

Minutes of the Town of Olds Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on Monday, March 15, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Olds Town Office at 3:00 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS in Attendance:**

In the Chair. Councillor W. Smith

Mayor J. Dahl; Councillor A. Bull; Councillor M.J. Harper; Councillor H. Walsh; Councillor L. Winfield.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS Absent:**

**STAFF in Attendance:**

Norm McInnis, Chief Administrative Officer; Cliff McDonald, Director of Corporate Services; Larry Wright, Director of Operational Services; Barb Hill, Director of Community Services; Nina Gales, Manager of Corporate Affairs and Regional Sustainability Coordinator; Karol Jorgensen, Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator; Debbie Godfrey, CAO & Council Assistant.

**1. Call To Order.**

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

**2. Added Items.**

Councillor Bull, advised that he has been receiving questions about the Olds High School Site and would like an update from Administration.

Mayor Dahl advised that item 5, was in fact dealt with at the October 13 2009 Regular Council Meeting and can be removed from the Agenda.

Add the Olds High School Site as Item number 5 for discussion.

**3. Adoption of Agenda.**

Moved by Councillor Bull, the adoption of the March 15, 2010 Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried 10-21

**4. Adoption of the February 16, 2010 Minutes.**

Moved by Councillor Walsh, the adoption of the February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 10-22

**5. Olds High School Site and related speed zone.**

CAO McInnis provided a verbal update on the Highway 27 cross walk and school zone. The Town will be working with Transportation to remove the pedestrian light and signage; the Town may accelerate that process given the recent requests.

Director Wright advised that last week the Town asked Transportation to have the school zone signs bagged as an interim measure.

The land north of Highway 27 has been listed; discussion with Jim Gibbons of Chinooks Edge – we do not have a Highway 27 functional study signed off; discussions about the changes in the functional study being incorporated into our municipal development plan; the School Board will come to Council for a rezoning application; the School Board would like to rezone the land to maximize the return on the land.

Director Wright provide general statements regarding: the overlay on Highway 27; base failures; changes in front of the Town Office; closing some turn lanes.

Chairman Smith asked Council if there were any other issues that Council wished to address?

Councillor Bull commented on potholes in the area of Smitty's at Highway 27.

Mayor Dahl commented that changes are needed at the new school location; traffic comes to a standstill.

CAO Norm McInnis provided that the movement of traffic and pedestrians should have been addressed as development driven improvements; there are some issues there now and the Town is stuck having to deal with those issues; and will likely have to pay to remedy those issues. There was a short coming in the traffic impact assessment that was done; should have been foreseen; now there are issues that need to be addressed.

Chairman Smith asked if opening 49<sup>th</sup> Street south to gain a measure of relief for small vehicle traffic will be considered.

Director Wright advised that an assessment report should be available at the beginning of next week.

#### **6. Library Board Members Request to Stager Terms.**

Terms are currently staggered.

General discussion:

Filling a vacant position to include the current term and then add the next term on to the appointed term; Libraries Act, is term specific; a shorter term allows person to experience the Board for a shorter period of time.

#### **7. Community Gardens.**

Director Barb Hill provided a narrative on the work that she has been doing with respect to the Community Gardens. The group is very community minded and have identified sustainable objects for the garden; asked the organizer to go back to her group and bring back information for consideration; An RFD will be coming to Council in April, to ask for the use of a particular piece of land; two right-of-ways are involved and we need to insure that there are no permanent structures; use of water from the roof of the aquatic center; looking at alternative sources for water; the organizing group is considering forming a membership for the community garden; Barb Hill is talking with pool staff for access and egress; and use of the aquatic center for meetings.

#### **8. Review of the Capital Budget.**

Chairman Smith recessed the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Chairman Smith reconvened the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Director McDonald narrated a review of the Capital Budget: 2009 Carry Over; 2010 Priority Projects; 2010 Non Priority Projects; ten year capital plan.

Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator Karol Jorgensen entered the Council Chambers at 3:56 p.m.

Director Barb Hill left the Council Chambers at 3:56 p.m.

Highway 2A remedy (pedestrian and traffic) \$150,000 is reflected as 'other' in the 2010 Capital Budget approved as of Dec 21.

Director Barb Hill entered the Council Chambers at 4:05 p.m.

Tax Rate Bylaw is required very soon. Mid April the Tax Rate bylaw needs to be before council finished the mill rate bylaw.

Director McDonald reviewed the Summary of priority projects.

Director Barb Hill left the Council Chambers at 4:21 p.m.  
CAO McInnis left the Council Chambers at 4:24 p.m.  
CAO McInnis entered the Council Chambers at 4:27 p.m.  
Director Barb Hill entered the Council Chambers at 4:28 p.m.

Director McDonald reviewed the summary of 2010 pending projects.

CAO McInnis will not have time today at this meeting to discuss the ten year capital plan.

Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator Karol Jorgensen left the Council Chambers at 4:39 p.m.

Chairman Smith recessed the meeting at 4:39 p.m.  
Chairman Smith reconvened the meeting at 4:45 00 p.m.

Fire Chief Lorne Thompson entered the Council Chambers at 4:45 p.m.

Chairman Smith turned the meeting over to CAO McInnis.

## **9. Governance Peer Learning Circles.**

Keith Seel provided discussion on Peer Learning Circle – Governance.

Councillor Harper entered the Council Chambers at 5:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Winfield that this meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried 10-23

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Councillor W. Smith,  
Chairman

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Norm McInnis,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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