Cooper A letter from Paul and Carrie Cooper regarding their sewer line blockage asking that Council pay the \$500.00 insurance deductible to them.

Res. #99-66 Mayor Fegan moved to refer this letter to our insurance agent for more information and then bring this item back to next Council meeting. CARRIED UNAN.

CPR Deputy Mayor L'Abbee moved to notify CP Rail that the Village intends to do a clean

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Res. #99-67

up of the debris on their property Saturday, April 17, 1999 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. if the work is not done prior to that time. CARRIED UNAN.

Administration instructed to call for volunteers in the newsletter and also to provide an one page news release and send it to the Herald and the Sun with our phone number as a contact.

Councillors Reports

Courtman

Councillor Courtman advised that himself and Mr. Landage will be maintaining the lights at the runway this year. The ones that are broken will be repaired.

Water Pooling

Councillor Courtman advised that there is water pooling in a couple of places where the new hangers were built. Public Works has been asked to look over the situation and see if a trench needs to be dug. Tenants advise that they are willing to level the area and plant grass, should a swale be installed.

Market Value Assessment

Councillor Courtman advised that he is still very concerned about market value assessment and will be contacting Councillor Erskine of the City of Calgary to see what Calgary is doing on this issue.

Priestman

Councillor Priestman expressed concern about front ending the cost of hangars by using the ratepayers money and he does not feel that Council should be doing this.

Deputy Mayor L'Abbee advised that no one is personally benefiting from front ending this cost. Councillor Courtman advised that the monies that were used were specifically geared for airport reserves and were replaced in the reserve once the hangar has been sold.

A discussion ensued by Council regarding the pros and cons of front ending the cost of the hangars.

Trail 2000

Deputy Mayor L'Abbee discussed the fact that a letter should be written with an offer to purchase the land to the east of right-of-way. Deputy Mayor L'Abbee and Administration to work together on drafting a letter for this offer to purchase.

Furnace Quotes  
Campground

Councillor Priestman left the room during the discussion of the furnace quotes and the voting on the campground furnace.

The Public Works Foreman opened the quotes for the campground furnace and the item was discussed with Council.

Res. #99-68

Deputy Mayor L'Abbee moved to approve the purchase of the 75,000 BTU furnace from Coast to Coast Mechanical at a cost of \$1,377.09 including installation.

CARRIED

Administrator's Report

Budget Meeting

Administration advised that another budget meeting date needs to be set. April 6, 1999 was slated for the next budget meeting.

DELEGATION

Bill Turner

Bill Turner came to Council to discuss several issues with regard to

- trenching from his alleyway to his ditch, on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- installing an additional yield sign on Fourth Avenue,
- he feels that a Texas gate should be installed at the entrance to Friendship Park;
- that a pot hole needs to be repaired on the corner of Sixth Street and Fourth Avenue,
- that another 30 kilometer sign needs to be placed on Fourth Avenue with an additional sign inside the Park stating 15 kilometers per hour;
- that retarder break signs should be installed on highway #72.

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Council advised Mr. Turner that we are only allowed two retarder break signs, one is on Highway #72 and one is Highway #9 and that the Administrator has written a letter to Alberta Transportation and Utilities requesting an additional retarder break sign because of the fact the Village is located at the intersection of four main highways.

Mr. Turner also wanted to know when the roads would be repaired on Fourth Avenue and when the ditch would be filled in. Mayor Fegan advised Mr. Turner that these are capital budget items and that they are currently in discussion.

- Mr. Turner advised that the ice making plant is running all night long. Council advised Mr. Turner that the ice making plant needs to run continuously in order for ice to be maintained at the Arena,

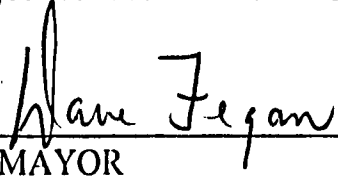
In camera Mayor Fegan moved Council go in camera at 10:51 P.M. CARRIED UNAN.

Reconvenc Mayor Fegan moved Council reconvene at 11:03 P.M. CARRIED UNAN.

Res. #99-69 Mayor Fegan moved to hire Urban Systems for 12 months on a project by project Engineering basis providing they are a member of an engineering association in Alberta. CARRIED UNAN.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor L'Abbee moved Council adjourn at 11:08 P.M. CARRIED UNAN.

  
MAYOR

  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR