



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF BAWLF**
In the Province of Alberta held on
Tuesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Bawlf Community Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Iwanus, Deputy Mayor Szott and Councillors Blatz, Porter and Yuha
Lynn Horbasenko, Village Manager
Myrna Schapansky, Administrator
Guests: Don & TaraLynn Kruger

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Iwanus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DELEGATIONS:

- a) Don & TaraLynn Kruger
Councillor Blatz excused himself from the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest.
Mr. and Mrs. Kruger attended the meeting to explain the water and sewer problems they have been experiencing on the North Part of Parcel J; Plan 1141MC and the South Part of Parcel J; Plan 1140MC. They requested compensation for the expenses they incurred to install the sewer line on Village property.
Mr. and Mrs. Kruger left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Councillor Blatz returned to the meeting at this time.

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a) *AGENDA*

MOTION 48/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter to accept the Agenda with the addition of:

5. New Business:

g) Village Cleanup Supplies

h) Building Extension – Lot 4A Block 17 Plan 072 0313

CARRIED.

- b) *MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MARCH 18, 2009*
MOTION 49/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 18, 2009 be accepted as corrected.
CARRIED.

- b) *ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – For March 12, 2009-April 16, 2009*
Accepted for audit purposes.

- c) *FINANCIAL STATEMENT – March, 2009*
Accepted for audit purposes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) *TIMELINE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AFTER THE PURCHASE OF A LOT:*
The current restrictive covenant which accompany purchase agreements states that construction must begin within 24 months from the date that the registrations of title has been effected. Discussion arose regarding extending that timeline to 30 months.
MOTION 50/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that Village Council pass a motion to amend the required timeline to begin construction from 24 months to 30 months from the date that the registration of title to the owners has been effected for all properties owned and sold by the Village of Bawlf.
CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) *PROCLAMATION OF “SENIORS’ WEEK 2009 FROM JUNE 1 – 7, 2009”:*
The Alberta Seniors Advisory Council sent a notification asking the Village to consider proclaiming June 1-7th as Seniors’ Week.
MOTION 51/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha that the Village Council proclaim June 1 – 7, 2009 as Seniors’ Week, mention the proclamation in the May 2009 Village Voice.
CARRIED.
- b) *2009 PRESIDENT’S SUMMIT ON THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE:*
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) will be hosting the 2009 President’s Summit in Red Deer on April 30 and May 1, 2009 and Village representatives have been invited to attend.
MOTION 52/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter that Mayor Iwanus attend the 2009 President’s Summit on the Future of Local Governance to be held in Red Deer, Alberta on April 30th, that Councillor Yuha attend the Summit on May 1, 2009, and that the Village submit the registration fee in the amount of \$250.00 plus GST.
CARRIED.

c) *2008 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT:*

The 2008 Village of Bawlf Audited Financial Statement has been prepared by Wilde and Company and must be approved by the Village Council.

MOTION 53/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha that Village Council approve the Village of Bawlf's 2008 Audited Financial Statement as prepared by Wilde and Company.

CARRIED.

d) *INCREASE IN EDUCATION PORTION OF PROPERTY TAX:*

In the April 2009 Provincial Budget announcement, the Alberta Government stated that the education portion of the property tax will increase. For the Village of Bawlf, the annual education tax will rise from \$57,732.16 to \$61,526.78.

MOTION 54/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that the Village of Bawlf send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, with a copy to the Battle River-Wainwright MLA, to express strong displeasure with using municipalities as the frontline agents for raising revenues for provincial purposes, and cutting provincial grant funding and decreasing municipal tax room simultaneously well into the 2009 municipal budget cycle.

CARRIED.

e) *MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES GRANT:*

The Village Manager presented options of how the Village could allocate its 2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiatives (MSI) Grant. Other options were discussed.

MOTION 55/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that Village Council table the decision on the 2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiatives Grant allocations pending further research and information.

CARRIED.

f) *SUBDIVISION APPLICATION TO CREATE A PUBLIC UTILITY LOT ON LOTS 8A, 9A, 10A, 11A, 12A, 13A, AND 14A Block 17 Plan 072-0313:*

The Village of Bawlf submitted a subdivision application to Camrose County for the purposes of creating a Public Utility Lot immediately west of the new lots in Block 17 Plan 072-0313. The County has recommended that the Village Council approve the application with the following conditions:

MOTION 56/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that Village Council approve the subdivision application with the following conditions:

1. That the subdivision be carried out in a manner approved by the Registrar of Land Titles and drawn up by an Alberta Land Surveyor.
2. That any outstanding taxes be paid to the municipality.
3. Reserves are not due as they were taken in an earlier subdivision.

CARRIED.

g) *VILLAGE CLEAN-UP SUPPLIES:*

The date for the Village's Annual Clean Up has been set for Tuesday, May 5th, with May 7th as an alternate date. The Bawlf School has agreed to participate and will send the students outside to pick garbage during the day. The residents will be invited to meet at the Fire Hall at 6:00 p.m. and then go around the village to pick up larger items, appliances, etc.

MOTION 57/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that Village Council approve the purchase of hot dogs, ice cream and garbage bags for the Annual Village Clean Up on May 5th, 2009.

CARRIED.

h) *BUILDING EXTENSION FOR LOT 4A BLOCK 17 PLAN 072-0313:*

The Village received a letter from the owners of Lot 4A Block 17 Plan 072-0313 requesting a one year extension to begin construction. The reason for the request is the economic downturn.

MOTION 58/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha that Village Council approve a one year extension to June 7, 2010 for the construction start date for Lot 4A Block 17 Plan 072 0313 on a one-time basis only.

CARRIED.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) MAYOR'S REPORT

- As attached to these minutes.

b) ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- As attached to these minutes.

c) RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

i. Dave Knipe Memorial Library – Councillor Yuha

- A meeting was held on April 8, 2009.
- A Thank You Supper was held for retiring Bawlf Public Library Board members Pat Christian, Cindy Fraser and Armand Magnin.
- No word from the Village of Rosalind on potential funding for the library.
- The consensus of the Board was that there should be an agreement between the Bawlf Public Library Board and the Village of Bawlf.
- Librarian Reinke has not received a quote for the book drop.
- The renovations should be complete by mid May.
- The book shelves will be painted once the flooring in the library is complete. This will save on moving the large shelves twice.
- Librarian Reinke will consult with Village Manager Horbasenko regarding a bulletin board at the Library entrance.
- The Summer Reading Program has been ordered.
- The next meeting will be held on May 21st, 2009.
- The Friends of the Bawlf Public Library can use their casino funds to purchase desks, books, shelves, etc.

ii. Providence Place – Councillor Blatz

- A meeting was held on March 25, 2009.
- Continued discussions on kitchen renovations.

- Ongoing problems with the sunroom deficiencies.
 - The fireplace cabinets installation has been completed in the Sunroom.
 - The new wing with scale drawings was discussed.
 - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.
- iii. Sanden Court – Councillor Porter
- No meetings were held.
- iv. Bawlf & District Recreation Association – Deputy Mayor Szott
- No meetings were held.
- v. BRAED – Mayor Iwanus
- A meeting was held in Galahad on March 26th, 2009.
 - Discussions were held on Counties, Towns and Villages working together.
 - Developments were discussed.
 - Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat made a presentation on opening an additional north-south corridor between Canada and the U.S. This would involve an additional 24-hour border crossing in his constituency.
 - The next meeting will be held in Chauvin on June 4th, 2009.
- vi. Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission – Deputy Mayor Szott
- Deputy Mayor Szott was unable to attend the last meeting.
 - Municipal Affairs provided \$21 million for the Stettler water treatment plant and \$13.5 million for operating.
 - The next meeting will be held on April 30th, 2009.
- vii. Regional Children’s Centre – Councillor Blatz
- The Regional Children’s Centre was not successful in obtaining modulars for the 2008 – 2009 year.
- viii. Protective Services – Mayor Iwanus
- No meetings were held.
- xi. Other: Recycling – Councillor Blatz

A meeting to discuss recycling issues was held in Bittern Lake on April 21, 2009 with representatives from New Norway, Bashaw, Ferintosh, Strome, Bittern Lake and Bawlf in attendance. Also in attendance was Richard Stringham, Director of Co-op Development. He discussed setting up a co-op but requires more information. Bittern Lake would be the staging area if a co-op is formed. The communities in attendance are dealing with the following recycling issues:

- Bashaw has a contract with CanPak out of Red Deer for the pick-up of recyclables at residences by using the blue and green box system.
- New Norway has decided Centra Cam is too expensive so is taking their recyclables to the landfill.

- Ferintosh is using the landfill or telling residents to take the recyclables to Centra Cam themselves.
 - Strome is using Flagstaff Waste Management.
- Councillor Blatz also met with Lyle Hoffman of Hoffman Consulting regarding the recycling issues that all smaller communities are facing. Mr. Hoffman will attend a meeting in Red Deer about recycling on April 21, 2009. He will report back to Councillor Blatz if there is any new information.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) CDSS Minutes – February, 2009.

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No confidential items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held May 20, 2009.

MAYOR

VILLAGE MANAGER