

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 28,
2008 IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

Mayor R. Cummings, Councillors A. Clews, G. Henderson White, J. Henze, B. McIntyre, G. Taylor, and P. Toone

STAFF

N. Bartholow, Chief Administrative Officer
W. Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services
D. Savage, Interim Director of Corporate Services
J. Whitesell, Development Officer
J. Hager, Executive Assistant

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D. Singleton, Sundre Round Up; Michele Brewster, Personal Empowerment and Employment Program, Chinook's Edge School Division; Ty Lund, MLA Rocky Mountain House; Sherry Baers, Candor Properties Ltd., Victor Delaet and Stan Gitzel, Focused Money Solutions, Inc.; Bill Johnston, Director of Disaster Services; John and Marilee Poirier; Henry and Judy Schuurman; Karen Rosehill; Marsha Rockey; David and Trudy Paterson; Jodi Orr; Anton and Margaret Walker

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor R. Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

AGENDA APPROVAL

021/08 Councillor P. Toone moved to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

022/08 Councillor J. Henze moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 Regular Council Meeting as presented. CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Michele Brewster, Personal Empowerment and Employment Program

Career High in Innisfail has been in operation since 1995 and their goal is to provide knowledge to students to enter the work force. Chinook's Edge School Division has conducted pilot projects in Sundre, Olds, Innisfail, Bowden, and Sylvan Lake in the past where they work with high risk youth (unsuccessful in school, physical and mental handicaps, young/single parents) to train them in the class for 4 weeks then place them in a highly investigated work place for 20 weeks of pre-employment and 26 weeks of employment to help set them up for success. They now consider returning to school a success, as well as staying in the work force; they have a program to reward the employers when students succeed.

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The province requested another pilot project in Sundre, with a good possibility of approval, upon completion of the Olds project. This is a high value program with high expenses; 13 of the 15 students enrolled in the last project succeeded (work or school). The Sundre project could begin as early as March and enrolls youth from the Sundre community; 80% of students will stay in the community for work but they have the opportunity to go across Canada if they choose.

Ty Lund, MLA Rocky Mountain House

MLA Ty Lund asked Council what the end result of the drinking water situation was in Town. Council replied that they have budgeted to upgrade the lagoon and to build a water treatment plant **by 2010** as a standalone project but with the option to increase the output down the road as it becomes necessary to supply county properties and maybe Caroline and Cremona; **they have a 2010 target date.**

Ty Lund has concerns that the longer the Highway 27 situation is left, the more difficult it will be to sight in the best option for Sundre. He will try to bring it forward sooner and reiterate that the bridge should stay the responsibility of the province regardless of who owns Highway 27 through the Town of Sundre.

PUBLIC HEARING

The presented conceptual plan does not include any changes that may arise due to the open house held last week. Development Officer requested Council listen to developer and listen to residents in attendance and wait to make a decision until next Council meeting.

As a result of the comments received during the open house, the developer narrowed the stormwater dry pond and moved the lots to the west in order to keep the majority of the trees; they suggested they could put a caveat on the lots requesting the trees are not cleared with development. The developer noted that constructing a smaller pond means a deeper pond in order to accommodate the stormwater capacity required.

The density and lot sizes - a major concern of the citizens in attendance - were drafted in accordance with the Town of Sundre bylaws. If the lots are made larger the costs to the purchaser increase because there are fewer lots to cover the costs with and it will eliminate the option for entry-level or downsized homes. The lots are, an average, similar in size to the lots bordering to the south. The R-2 lots are only 2' narrower than the R-1 lots and duplex lots are 60' (30' for each side of the duplex). They have included the density of R-2 lots because there is high demand for alternative developments to the single family dwelling.

The residents request that front-lot parking is mandatory to keep the vehicles off the street but the Town cannot require that they use them and not park on the street

The storm pond placement is a major concern - the river will change and the residents fear that bank erosion is imminent. The residents requested another

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place for the location of the pond to which the developer informed them that any other pond location will create the need to bring in fill to raise the height of the ground level to create the proper flow for drainage. The current location was chosen because it is the lowest lying area on the property and creates a natural drainage course to the river.

Mayor R. Cummings temporarily adjourns the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Mayor R. Cummings reconvened the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Aspen Developments Conceptual Plan

023/08 Councillor G. Taylor moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the Aspen Developments Conceptual Plan for information and direct Administration to add this item, and any additional comments received, to the Monday, February 4, 2008 Governance Agenda. ***CARRIED***

Notice of Motion - Per Diem

024/08 Councillor G. Taylor moved that the Town of Sundre Council revises Per Diem Policy #301 to allow Council when attending a meeting or commitment for a minimum of 4 hours, in town or out of town including travel, to claim a per diem of \$175 as long as the meeting or commitment is not an all-council town commitment. ***CARRIED***

Notice of Motion - Parking Lot Garbage

025/08 Councillor G. Taylor moved that the Town of Sundre Council defer making a decision on budgeting monies for the cleaning of the Sundre AquaPlex/Curling Rink parking lot and draft a letter requesting a meeting with the School Board Trustee to discuss this matter. ***CARRIED***

Notice of Motion - Dinner Meetings

026/08 Councillor G. Taylor moved that the Town of Sundre Council approves Administration providing an evening meal if meetings are booked straight through from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. or two consecutive meetings are booked through the evening meal hours; for example at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the same evening. ***CARRIED***

NEW BUSINESS

Business Continuity Plan

027/08 Councillor A. Clews moved that the Town of Sundre Council approves the Business Continuity Plan as presented by Bill Johnston, Director of Disaster Services. ***CARRIED***

Sundre Community Centre Rate Increase

028/08 Councillor B. McIntyre moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopts the revised Sundre Community Centre Rental Use Policy 325 as presented. ***CARRIED***

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Purchase and Procurement Policy 303

029/08 Councillor B. McIntyre moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopts the revised Purchase and Procurement Policy 303 as presented. CARRIED

Utility Crossing on Centre Street North

030/08 Councillor G. Taylor moved that the Town of Sundre Council approves use of the Land Sale Reserve as per the 2007 Capital Budget, instead of getting a five year loan as outlined in Council motion 327/04, for payment of the utility crossing on Centre Street North to service the Eagle Ridge development. CARRIED

RFP for New Town Office

031/08 Councillor A. Clews moved that the Town of Sundre Council approves the RFP for the New Town Office as presented and directs Administration to advertise for tenders. CARRIED

Fire Department Signing Authority

032/08 Councillor B. McIntyre moved that the Town of Sundre Council appoints the same signing authority for the Fire Department as the Town of Sundre; which is either the Chief Administrative Officer or the Director of Corporate Services and either the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor. CARRIED

Sustainability Citizen's Advisory Group Member

033/08 Councillor A. Clews moved that the Town of Sundre Council appoints Councillor P. Toone to represent Council on the Sustainability's Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG). CARRIED

Trail Clearing

Council advised Administration that large trees have come down on the Snake Hill trails which are impeding the trail users. Council would like to see these trees removed as soon as possible.

FINANCE

034/08 Councillor P. Toone moved to accept the Cash Statement and Reserves ending November, 2007. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Vitalize 2008; Conference held June 12, 13, 14, 2008 in Edmonton at the Shaw Conference Centre - registration and program available in March

This conference is designed for volunteers.
No Council or staff attending.

Sundre 100 Year History Book - "The Little Town that Could" progress report from October 2007 to January 2008

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Brownlee Emerging Trends in Municipal Law - "Municipal Growth Strategies 2008"

Registration required by January 30, 2008 for Thursday, February 7, 2008
Seminar in Calgary at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino
No Council or staff attending.

Correspondence List

Mayor and Council Reports

Mayor R. Cummings received all correspondence for information.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Development Permit Report - No report

Fire Department Report - No report

Follow Up Action List

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

035/08 Councillor J. Henze moved to hold a committee meeting of the whole in camera at 9:54 p.m. CARRIED

036/08 Councillor G. Taylor moved to revert back to an open meeting at 10:05 p.m. CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

037/08 Councillor B. McIntyre moved at 10:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED



MAYOR

I hereby certify that the minutes are correct.



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER