

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
Monday, August 18th, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Onishenko called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

ATTENDANCE

Attending were Deputy Mayor Onishenko; Councillors Kouznitsoff, Popov, Woytiuk and Administrator Brad.

Mayor Crowder and Councillor Weber were absent.

MINUTES

2008-255

Woytiuk

That the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21st, 2008 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2008-256

Popov

That the Financial Statement ending July 31st, 2008 and the bank reconciliation for the month of July 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Niessen arrived at the meeting at 6:30 pm

REPORTS

2008-257

Kouznitsoff

That the following reports be accepted as filed:

1. BLCM Meeting, Aug 8/08 – Popov
2. Marten's Lake - Woytiuk
3. Communities in Bloom- Kouznitsoff
4. Employee Time Sheets –July 6-Aug 16/08
5. Water & Wastewater Analysis Reports – July 14-Aug 5/08
6. Administrator's Report – August 18, 2008
7. Town Foreman's Report – August, 2008

CARRIED

RETURN OF LOT 21, BLOCK 2, PLAN H3043 TO THE TOWN

2008-258

Woytiuk

That a letter be sent to the law firm of Wardell Gillis advising that we will accept the return of Lot 21, Block 2, Plan H3043 from Promiseland Investments Inc. because the basement from the previous residence on that property had not been properly removed. Further, we will refund the purchase price of the lot - \$1,111.00 and the building permit fee - \$496.00. 2008 taxes on that property will be abated and we will release Promiseland Investments Inc. from the agreement for sale that they had signed.

CARRIED

REMOVE CONCRETE FROM LOT 21, BLOCK 2, PLAN H3043

2008-259

Woytiuk

That we hire A1 Trenching and Excavating to clean up and remove the concrete from Lot 21, Block 2, Plan H3043.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. Walter Rusel attended to discuss the culverts he wants installed under his driveway on James Street and across the road at the intersection of James Street and 2nd Ave W.
2. Cyril Davidson, Councillor for the RM of Blaine Lake, attended to discuss the recruitment of a Fire Chief and EMO Co-ordinator.
3. Roland Zerebeski attended to discuss the drainage problems on N.S. Road Allowance and Parcel F, Plan 60PA04869

WATER RATE POLICY FOR 2009

2008-260

Kouznitsoff

That the Water Rate Policy and water and sewer rates established in 2006 for the year of 2009 remain in effect and the Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy for 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

RECRUITMENT OF FIRE CHIEF AND EMO COORDINATOR

2008-261

Kouznitsoff

That we arrange to have a meeting in November 2008 with the RM of Blaine Lake and the Blaine Lake Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of recruiting people to fill the positions of Fire Chief and EMO Coordinator.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CUSTOMER PARKING AREA

2008-262

Niessen

That we deny Hoepfner Insurance's request to establish a "customer parking area" on the street in front of their business. Mr. Hoepfner should be advised that the Traffic Bylaw # 2007-10 (g) states that no vehicle can be parked for an uninterrupted time period of longer than 24 hours and that in the future if there is a vehicle parked in front of his business that contravenes this Bylaw he should contact the Town and we will enforce it.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO RM TO INCREASE CULVERT SIZE**2008-263** **Popov**

That we send a letter to the RM of Blaine Lake requesting that they install 2 – 18” culverts across the road by Jim Hunchuk’s this fall to accommodate the natural flow of drainage water from the Town.

CARRIED

INSTALL CULVERTS ACROSS NS ROAD ALLOWANCE**2008-264** **Woytiuk**

That we hire A1 Trenching and Excavating to install 2 – 18” culverts across NS Road Allowance at the SE corner of Lot 2, Block 33, Plan 62B07320 and the lane way south of Parcel E, Plan 60PA04869.

CARRIED

INSTALL CULVERTS ACROSS 2ND AVE W**2008-265** **Kouznitsoff**

That we hire A1 Trenching and Excavating to install a culvert across 2nd Ave W at the SE corner of Lot 4, Block 2, Plan N5260 and the Park.

CARRIED

BUILDERS’ LIEN ON LOT 12, BLOCK 2, PLAN H3043**2008-266** **Niessen**

That we refer the matter of the Builders’ Lien and Ms Frost’s failure to comply with the terms of the purchase agreement of Lot 12, Block 2, Plan H3043 to the Town’s lawyer.

CARRIED

INSTALL FENCE AT LOT 12, BLOCK 2, PLAN H3043**2008-267** **Kouznitsoff**

That a letter be sent to Carla Frost advising her that a safety fence must be installed around the open excavation at Lot 12, Block 2, Plan H3043 and advising her that Council is considering her letter of August 1st, 2008.

CARRIED

PLACING RESTAURANT TABLES ON SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF RESTAURANT**2008-268** **Popov**

That a letter be sent to Mel Kreger, of the Gateway Grill on Main, Lot 7, Block 1, Plan H3043 (106 Main St.) advising her that council approves her placing small tables and chairs on the sidewalk in front of her business located at Lot 9, Block 2, Plan H3043 providing it does not interfere with pedestrian traffic. Ms. Kreger should also receive approval from the Dept. of Highways.

CARRIED

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON LOT 7, BLOCK 23, PLAN BL5947**2008-269** **Woytiuk**

That because of an assessment error on the garage located at Lot 7, Block 23, Plan BL5947 municipal taxes be abated \$560.30 and school taxes abated \$321.31 for 2008.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**2008-270** **Niessen**

That the following correspondence be accepted and filed:

1. Martin’s Lake Regional Park Minutes – July 14/08
2. SAMA – preliminary 2009 assessments
3. Cherry Insurance – Aug 11/08
4. Sk. Assoc. of License Inspectors & Bylaw Officials – 2008 conference
5. Town of Shellbrook – invitation to presentation

CARRIED

EXTEND URBAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION TERM FROM 3 TO 4 YEARS**2008-271** **Popov**

That in response to the Department of Municipal Affairs survey regarding the extension of the urban municipal election term from 3 to 4 years we reply yes to the 4 year election term.

CARRIED

REFUND CAMPING RESERVATION DEPOSIT**2008-272** **Woytiuk**

That we refund the \$84.00 camping reservation fee paid by Peter Odnokon in view of the fact that the sites were not used.

CARRIED

ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR CANCELLATION OF RESERVED CAMPING SITES**2008-273** **Niessen**

That a camping reservation must be cancelled 24 hours prior to the reservation date to receive a refund.

CARRIED

CHANGE TREE IN FRONT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING**2008-274** **Woytiuk**

That permission be given to Communities in Bloom to change the tree located in front of the Municipal Office Building. We should also request that the tree presently located in front of the building be relocated rather than discarded.

CARRIED

SALE OF CERTAIN TOWN LOTS BY TENDER

2008-275 **Woytiuk**

That the following tax title lots be offered for sale by Tender :

- Lot 4/Block 33/Plan 62B06069 – 131 Main St. N.
- Lot 16/Block 5/Plan M4996 – 113 2nd Ave W
- Lot 3/Block 1/Plan N5260 Ext 7 – 410 Railway Ave W
- Lot 12/Block 9/Plan M4996 – 218 Railway Ave E

Conditions of the tender are the highest or only bidder may not necessarily be accepted, that the successful bidder must take out the building permit within 1 year of the tender being awarded, and that the minimum residence size excluding attached garage is 1,000 sq. ft.. Tenders to close on October 17th, 2008. If conditions of the tender are not met they will forfeit the lot plus \$500.00 to the Town.

CARRIED

Councillors Woytiuk declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

APPROVE PAYMENT TO TRUE VALUE HARDWARE

2008-276 **Popov**

That cheque # 2928 in the amount of \$215.59 payable to True Value Hardware be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillors Woytiuk returned to the meeting.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

2008-277 **Woytiuk**

That Cheque #'s 2880 to 2937 and payments to Earthwork by Protz – 546.00; Firefly Webs - \$84.00; Laird Manufacturing - \$250.82 and Mayor Crowder - \$75.00 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

SEED GRASS ON LOT 1, BLOCK 33, PLAN 62B07320

2008-278 **Popov**

That we approach Grant Protz of Earth Works by Protz and have him seed grass on the vacant lot at Lot 1, Block 33, Plan 62B07320.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

2008-279 **Niessen**

That we adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjournment – 9:35 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____

Administrator: _____