

**Joint Meeting of the Councils of
the Town of Daysland,
the Village of Rosalind, and
the Village of Bawlf**

Held Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM at the Bawlf Community Hall

Post-meeting Communiqué

Present

Town of Daysland

His Worship Mayor Len Calon
Councillor Sherri Grove
Councillor Lin Lawson
Councillor Jim Martin
Councillor Dorothy Meyer
Councillor Nick Saik
Councillor June Serediak

Village of Rosalind

His Worship Mayor Jim McTavish
Councillor Michelle Hauser
Councillor Bart Orr
CAO Nancy Friend

Village of Bawlf

His Worship Mayor Jerry Iwanus (first rotating chair)
Councillor Darrell Szott
Councillor Jody Yuha
Councillor Reta Porter
Councillor Gord Blatz

Chair's Remarks

Welcome

- new face of municipal governance in Alberta
- not a bad thing: as Albertans, we like to see ourselves as these mythical, individualistic mavericks, but the truth is that the entire province was built on the basis of a spirit of co-operation
- our efforts to come together to seek common ground might be encouraged and even mandated by the Province; however, when we choose to come together voluntarily, we have more control over the agenda

Why?

- question arises: if co-operation among municipalities is inherently good, why only these three municipalities for this particular purpose? Why not more? Would there not be additional benefits and synergies if there were more?
- firstly: this is as good as any for a place to start; Daysland (despite its being in Flagstaff County) and Rosalind are Bawlf's only natural geographical neighbours – any sharing of equipment, expertise, etc. is practical only if great distances are not involved
- secondly: there is nothing to stop us from expanding the circle if we all see a benefit from it; however, logistically speaking, 3 municipalities is probably the maximum that can undertake an effort like this without a loss of efficiency
- this type of co-operative venture needs to produce tangible results without becoming an administrative burden to any of the participating municipalities
- thus: let's see with what types of collaborative ventures with which we are comfortable and which ones make sense before we consider drawing anyone else into this

Proceedings

- get to know each other
- explore possible areas where co-operation and collaboration make sense
- suggest some initial mechanisms by which we could accomplish collaborative ventures
- decide how we might want to proceed from here
- structure of the meeting to be relatively informal – no official minutes, etc., although records of suggestions and decisions will be kept

Summary of Discussion Points

Regional Children's Centre to be built in Bawlf

Mayor Iwanus presented general information focussing on the regional aspect of the proposed Children's Centre and advised all present that the Children's Centre Committee would be approaching Bawlf's neighbouring communities to participate in some form

Recycling/Environmental issues

Wide-ranging discussion on numerous aspects of environmental stewardship. Each municipality shared some of the initiatives on which it has focussed and successes to date. In terms of potential co-operative effort, salient points included the following:

- None of the three municipalities present has water meters yet, but each is seriously considering installing these in the very near future, assuming the appropriate grants are available. It was agreed that Daysland, Rosalind, and Bawlf would purchase the same make of unit and purchase as a single block. This would be discussed in the upcoming budget cycles of the respective communities and the results communicated among CAOs.
- Daysland officials advised that they had met with area MLA, Doug Griffiths, who indicated a general willingness to champion the idea of broadly-based minimum recycling standards. All three municipalities expressed strong support for the concept; Mayor Iwanus agreed to contact Mr. Griffiths to that effect on behalf of Daysland, Rosalind, and Bawlf.
- It was brought to participants' attention that Centra-Cam in Camrose accepts used electronics. The three municipalities agreed that a "used electronics drive" should be jointly held; a truck would be made available, either through Centra-Cam or otherwise, and go around all three communities to collect such items. Logistics of the initiative were not finalised at this meeting and will be discussed at a future date.
- It was suggested by Councillor Grove of Daysland that some form of public or semi-public transportation among the communities in the region be considered so that people could do business and attend events.
- Newspaper recycling pick-up by Centra-cam may be of interest to Daysland and Rosalind (Bawlf is already doing this)

Libraries

The Bawlf Public Library is already meant to serve both the Bawlf and Rosalind Communities. The Bawlf Public Library Board will ensure that hours of operation, events, and other issues are made available to the Village of Rosalind on a regular basis for inclusion on the Village's website. There will be further discussions between Rosalind and Bawlf in this regard.

Public Works

It was agreed that the focal point of major PW decisions should be the sharing of information. Although the logistics of the proposed communications process were not fully established, it was agreed that the three CAOs should make each other aware of possible capital purchases that are being contemplated in the respective municipalities. Salient points of discussion included:

- there is the potential for joint purchases for large capital items, particularly ones that would not all be needed by the three municipalities at the same time
- it would make sense to request bids as an informal consortium so that bids would have a better chance of actually being made and that better prices could be obtained

Regional water operators, testing, etc.

There was consensus that each town should have its own licensed water expert, but that a “back-up” person could potentially be a shared position among the municipalities; it was suggested that no further action be taken in this regard until it was clear how the already-established Inter-municipal Partnership in Flagstaff County would evolve

Garbage collection

Each of the three municipalities will pursue its own course at this time in this regard.

By-law enforcement

Each of the three municipalities is satisfied with its current arrangement in this regard.

Disaster Services

This is an area in which it was felt that each municipality had to have its own person as Director of Disaster Services, but that it was important to share information as much as possible. It was agreed that, ideally, the position of Director of Disaster Services should not be held by the Chief Administrative Officer both because of the inherent demands of the position and because the CAO would almost certainly have other responsibilities in the event of a disaster. Councillor Jim Martin of the Town of Daysland indicated that he is presently attending a Disaster Services meeting and would bring information to share at the next joint meeting of the councils.

Subsequent meetings

It was agreed that the next joint meeting of the three municipal councils would be held in Daysland on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and chaired by Mayor Calon. Confirmation and further details forthcoming.