



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE VILLAGE OF BAWLF**

In the Province of Alberta held on
Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Bawlf Village Office

PRESENT:

Mayor Iwanus, Deputy Mayor Szott and Councillors Blatz and Porter
Lynn Horbasenko, Village Manager
Myrna Schapansky, Administrator
Clarence Hastings and Christine Ginther, Bawlf Playschool Society
Melissa Ronsko, Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Iwanus called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

2. DELEGATIONS

Scheduled for 9:00 p.m. due to the presenter having prior commitments.

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a) *AGENDA*

MOTION 120/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott to accept the Agenda with the addition of:

7. d) Letter from Enmax Corporation

CARRIED.

b) *MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD September 16, 2009*

MOTION 121/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 16, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

c) *ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – For September 11 – October 15, 2009*
Accepted for audit purposes.

d) *FINANCIAL STATEMENT – August, 2009*
Accepted for audit purposes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- a) *Rezoning Bylaw – Bylaw 568/09 to rezone Lot F, Block 9, Plan 1869P from P (Park) to I (Institutional) District.*

MOTION 122/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter to give second reading to Bylaw 568/09.

CARRIED.

MOTION 123/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz to give third reading to Bylaw 568/09.

CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) *VILLAGE OF BAWLF 2010 SERVICE LEVELS*

Village Manager Horbasenko presented the Village of Bawlf 2010 Service Levels document. These service levels, when approved, would provide the basis for budget preparation and work duties for the staff.

MOTION 124/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott to accept the Village of Bawlf 2010 Services Levels as amended.

CARRIED.

- b) *PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD BUDGET APPROVAL*

The Parkland Regional Library Board requested that the Bawlf Village Council approve of the 2010 Budget.

MOTION 125/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that the Village Council approve the 2010 Parkland Regional Library Budget.

CARRIED.

- c) *BAWLF PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD/VILLAGE OF BAWLF AGREEMENT*

Village Manager Horbasenko prepared an agreement between the Village of Bawlf and the Bawlf Public Library Board to clarify and formalize the roles and relationship between the Village of Bawlf and the Bawlf Public Library as well as the operational details of the budget process, use of the facility, utility costs, etc. On October 7th, 2009 Mayor Iwanus and Village Council received a letter from Chairperson Karen Robbins of the Bawlf Public Library Board stating that a number of changes to the agreement would have to be made before the Library Board will sign the agreement

MOTION 126/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that the Village Council strike a committee of Mayor Iwanus, Councillor Yuha and Village Manager Horbasenko to meet with Chairperson Robbins and two other members of the Bawlf Public Library Board to discuss the terms of the agreement and that Patricia McNamee of Municipal Affairs, Public Library Services, be invited to facilitate the meeting.

CARRIED.

d) *ALBERTA SMALL COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE*

Mayor Iwanus attended a meeting held on September 22, 2009 in Vegreville, Alberta for the purpose of forming an Alberta Small Communities Alliance. There were twelve municipalities in attendance. The meeting was spearheaded by Dave Horner, Councillor, Village of Heisler. The new organization would be called "Alberta Small Communities Alliance" and would be formed under the Societies Act. Membership would be limited to a municipal population of 1,000 or less. It is intended to become part of AUMA as is the Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA) with the same opportunities to be as visible as ASVA. The vision is, "An independent advocacy organization that preserves, protects and promotes our small communities". The mission is, "To be an effective voice for small communities". Funding is to be based on a \$1.00 per capita beginning January 1, 2010.

MOTION 127/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that the Village of Bawlf join the Alberta Small Communities Alliance and that the Village allocate funding in the amount of \$1.00 per capita per member municipality per year beginning January 1, 2010.

DEFEATED.

e) *FORTIS ALBERTA 2010 FRANCHISE FEE APPROVAL*

The Village of Bawlf received a letter from Fortis Alberta regarding the 2010 Electric Distribution Franchise Fee. The Village has not exercised the option of applying a franchise fee to customers' billings in the past.

MOTION 128/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter that the Village Council not institute a change in the Fortis Alberta franchise fee of 0% for 2010 and that the Administration inform Fortis Alberta of this decision.

CARRIED.

f) *REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIAISON*

At the June 17, 2009 Village Council Meeting, Council passed a motion to support, in principle, the position of a Regional Emergency Management Resource Officer subject to further information regarding the funding of the position. The position would assist local fire departments with various administrative duties. At the June 24, 2009 Mayors/Reeve/Administrators Meeting held in Rosalind, the Village of Hay Lakes volunteered to take the lead in preparing a funding application to the Regional Partnerships Initiative Exploration Grant. The grant application requires the partnering municipalities to pass a three-part motion indicating our support, designating Hay Lakes as the Managing partner; agreeing that Hay Lakes will submit the application; account for the funding.

MOTION 129/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that the Village of Bawlf pass the following motion as a whole:

- I. the Village supports the submission of the Regional Partnerships Initiative Exploration Grant application for a Regional Emergency Management Services Liaison project.
- II. the Village designates the Village of Hay Lakes as the Managing Partner and agrees to have them submit a Regional Partnerships Initiative Exploration Grant application and conduct all communication with Alberta Municipal Affairs on behalf of the partnership.

- III. the Village agrees that the Village of Hay Lakes, as the Managing Partner, will enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement regarding receiving, allocating and accounting for funds on behalf of the partnership.

CARRIED.

g) *MAYOR FOR A DAY*

In September, 2008 Village Council passed a motion to establish a Mayor for the Day contest. As part of their social studies curriculum, Grade 6 students at the Bawlf School wrote essays on some aspect of local government. Discussion ensued regarding prizes for the 2009 Mayor for a Day Contest.

MOTION 130/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that the Village Council retain the option of choosing different prizes every year for the annual Mayor for a Day contests.

CARRIED.

h) *LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BXI (COUNTY-WIDE INTERNET SERVICE)*

Camrose County has selected Barret Xplore Inc. (BXI) through a competitive Request for Proposals process to provide high-speed internet to all of the underserved areas within the County. The project will commence in early 2010. The County is presently pursuing a "Rural Connections: Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot Program" and has requested a "letter of support" from the Village of Bawlf.

MOTION 131/09: MOVED BY Councillor Porter that the Village Council pass a motion to send a letter of support to Camrose County for the initiative to improve the high speed internet coverage with the County, with the knowledge that this letter may be used to assist the County in acquiring grant funding for the project.

CARRIED.

i) *CAMROSE & DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES (CDSS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS – VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE*

Dennis Wishnowski, a resident of the Village of Bittern Lake, has agreed to serve on the CDSS Board of Directors as the Villages Representative.

MOTION 132/09: MOVED BY Councillor Blatz that Village Council approve the appointment of Dennis Wishnowski to the CDSS Board of Directors as the Villages Representative.

CARRIED.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- As attached to these minutes.

Melissa Ronsko, Village Resident arrived at 9:00 p.m.

2. DELEGATION AT 9:00 P.M.

CLARENCE HASTINGS AND CHRISTINE GINTHER OF THE BAWLF PLAY SCHOOL SOCIETY

Mr. Hastings, on behalf of the Bawlf Playschool Society, formally requested financial support in the amount of \$20,000 for the placement of a Daycare Modular within the Village of Bawlf. The total capital budget is estimated to be \$385,975.00. The costs for the Pre-school and Out-of School Care building will be completely covered by the Battle River School District and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The Society is now focusing on the Daycare facility. If the Village approved \$20,000 in funding or in-kind donations, it would be allocated to costs associated with the foundation, placement and levelling of the units and service connections to the units. The funds would be used as matching funds for other grants.

Clarence Hastings and Christine Ginther left the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Melissa Ronsko also left the meeting at 9:30p.m.

b) ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- As attached to these minutes.

MOTION 133/09: MOVED BY Mayor Iwanus that the meeting extend beyond 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

c) RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

i. Dave Knipe Memorial Library – Councillor Yuha

Councillor Yuha submitted a written report on the meeting held on October 7, 2009:

- The book drop has not yet been installed.
- The agreement with the Village was sent to Parkland Regional Library for review. Chairperson Robbins indicated that a number of changes need to be made. The Board is waiting to hear back from the Village.
- Lunch sales at a local auction sale were very good. Almost all of the food was donated. Just under \$744.00.
- All the paperwork regarding the casino was submitted to Alberta Gaming.
- Parkland Regional Library sent a box of giveaways for the Grand Opening on Monday, October 26th.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$18,892.91 as of August 31, 2009. The Camrose County allocation of \$2,300 and the Village of Bawlf allocation of \$3,000.00 were received.
- The librarians attended the 50th Anniversary of Parkland Regional Library.
- There's a need to purchase some minor supplies.
- The Rhymes Program attendance has dropped.
- The CowBus will be at the Library on October 28th. This is aimed for preschool aged children.
- The librarians requested permission to attend the LAG meetings.

- Problems with the telephone and computer were solved with the assistance of Parkland Regional Library staff.
 - The Bawlf Fire Department has donated a painting by Dave Knipe. It will be displayed in the library along with a photo of Dave Knipe.
 - The Library Christmas Party will be held December 12th providing that the hall is available.
 - The next meeting will be held on November 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- ii. Providence Place – Councillor Blatz
- The elevator lift bid came in at \$80,000 to \$100,000.
 - The Board is getting quotes for air conditioning in the assisted living section.
 - Their portion of the sunroom repair was \$9,400.
 - The annual financial report was reviewed with the auditor from Meyers Norris Penny.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for October 28th, 2009.
- iii. Sanden Court – Councillor Porter
- Councillor Porter reported on the meeting held on September 23, 2009:
- Two units received new bedroom windows; one unit had the storm door replaced and one unit had a mouse problem rectified.
 - The 2010 Budget request is \$15,580.00 plus an extra request of \$26,300 for removing and installing new sidewalks.
 - The short term maintenance for 2010 was reviewed and the long term projects for the next 3 years were also reviewed.
 - Low Income Housing for seniors on fixed income was discussed.
 - The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2009.
- The details of the meeting held October 20, 2009 are:
- Reviewed and discussed the 3rd quarter report.
 - By 2011 Sanden Court Units 1 & 2 should be up to date/code for all major repairs and should no longer be needing assistance from Alberta Housing & Urban Affairs. All rent money should be able to cover the costs for both units.
 - The next meeting will be held in January, 2010.
- iv. Bawlf & District Recreation Association – Deputy Mayor Szott
- No meetings were held.
- v. BRAED – Mayor Iwanus
- No meetings were held.
 - There will be a “Meet and Greet” in Lougheed on November 16th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- vi. Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission – Deputy Mayor Szott
- Deputy Mayor Szott reported on the meeting held on September 30, 2009:

- No complaints have been received by the communities receiving water via the SMRWSC pipeline regarding the quality, colour, taste or odour of the water.
 - The water treatment plant was broken into and vandalized. As a precautionary measure, the system was flushed out; As a result the plant was down for two days.
 - The commission bank loan balance as of August 31, 2009 was \$3,490,000. Once the GST is refunded, the commission will be approximately \$1,300,000 in debt.
 - John Van Doesburg, Project Manager, encouraged commission members to contact their MLA to encourage them to continue providing funding for the next phase and the importance and value this project has been for the communities. Pipeline prices are approximately 50% what they were two years ago and now would be a good time to keep moving forward.
 - We are not required to pass the proposed water restriction by-law as presented by the SMRWSC until the Village of Bawlf is connected to the waterline system. Once the pipeline is installed to the Village, the Village will be required to be connected to it. A commitment by the Village will be required prior to tendering the portion from Rosalind to Bawlf. If the Village does not commit to the project at that time, we risk not receiving grant funding from the province (90% of the total value).
 - If the Village wishes to obtain water from its own source when a water restriction has been implemented by the commission, the Village would require approval from Alberta Environment. The Village and the project manager would determine the place the commission pipeline would be connected. It could be to the pumping station or directly to the reservoir. Costs will be a contributing factor.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2009 at the Stettler County Office at 6 p.m. with a scheduled tour of the Stettler Water Treatment Plant.
- vii. Regional Children's Centre
The Preschool/Out-of-School Care modular should arrive in Bawlf in February, 2010 based on information at this time.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) CDSS Board Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2009 and September 14, 2009
- b) CDSS October, 2009 Newsletter
- c) Invitation to Meet with Alberta Environment during the AUMA Convention (November 5 – 6, 2009)
- d) Enmax Corporation
Mayor Iwanus received a letter from Gary Holden, President and Chief Executive Officer of Enmax Corporation, regarding Bill 50 which will remove the requirement for a front end review by the Alberta Utilities Commission of the proposal to send major transmission lines through the heart of Alberta. Enmax

requested the Village to send a letter to our MLA stating our concerns with the process.

MOTION 134/09: MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Szott that a letter be sent to Doug Griffiths, MLA for Battle River – Wainwright that we strongly disagree with the proposal to send major transmission lines through Alberta without the review of the Alberta Utilities Commission.

CARRIED.

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of Council held November 25, 2009.

MAYOR

VILLAGE MANAGER