

Minutes of the Town of Olds Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Olds Town Office at 3:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS in Attendance:

Councillor H. Walsh In the Chair.

Mayor J. Dahl; Councillor A. Bull; Councillor M.J. Harper; Councillor W. Smith; Councillor L. Winfield.

ELECTED OFFICIALS Absent:

STAFF in Attendance:

Norm McInnis, Chief Administrative Officer; Stuart Ray, Director of Community Services; Larry Wright, Director of Operational Services; Nina Gales, Manager of Corporate Affairs and Regional Sustainability Coordinator; Karol Jorgensen, Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator; Craig Teal, Development Officer, Parkland Community Planning Services; Debbie Godfrey, CAO and Council Assistant.

1. Call To Order.

Chairman Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Added Items.

3. Adoption of Agenda.

Moved by Mayor Dahl, that the Agenda of June 15, 2009 Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried 09-037

4. Adoption of the June 15, 2009 Minutes.

Moved by Councillor Bull, that the minutes from the June 15, 2009 Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried 09-038

5. Membership in the PLUS Network.

Nina Gales provided a verbal background on the PLUS Network. Nina Gales' recommendation is that the Town of Olds becomes involved in the network of international sustainable communities from around the world.

CAO McInnis believes the initiative fits very well with the strategic direction that has been established by Council; need to reorganize the work that we do now, to move those things important on the strategic plan forward.

Karol Jorgensen, Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator entered the Council Chambers at 3:06 p.m.

Nina Gales advised that there is a limited number of communities that are invited to the Network; matching funds from the Federal Government; it is an honor to have been invited; trying to make sure there is a good balance of small, medium and large size communities.

CAO McInnis explained that the discussion is to see if there is any value in us going forward; we don't have a fully developed plan.

Nina Gales advised that there is funding in her 2009 budget for this kind of membership.

CAO McInnis commented that this initiative may impact the work that is being done on the regional level.

General Comments:

Important to maintain momentum; \$750.00 is the membership fee for 2009; a demonstration of leadership.

Moved by Councillor Harper, that an RFD be presented to a regular council meeting in support of the Town of Olds joining the PLUS Network; the RFD is to describe: time in reference to manpower and what are the other costs going forward.

Motion Carried

6. Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Request for Council Resolution to acknowledge future water rates for the construction of the regional water transmission line.

CAO McInnis met with the CAO Van doesburg, Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission to discuss the motion presented for Councils consideration at the July 13, 2009 Council Meeting.

Two things: 1) if we go ahead with the funding, we may be funding a 34 million dollar project to the midpoint reservoir; Carstairs would like to see the line twinned all the way to Crossfields; 2) there may be an opportunity to partner with the wastewater line for construction.

CAO McInnis has asked CAO Van doesburg to consider 1) a longer range financial forecast; are there any other capital investments required to be done in the near future; 2) like to bring to Council some concrete savings costs if we were able to work with the wastewater line.

Shaun Fox and Craig Teal entered the Council Chambers at 3:25 p.m.

General Comments/Concerns:

Olds is the third leg of the wastewater line; capacity - limiting growth; not in agreement with financing 34 million; the line will need to be twinned at some point in time; if water to Olds is doubled or tripled, water would be enhanced south of Olds; additional users of the water – counties; share the pipe; needs to be bigger; Commission's desired option is to twin the line; centers on the current economic climate for construction; more needy with the wastewater line than the water line; business plan to show benefits of this investment; look at the potential of water demands in the future to make decision;

Volume allocation is based on per capita; volume increases as the population increases.

Chairman Walsh suspended discussion and moved to the GIS Presentation at 3:45 p.m.

11. Regional Geographical Information System Presentation. (@ 3:45 p.m.)

Craig Teal came forward and narrated a power point presentation, 'Proposed Urban Geographic Information System Project'; GIS demonstration by ORRSC;

Councillor Smith left the Council Chambers at 4:18 p.m.

Councillor Smith entered the Council Chambers at 4:19 p.m.

Mayor Dahl left the Council Chambers at 4:22 p.m.

Mayor Dahl entered the Council Chambers at 4:23 p.m.

Councillor Bull left the Council Chambers at 4:23 p.m.

Karol Jorgensen, Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator left the Council Chambers at 4:23 p.m.
Councillor Bull entered the Council Chambers at 4:26 p.m.
Councillor Harper left the Council Chambers at 4:35 p.m.
Councillor Harper entered the Council Chambers at 4:36 p.m.

Craig Teal continued with the power point presentation and a question and answer period.

Moved by Councillor Smith, that Administration bring forth an RFD in regards to a GIS system for the Town of Olds.

Motion Carried 09-039

Craig Teal left the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Walsh recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Chairman Walsh reconvened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

6. Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Request for Council Resolution to acknowledge future water rates for the construction of the regional water transmission line. (Continued)

Chairman Walsh resumed discussion of the Mountain View Regional Services Commission.

General Discussion:

Sharing pipeline, not sharing water; two counties wanting membership in the Commission; unable to provide water to them; provincial goal to reduce province-wide to 250 liters of water per citizen as maximum usage - less if possible.

Moved by Councillor Smith, that Administration bring forth a positive motion in response to the MVRWSC request that the Town of Olds acknowledge the proposed future water rates from the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission for the construction of the regional water transmission line.

Motion Carried 09-040

7. Age-Friendly Communities discussion.

Councillor Bull brought the information back from the recent Federation of Canada Municipalities Conference in Whistler. Councillor Bull reviewed the Age Friendly materials and reviewed the benefits achieved by being an Age Friendly Community.

Councillor Smith advised that previously Council had passed a motion at about being age friendly.

Mayor Dahl, would like to find out the Pros and Cons from the Town of Ponoka on being an age friendly community.

General discussion:

Not senior friendly - but age friendly; people friendly; challenges – transportation and health care.

Councillor Bull would like the Town of Olds to go for the age friendly designation.

Councillor Harper would like to refer the materials to the Olds Institute Community Lifestyles Committee.

Moved by Councillor Bull, that it be recommended that Administration research the 'age friendly community' to see what is further involved; and that the age friendly information be forwarded to the Olds Institute Lifestyles Committee for their analysis.

Motion Carried

8. Contract with Civic Solutions.

CAO McInnis has been talking with Civic Solutions about the possibility of bringing Civic Solutions back. When Cliff returns it would be advantageous to have Cliff work on the list of previous recommendations. Norm has been talking with Civic Solutions about being available to help this year.

This is an unbudgeted item.

Moved by Mayor Dahl, that Administration prepares a proposal for engaging Civic Solutions and the proposal be brought to the July 27, 2009 Council Meeting.

Motion Carried 09-041

9. Draft Storm Water Management Design Standards.

Director of Operational Services, Larry Wright spoke to the need and progress of the storm water management design standards. At present there are approximately seven storm ponds in proposed area structure plans.

10. REV Electric Vehicle.

Nina Gales provided the background on the purchase of a REV Electric Vehicle. Return on investment is linked to the price of gasoline. We will have the ability to get a lot of marketing and press across Canada.

CAO McInnis provided that REV has done a lot of work in BC. The City of Medicine Hat and the Town of Olds has been targeted in Alberta; there is potential to offset some of the initial contribution for this project; unallocated resources - \$50,000 of a \$100,000 project.

Moving the pilot into Alberta will assess the -40 climate for cold weather performance. Two types of refueling stations; range is about 200 kms; best use for vehicle is believed to have it as part of the municipal enforcement fleet; it has been determined that emergency lights will not be a significant drain the power source. The local Ford dealership is currently training staff for service of electric vehicles.

General discussion:

Carbon footprint; coal based grid; show or go; expensive; show case; business plan showing numbers on payback; purchase of green power as part of the research/business plan; offer of bull frog power information; green power is at a premium rate.

Moved by Councillor Winfield that Administration provides information to the next Council meeting in regards to adding a REV vehicle to the fleet; including a business plan and information regarding the carbon footprint impact.

Motion Defeated 09-042

Moved by Councillor Smith, 'that the Committee move to an in-camera meeting.'

Motion Carried 09-043

The Committee went to an in-camera meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Winfield, 'that the Committee reconvene the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.'

Motion Carried 09-44

Moved by Councillor Smith, 'that this meeting adjourn.'

Motion Carried 09-45

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Councillor Lesley Winfield,
Chairman

Norm McInnis,
Chief Administrative Officer

Minutes adopted September 21, 2009.