

Prior to Adoption

Minutes of the Town of Olds Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on Monday, November 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Olds Town Office at 3:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS in Attendance:

Councillor A. Bull, In the Chair.

Mayor J. Dahl; Councillor M.J. Harper; Councillor W. Smith; Councillor H. Walsh; Councillor L. Winfield.

ELECTED OFFICIALS Absent:

STAFF in Attendance:

Norm McInnis, Chief Administrative Officer; Cliff McDonald, 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; Debbie Godfrey, CAO and Council Assistant.

1. Call To Order.

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

2. Added Items.

Moved by Mayor Dahl to add items: Sustainability Tour Olds College and Speed Limits on 57th and 70th Avenue to the agenda.

Motion Carried 09-063

3. Adoption of Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Harper to adopt the November 16, 2009 Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried 09-064

4. Adoption of the October 19, 2009 Minutes.

Moved by Councillor Smith to adoption of the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried 09-065

5. Parkland Regional Library Survey.

Moved by Councillor Harper that Council meet as a Committee to conduct the Parkland Regional Library survey after the Policies and Priorities Committee.

Motion Carried 09-066

6. Signs for Idling.

Nina Gales provided background on the topic of idling: create awareness to get people to talk about idling; a bylaw will take time and is often confrontational discussion.

Director of Operational Services, Larry Wright entered the Council Chambers at 3:07 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Dahl that Town Council direct Administration to bring back a recommendation for a no idling policy and signage, and further that a strategy on how the Town will implement be provided.

Motion Carried 06-067

Added Item:

7. Sustainability Tour Olds College

Councillor Walsh provided a background on a sustainability tour at Olds College. Council has been invited to tour Olds College; what areas would Council be interested in touring? And when would Council be interested in touring?

Proposed areas: bio diesel, wetland and solar
Proposed area: composting green roof

Mayor Dahl recommended to Administration to contact Corrine Vanden Burg and let her know Council is up to a tour and perhaps she can come up with some dates for a tour. Mayor Dahl withdrew her recommendation.

Councillor Walsh will move this item forward with Olds College.

CAO McInnis advised that earlier there had been discussion on what the College is doing and what role the town can play in partnerships. Because of illness and staffing at the College, discussions have not moved forward, the CAO will continue those discussions with Olds College.

8. Speed limits 57 and 70th Avenue.

CAO McInnis provided some background on the speed limits on 57th and 70th Avenue and the authority provided in the Traffic Bylaw 04-15. CAO McInnis suggested it would be reasonable to drop to 50 km where the good pavement ends on 57th Avenue heading north.

On pioneer road there is a little hill where it would be reasonable for the speed limit to drop down to 50 km. Richardson Development is starting; there is a wide access road that has started; we have to make sure that property signage and safety is implemented; temporary fix for speed zone transition.

Highway 2A and Highway 27, we continue to wait for the functional study to be approved by the Province.

CAO McInnis confirmed that we can effectively change the speed limits and signs on highways. Section 110 pursuant to the Act delegates authority to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor Smith would like to see a review of the way we have speed zones on highways 2A and 27; leaving town it goes to 70 km and then 100 km.

Moved by Councillor Smith that Administration is directed to create an RFD to Council in regards to traffic speed zones within the Town of Olds to include Highway 2A and 27 and 57th Avenue and 70th Avenue.

Motion Carried 09-068

Confirmed consultation with the County on 54th Avenue and with Transportation on the two secondary highways

9. 2010 Capital Budget.

Cliff McDonald provided a background on Lavinia Henderson's work with respect to Capital Budget. The Budget has been broken into four components: Carry-over projects; 2010 priority

projects; 2010 non-priority projects; assigned a ranking of 1 to 5 on the projects; five is high priority, one is low priority.

Funding comes from several revenue sources; we need to know the amount that will need a tax requirement.

Director McDonald reviewed the 2010 Capital Improvement Assumptions; the Summary of Carry Over by Departments;

Mayor Dahl left the Council Chambers at 4:12 p.m.
Mayor Dahl entered the Council Chambers at 4:14 p.m.

Director McDonald continued to review the Proposed 2010 Capital Budget spreadsheets.

Chairman Bull recessed the meeting at 4:17 p.m.
Chairman Bull reconvened the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Karol Jorgensen, Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability left the Council Chambers at 4:33 p.m.

Director McDonald continued to review the Proposed 2010 Capital Budget.
Director McDonald reviewed the financial tally of expenditure and source funding.

Director McDonald explained the intention tonight was to identify projects staff deemed important, necessary, must do; staff will go back and start the cutting process; intended to demonstrate impact of reduced MSI funding; we have to determine where MSI funding is; need to detail projects that can be funded and those that can not be. Identify a preliminary mill rate for taxpayers.

Director McDonald reviewed the Non-Priority 2010 Capital Budget spreadsheet and reviewed the non-priority project summary.

Moved by Councillor Harper that a Special Budget Meeting be held on November 30, 2009 at 1 p.m.

Motion Carried 09-069

Chairman Bull recessed the meeting at 6:04 p.m.
Chairman Bull reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

10. Resource Recovery Center. Mr. Neil Kivell in attendance.

Mr. Kivell did not attend the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Harper to move to a closed meeting.

Motion Carried 09-070

The Committee moved in-camera at 6:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Smith to move to the regular Policies and Priorities Committee meeting.

Motion Carried 09-070

Moved by Councillor Winfield that this meeting adjourn.
Motion Carried 09-071

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Councillor Arvin Bull,
Chairman

Norm McInnis,
Chief Administrative Officer

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