

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE  
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Crowder called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

**ATTENDANCE**

Attending were Mayor Crowder; Councillors Kouznitsoff, Niessen, Onishenko, Popov, Barbara Woytiuk, and Administrator Brad.

**DELEGATIONS**

**1. Tom Williams, Engineer with Associated Engineering** attended. He toured Blaine Lake municipal facilities and streets with Mayor Crowder, Public Works Asst. Jason Weber, and Administrator Brad prior to commencing the meeting. He advised council that the Town's infrastructure is showing it's age and a lot of it will soon need to be refurbished or replaced. Poor drainage and streets appear to be the Town's biggest concerns.

Tom suggested that the Town needs a long term capital plan where the Town identifies it's infrastructure priorities and budgets so much a year to rectify those problems. There are no cheap fixes and we will probably only be able to fix 1 or 2 blocks at a time. Possible ways to finance these repairs would be to raise taxes, implement local improvements, and government grants. By implementing a long term capital plan and identifying problem areas we would be ready to apply for grants as soon as they become available instead of having to hire a consultant when grants are announced and possibly missing that window of opportunity. Tom indicated the first place to start would be to survey the entire Town. This would show us where the grade elevations are and allow us to start a long term plan to address our drainage issues. Poor drainage is a large part of what is causing the problems with our streets. Tom suggested that we apply for the Building Canada Fund Grant that is currently available to have a drainage investigation of the Town done. Included in this grant application would be money to rectify some of our problem drainage areas. Projects do not have to be completed until 2011 under this Grant.

Tom also indicated that we need to change our zoning bylaw so that when new construction is taking place, drainage issues and grade level concerns would need to be addressed prior to building permits being issued. He also strongly urged us to request a lot grading plan or a drainage plan from AKB Holdings for their development on the North East corner of Blaine Lake. He is concerned that without proper drainage in that area, that development will add to our drainage problems. He has offered to meet with the Town and the Developer on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

*Councillor Niessen declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting.*

**OFFER TO PURCHASE LOTS**

**2009-103                      Onishenko**

**That** we accept the offer from Jason and Chrissy Niessen to purchase Lot 16, Block 5, Plan M4996 (113 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave W) for \$500.00; and that we also accept the offer from Jason Niessen and Joe Niessen to purchase Lot 21, Block 2, Plan H3043 (105 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E) for \$500.00.

CARRIED

*Councillor Niessen returned to the meeting.*

**USED OIL COLLECTION AT THE TRANSFER STATION SITE**

**2009-104                      Kouznitsoff**

**That** we send a letter to the RM of Blaine Lake asking them to share the cost of installing a recycling station for used oil and used oil filters at the Transfer Station Site.

CARRIED

**BYLAW NO. 2009-5**

**2009-105                      B. Woytiuk**

**That** Bylaw No. 2009-5 being a bylaw to enter a joint agreement with other Municipalities to form a Development Appeals Board be read a first time.

CARRIED

**2009-106                      Popov**

**That** Bylaw No. 2009-5 be read a second time.

CARRIED

**2009-107                      Kouznitsoff**

**That** Bylaw No. 2009-5 be given three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2009-108                      Niessen**

**That** Bylaw No. 2009-5 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be read a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

**LORAAS DISPOSAL BINS**

**2009-109                      *Onishenko***

***That*** a letter be sent to Loraas Disposal asking for an explanation of the fees for the extra 40 yd bin at the Transfer Station

CARRIED

**CALLER ID FOR TOWN CELL PHONE**

**2009-110                      *B. Woytiuk***

***That*** we have the caller id feature added to the Town's cell phone.

CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**2009-111                      *B. Woytiuk***

***That*** we adjourn.

CARRIED

*Adjournment – 3:55 p.m.*

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_