

## Prior to Adoption

Minutes of the Town of Olds Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Olds Town Office at 3:00 p.m.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS in Attendance:**

Councillor L. Winfield, In the Chair.

Mayor J. Dahl; Councillor A. Bull; Councillor M.J. Harper; Councillor W. Smith; Councillor H. Walsh.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS Absent:**

### **STAFF in Attendance:**

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

### **1. Call To Order.**

Chairman Winfield called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **2. Added Items.**

Added Item Number 12: In-Camera Session on Legal Issue.

Added Item Number 11: Lines for streets.

### **3. Adoption of Agenda.**

Moved by Mayor Dahl, "that the Agenda for September 21, 2009 be adopted, as amended."

Motion Carried 09-046

### **4. Adoption of the July 20, 2009 Minutes.**

Moved by Councillor Bull, "that the Minutes of July 20, 2009 be adopted, as presented."

Motion Carried 09-047

### **5. Letter from Mrs. C. Nelson RE: 57th Avenue south.**

CAO McInnis, advised that we have offsite contributions from other development, conjunction with Miller Meadows Development. Miller Meadows has stalled. Road has been treated, graded and speed boards are being used.

Director of Corporate Services left the Council Chambers at 3:23 p.m. and returned at 3:24 p.m.

CAO McInnis advised that a consultant is in place for a Transportation Utility Master Plan.

Moved by Mayor Dahl, "that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the letter from Mrs. C. Nelson as information."

Motion Carried 09-047

### **6. Email from Mr. Clinton Ekdahl RE: Honey Bees.**

Moved by Councillor Smith, "that the Committee recommendation to Council adoption of the proclamation as the Day of the Honey Bee, May 29, 2010."

Motion Carried 09-048

### **7. Gas and Electric Franchise Fees.**

General Discussion:

Franchise Fee in relation to property taxes revenue: there is a group of property owners that are property tax exempt, however the franchise fee impacts those properties.

Franchise fees are subject to GST; it becomes a double tax. When the town grows the 5% franchise value increases also.

## **8. Saskatchewan River Basin RE: Report, From the Mountains to the Sea-the State of the Saskatchewan River Basin.**

Mayor Dahl left the Council Chambers at 3:57 p.m. and entered the Council Chambers at 3:59 p.m.

Councillor Smith requested an opportunity, at the next council meeting, to present a CD regarding the Little Red Deer River

Moved by Councillor Smith, "that that Committee recommend to Council to receive the information from the south Saskatchewan River Basin and the Red Deer Water Shed Alliance as information and further to direct Administration to bring forward in the budgeting process information for membership in the Red Deer River Water Shed Alliance."

Motion Carried 09-050

Chairman Councillor Lesley Winfield recessed the Committee meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Chairman Councillor Lesley Winfield reconvened the Committee meeting at 4:13 p.m.

## **9. Capital Asset Management Policy.**

Finance Manager Marnie Ragan, entered the Council Chambers at 4:13 p.m.

Cliff McDonald Director of Corporate Services, spoke to the background to the Capital Asset Management Policy and associated changes. Capital Asset Management Policy #706 will be coming forward to a Council Meeting.

Assistant Manager of Corporate Affairs and Assistant Regional Sustainability Coordinator Karol Jorgensen left the Council Chambers at 4:27 p.m.

What level do we want to fund de-appreciation?

Director McDonald asked if he is to plot in the 3 million dollar de-appreciation or a portion there of? Looking for direction from Council.

The Committee suggested that various scenarios be provided to Council.

## **10. Policies and Priorities Committee Bylaws.**

CAO McInnis would like to have a discussion at the Policy and Priorities Committee that end with an item not moving forward ie: electric car. CAO McInnis is seeking clarity as to what level of information is needed to have to the Committee consider moving the matter to Council. Staff does not want to put the entire research and detail work in, if Council has no appetite to move the matter forward.

Councillor Walsh agreed that there was not enough information available to make full decision.

Councillor Smith does not understand what the concern is. For the Committee to fail to give direction to administration is a decision. Councillor Smith believes that the process is working now, as they should.

Councillor Harper believes the process is working well.

Mayor Dahl, asked for clarification, is this topic because staff did not receive the decision they were seeking?

Councillor Walsh commented that no decisions will be made; to choose not to move forward is still a decision.

Councillor Bull believes the process is working well.

Councillor Harper advised that at Policy and Priorities Committee Meetings, that a portion of the meeting should be designated to discuss policy.

CAO McInnis is seeking clarity as we develop topics for the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting. No recommendation to present to the Committee. The meetings are an opportunity for wide-base discussion to determine what we should put time and effort into these meetings.

Finance Manager Marnie Ragan left the Council Chambers at 4:52 p.m.

### **11. Lines for Streets**

Councillor Smith commented on: Bicycle use; Deer Meadow School, road curves with no center line; challenging for motorists; room for 'one in' 'two out' 54 Street as you approach the pool, held up in a line up of traffic because of a left hand turn. Establishing bike lanes. Is asking for dialogue from Council on this topic.

Councillor Harper, Hwy 27 and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, people not adhering to traffic lanes support Councillor Smith on bike lanes on collector roads.

Chairman Councillor Winfield agrees with Councillor's Smith and Harper, however cautioned, that once you start putting bike lanes, we will receive complaints about connectivity with roads that are not connector roads.

Mayor Dahl would like budget meeting dates provided to Council at the earliest.

Chairman Councillor Lesley Winfield recessed the Committee meeting at 5:02 p.m. CAO & Council Assistant Debbie Godfrey left the Council Chambers at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman Councillor Lesley Winfield reconvened the Committee meeting at 5:10 p.m.

### **12. In-Camera Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting move to an In-Camera Meeting."

Motion Carried 09-052

The Committee moved in-camera at 5:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Bull, "that the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting reconvene to the regular committee meeting."

Motion Carried 09-053

The Committee moved to the regular committee meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Bull, "that the meeting be adjourned."

Motion Carried 09-054

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Councillor Lesley Winfield,  
Chairman

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Norm McInnis,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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