



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF BAWLF**
In the Province of Alberta held on
Wednesday, May 20, 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: Ron Sheppard, Parkland Regional Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DELEGATIONS

- a) Ron Sheppard, Parkland Regional Library

Mr. Sheppard reviewed the services provided by Parkland Regional Library.

The seven main areas of service are:

- Technical services and acquisitions.
- Computer and IT (information technology) support services.
- Resource sharing (interlibrary loans, PRL reference collection).
- Consulting by professional librarians including seminars and workshops.
- Electronic resources (website, database subscriptions).
- Transport (van runs, postage reimbursement).
- Direct Services (Large Print, World Language Books, Children's Boxes, Audio Books).

The Bawlf Public Library will receive a provincial grant of \$6,480.00 this year.

Mr. Sheppard left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- a) *AGENDA*

MOTION 60/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha to accept the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

Item: 3.b)

- b) *MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD APRIL 22, 2009*
MOTION 61/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 22, 2009 be accepted as corrected.
CARRIED.
- b) *ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – For April 16, 2009-May 14, 2009*
Accepted for audit purposes.
- c) *FINANCIAL STATEMENT – April, 2009*
Accepted for audit purposes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) *REQUEST FOR TAX CONSIDERATIONS – PARCEL 1140MC*
 Councillor Blatz excused himself from the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest.
 A request was received by the owners of Parcel 1140MC to have their property taxes reduced by the equivalent of one half the cost of the installation of the new sewer line.
MOTION 62/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that Village Council pass a motion to upgrade the sewer line to a 6" line and the water line to a 1" line on Vrolson Street north of Alberta Avenue to Parcel 1141 MC to a maximum of \$10,000.00.
CARRIED.
- MOTION 63/09: MOVED BY** Councillor Yuha to table the request for a reduction in taxes pending further information.
CARRIED.

Councillor Blatz rejoined the meeting at this time.

- b) *MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION JUNE 23, 2009.*
 In April, the Village distributed Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) questionnaires to all village residents through the water bill mail-out and to all rural residents through their mailboxes. The next step in the development of a Municipal Sustainability Plan for the Village is a community consultation, to be facilitated by the MSP Coordinator, Dallas Dyson, on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Bawlf Community Centre. All discussions and ideas will be documented and will form part of Bawlf's Plan. Meeting notices will be included in the June water bills and letters of invitation will be mailed to the local volunteers groups and non-profit organizations.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) *LAGOON REPAIRS*
 On April 21, 2009, the Director of Public Works discovered a leak in the berm of the facultative cell. This led to the discovery that the valve between the facultative and storage cells was blocked causing the level to rise and leak through muskrat runs higher

up in the berm. As per the recommendation made by James Marr of Banner Engineering, the lagoon will be rebuilt over a 3-5 year period. The work required in 2009 includes the removing the overflow weir device and the failed emergency drain valve, repairing and restoring the berm after the removal, widening the berms with clay, constructing and installing a new overflow weir and emergency drain valve in a more appropriate location, and repairing the muskrat holes/runs in the leaking berm.

MOTION 64/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha that the Village Council pass a motion to borrow the funds from ATB Financial required to repair the Village of Bawlf Wastewater Lagoon to a maximum of \$86,000 for a twenty year term.

CARRIED.

b) *2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVAL:*

Village Manager Lynn Horbasenko presented the 2009 Operating and Capital Budget for 2009.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

Village Administration Staff suggested that the Village Office be closed to the public one day per week to save the funds that would be required to staff the office for that day.

MOTION 65/09: MOVED BY Councillor Yuha that the Bawlf Village Office be closed to the public every Friday beginning June 12, 2009.

CARRIED.

MOTION 66/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that Village Council accept the 2009 Operating and Capital Budget as amended.

CARRIED.

c) *BYLAW 566/09 – A BYLAW TO SET THE 2009 MIL RATE*

A copy of Bylaw 566/09 was presented to Council for the purpose of setting the taxation rate for the 2009 taxation year.

MOTION 67/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter to give first reading to Bylaw 566/09.

CARRIED.

d) *ROTOTILLING OF RESIDENTS' GARDENS:*

In the past few years, Village staff have occasionally rototilled private residential gardens upon request. A consistent and specific fee has not been charged. The Administration recommends that the residents requesting the rototilling of their gardens be charged a fee that fully covers the cost to provide the service.

MOTION 68/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that the Village of Bawlf pass a motion to continue to offer this level of service for a fee that fully covers the costs, that this service only be available during the months when additional staff have been hired and only if the work priorities would accommodate this extra task.

CARRIED.

e) *PARKING OF TRAILERS DURING EVENTS AT THE HALL:*

Council discussed the question of allowing patrons of the Bawlf Community Centre to park their trailers on the streets/avenues around the hall during weddings and other special events.

MOTION 69/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that the Village Council pass a motion that during events at the Bawlf Community Centre, all trailers be directed to park in the campground at Jubilee Park unless the campground is unavailable.

CARRIED.

f) *POLICY FOR USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS:*

The Administration presented a proposed policy regarding the use of the Council Chambers/Staff Room in the newly renovated facility.

MOTION 70/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter that Village Council approve Policy #16 regarding the use of the Council Chambers/Staff Room by volunteer groups and non-profit organizations.

CARRIED.

g) *GRAND OPENING OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE:*

Preliminary discussions were held regarding plans for a grand opening of the newly renovated Village Office/Library/ Seniors' Room. A date has not been set and further discussions will be required.

h) *STAFF APPRECIATION BARBEQUE:*

The Bawlf Village Council would like to hold a staff and council barbeque sometime this summer. Specific meal details will be determined at a later date.

MOTION 71/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that a barbeque be held on August 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Mayor Iwanus and that the Village of Bawlf cover the costs of the food.

CARRIED.

MOTION 72/09: MOVED BY Mayor Iwanus that the meeting extend beyond 10:00 p.m.

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

- No meetings were held.

- ii. Providence Place – Councillor Blatz
 - A meeting was held on April 29, 2009.
 - The kitchen upgrades should be complete by the end of May.
 - The sunroom problems will likely go to court to be solved.
 - Summer help was discussed.
 - An upgraded illustration of the new wing was presented.
- iii. Sanden Court – Councillor Porter
 - A meeting was held on April 29, 2009.
 - The new Ministerial Order from Alberta Housing & Urban Affairs was reviewed.
 - Nine new screen doors were ordered.
 - The first quarter was reviewed for information only.
 - A request by a tenant for a shed for his scooter was approved by the Board Members pending the Village Landuse Bylaw and the approval of the other tenants.
 - The budget for 2009 was approved.
 - The new computer program will be budgeted in 2010.
 - The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2009.
- iv. Bawlf & District Recreation Association – Deputy Mayor Szott
 - No meetings were held.
- v. BRAED – Mayor Iwanus
 - No meetings were held.
- vi. Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission – Deputy Mayor Szott
 - No meetings were held.
- vii. Regional Children’s Centre – Councillor Blatz
 - No meetings were held.
- viii. Protective Services – Mayor Iwanus
 - No meetings were held.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) CDSS March 2, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- b) CDSS April, 2009 Newsletter.
- c) Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission Opening Ceremonies.
- d) 2009 Recreation Volunteer Recognition Awards.

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No confidential items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held June 17, 2009.

MAYOR

VILLAGE MANAGER