

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
Monday, August 17th, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES

2009-217

B. Woytiuk

That the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20th, 2009 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2009-218

Kouznitsoff

That the Financial Statement ending July 31st, 2009 and the Bank Reconciliation statement for the month of July, 2009 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS

2009-219

K. Woytiuk

That the following reports be accepted as filed:

1. Martin's Lake Regional Park Meeting, Aug 10/09 – B. Woytiuk
2. BLCA Meeting, Aug 5/09 – Popov
3. RCMP policing report – June/09
4. Employee Time Sheets – July 19-Aug 15/09
5. Water Analysis Reports – July 13-Aug 4/09
6. Administrator's Report – Aug 17/09
7. Town Foreman's Report – Aug 17/09

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Ron Zarubiak – Public Works – attended to discuss their work. Jason Weber will be off on compensation for a while yet and summer student, Kaitlyn LaRose will be finished August 21, 2009, the Town needs to hire a temporary person to help out while Jason is off. Ron will teach them how to test the water and take water samples and the relief person will cover every second weekend. Took 1 mower to Saskatoon for repairs, it should be back in service in another week. John Fusick has looked after trapping and disposing skunks. Problem seems to be under control now.

Councillor Onishenko arrived at 6:50 pm

Terry Rapsey & Fred Odnokon – Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel – Came to discuss Mr. Odnokon's offer to purchase 105 Railway Ave W., for \$1,000.00 and his intention to donate the lot to the Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel. For now, the church will use the lot for parking or green space but it would allow the church to do a building expansion sometime in the future.

Vivian Nemish & Al Sorenson – Blaine Lake Chamber of Commerce – attended to discuss the Town partnering with the Chamber to set up an information booth at various Trade Shows. They feel a good job has been done in promoting Blaine Lake locally but would like to promote the Town to a larger region. The project would be done on a cost-sharing basis. They also asked Council to consider hiring an Economic Development Officer at some point in the future. They suggested this position could be shared with other area municipalities.

Vivian Nemish – North Central Enterprise Region – Vivian discussed the newly established North Central Enterprise Region and invited council to attend the North Central Enterprise Region meeting that will be held at the Blaine Lake Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm on September 2nd, 2009. She also asked Council to consider nominating someone to sit on the Board of the NCER, nominations will be accepted until September 15th, 2009. The NCER Annual General Meeting will be on October 22nd, 2009.

HIRE TEMPORARY PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT

2009-220

B. Woytiuk

That we offer the position of temporary public works assistant to Ernie LaRose at \$13.00/hour starting August 26th, 2009. Administrator Brad is to give Mr. LaRose a copy of the Public Works Assistant job description and advise him that it is a temporary position while employee, Jason Weber, is off due to a work related injury.

OFFER TO PURCHASE 105 RAILWAY AVE W

2009-221

B. Woytiuk

That we accept Mr. Odnokon's offer of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of 105 Railway Ave W (Lot 12, Block 1, Plan H3043) but that we advise him that the Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel would be responsible for repair or replacement of the existing sidewalk and the portion of the sidewalk that is missing in front of that lot. Council feels that because they will not receive any future tax money from this lot they could not afford to replace or repair that sidewalk.

CARRIED

LAGOON DREDGING

2009-222

Onishenko

That because the ground is too wet to construct a berm and because it is too late in the year, we postpone dredging the lagoon until 2010.

CARRIED

CLEAN UP 106 RAILWAY AVE E**2009-223****K. Woytiuk**

That we hire a contractor to remove any concrete, or other construction material remaining on the lot at 106 Railway Ave E. (Lot 12, Block 2, Plan H3043) and that when all debris has been removed that it be leveled off.

CARRIED

TOWN LOTS FOR SALE**2009-224****Kouznitsoff**

That we put "For Sale" signs up on the lots that the Town has available for sale.

CARRIED

COST SHARING THE TRANSFER STATION WITH THE RM #434**2009-225****Onishenko**

That we send a letter to the RM of Blaine Lake #434 advising them that receipt books from the Transfer Station from August 2007 to the present date indicate that the percentage of RM ratepayers using the Transfer Station is 55% and the percentage of Town ratepayers using the Transfer Station is 45% and that the Town feels the cost sharing agreement between the Town and RM should be changed from the 60-40 split to a 45-55 split to reflect this usage.

CARRIED

CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING FOR DRAINAGE SURVEY**2009-226****K. Woytiuk**

That we accept the proposal from Associated Engineering to do a Drainage Survey of the Town for \$7,500.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

REPLY TO SHARON HOLLICK**2009-227****Onishenko**

That a letter be sent to Sharon Hollick advising her that Council does not feel the Town is responsible for the damage her truck's transmission sustained when she got it stuck in front of her property at 114-5th Ave E. Further, the Town will examine the culvert in front of 114-5th Ave E and replace it if necessary. The letter should also advise Ms. Hollick that Council is looking into the drainage issues that the Town is experiencing.

CARRIED

BLAINE LAKE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE**2009-228****B. Woytiuk**

That we send a letter to the Blaine Lake Centennial Celebrations Committee advising them that Administrator Brad and Town Council will assist them in accessing any grants that are available for Centennial Celebrations.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE**2009-229****Kouznitsoff**

That the following correspondence be accepted and filed:

1. SAMA – results of voting on Resolutions at 2009 AGM
2. Darryl Hamm & Cheryl Tchorewski - skunks
3. Blaine Lake Health Clinic Alternative Hours Committee
4. Building Canada Fund – July 17/09
5. Sumassure – prompt payment of insurance
6. North Central Rail Ltd. – AGM
7. North Central Enterprise Region – Board of Director Nominations
8. Kids Help Phone – July 31/09
9. Marg Pool – Communities in Bloom
10. Terry & Denise Rapsey – sidewalk in front of Gospel Church

CARRIED

REIMBURSE COUNCILLOR ONISHENKO FOR STOLEN PROPERTY**2009-230****B. Woytiuk**

That the Town reimburse Councillor Onishenko for his 22 calibre rifle that was stolen from John Fusick's truck while Mr. Fusick was conducting pest control duties for the Town. Councillor Onishenko had lent the rifle to Mr. Fusick to dispose of skunks caught in the traps.

CARRIED

ALTERNATIVE CLINIC HOURS FOCUS GROUP**2009-231****Kouznitsoff**

That we give permission to the Blaine lake Community Health Planning Group – Alternative Clinic Hours Focus Group to install an electrical outlet in the front porch of the clinic to accommodate the LED sign they wish to install and that we allow them to modify the clinic hours sign located in front of the medical clinic.

CARRIED

PAY SUMASSURE INSURANCE**2009-232****Popov**

That Administrator Brad issue payment for the Town's 2009 - 2010 insurance as soon as the invoice is received from AON Insurance to accommodate the Sumassure Protection and Ownership for Urban Municipalities self-insurance program.

CARRIED

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYEES

2009-233 B. Woytiuk

That a Thank you letter be sent to Kaitlyn LaRose and Jenna Nemish to thank them for the excellent work they did for the Town this summer.

CARRIED

THANK ANDY & PATTI CIONA

2009-234 Popov

That we send a Thank You card to Andy and Patti Ciona for cutting the grass and weeds on the vacant lot located at 103 Railway Ave E.

CARRIED

TOWN BBQ

2009-235 B. Woytiuk

That the Town pay the expenses for the Town Council and staff barbeque held on August 12th, 2009.

CARRIED

DEBRIS FROM DEMOLITION AT 114-1ST AVE E

2009-236 B. Woytiuk

That Administrator Brad contact Jason Niessen and advise him that he is responsible to make sure the loads of debris being hauled away from 114 1st Ave E. (Lot 16, Block 3, Plan H3043) are properly secured and tarped to prevent anything from falling onto the streets and roads. Should anything fall off of the loads he is responsible to clean up all the debris on the roadway immediately. The RCMP should also be advised of the situation.

CARRIED

LIBRARY GROUNDS

2009-237 B. Woytiuk

That we contact a Contractor to have them remove the boardwalk and bring in clay and gravel to level the library grounds for the construction of the new Gazebo. The Contractor should contact Councillor Kouznitsoff for further instructions and to make arrangements to do the work.

CARRIED

Councillors Onishenko and Barbara Woytiuk declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers.

APPROVE PAYMENT

2009-238 K. Woytiuk

That cheque # 3624 in the amount of \$319.90 payable to True Value Hardware and payment of \$332.04 to Councillor Onishenko be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillors Onishenko and Barbara Woytiuk returned to the meeting.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

2009-239 Kouznitsoff

That Cheque #'s 3576 to 3632 in the amount of \$106,557.47 and payments to John Fusick for \$600.00; Stan Fehr for \$14,200.00 and CIBC Visa for \$447.86 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

2009-240 B. Woytiuk

That we adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjournment – 10:05 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____

Administrator: _____