

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
Monday, January 22nd, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowder called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

ATTENDANCE

Attending were Mayor Crowder, Councillors Kouznitsoff, Niessen, Popov, Weber, Woytiuk and Administrator Brad.

Councillor Onishenko arrived at 9:15 am

MINUTES

2008-001 **Woytiuk**

That the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17th, 2007 regular meeting, be approved as read.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATIONS

2008-002 **Popov**

That the Financial Statement ending December 31st 2007 and the Bank Reconciliations for November and December, 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS

2008-003 **Kouznitsoff**

That the following reports be accepted as filed:

1. BLCA Meeting, Jan 2/08 – Popov
2. Blaine Lake Library Board, Dec/07 – Kouznitsoff
3. Marten's Lake Regional Park, Jan 14/08 - Woytiuk
4. Employee Time Sheets – Dec 9/07- Jan 5/08
5. Water & Wastewater Analysis Reports – Dec 10, 2007 – Jan 7, 2008
6. Administrator's Report – Jan 21, 2008
7. Town Foreman's Report – December, 2007
8. RCMP Policing Report – December 2007

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. Dennis Rutten – Genivar Engineering

Dennis met with council to discuss the construction of the Lift Station. Council expressed the following concerns:

a) The soil compaction of the road and the road allowances into the lift station and the PetroCanada gas station did not meet the required 95% compaction rate.

Dennis has assured council that when Ritchie Construction returns in the spring/summer to finish the road that it will meet the 95% compaction rate as stated in the specifications for the Lift Station.

b) the agitator pump that was installed was a change to the original blueprint and was not approved by the Town. There is some concern that this may not clean the pit adequately.

c) It was suggested by Altrav Mechanical that it might have been a good idea to install a mesh basket by the intake valve so that rocks, plastic bags, etc. did not get drawn in the pumps and damage the impellers.

d) The connection to the forcemain did not join up properly. Ritchie has poured a concrete form to hold the forcemain connection in place. There is some concern that with the poor soil compaction and the frost in the spring this connection may not hold.

e) the ladder to access the pit from ground level is difficult to use.

f) the alarm was installed on the interior of the building and it would have been more appropriate to install it on the exterior where people would hear it.

2. Roman Zarubiak – Town Foreman

Ron advised Council that everything is going well. The speedometer on the truck and the block heater cord need to be repaired.

Alderman Onishenko left the meeting at 11:50 am

BYLAW NO. 2008-01

2008-004 **Woytiuk**

That Bylaw No. 2008-01 being a bylaw to exempt certain property taxes for 2008 be read a first time.

CARRIED

2008-005 **Popov**

That Bylaw No. 2008-01 be read a second time.

CARRIED

2008-006 **Weber**
That Bylaw No. 2008-01 be given three readings at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-007 **Kouznitsoff**
That Bylaw No. 2008-01 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be read a third time and adopted.
CARRIED

BYLAW NO. 2008-02

2008-008 **Niessen**
That Bylaw No. 2008-02 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw #9/2004 The Animal Control Bylaw be read a first time.
CARRIED

2008-009 **Kouznitsoff**
That Bylaw No. 2008-02 be read a second time.
CARRIED

2008-010 **Weber**
That Bylaw No. 2008-02 be given three readings at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-011 **Popov**
That Bylaw No. 2008-02 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be read a third time and adopted.
CARRIED

RECESS FOR LUNCH

2008-012 **Woytiuk**
That we recess for lunch.
CARRIED

Mayor Crowder called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Onishenko returned to the meeting.
Councillor Woytiuk did not return to the meeting.

DELEGATIONS

- 1. Laurie Cheveldayoff – BLCA**
Laurie asked Council to increase the amount of the annual grant to the BLCA to accommodate a \$1.00/hour wage increase for her.
- 2. Rodger Pederson – A 1 Trenching & Excavating**
Roger discussed the repair of the service connection at 111 Main St. N. (Parcel U, Plan BS2117).

WAGE INCREASE FOR LAURIE CHEVELDAYOFF

2008-013 **Popov**
That we increase the grant to the BLCA by \$2,080.00 per year to accommodate a wage increase of \$1.00/hour for Laurie Cheveldayoff.
CARRIED

SERVICE CONNECTIONS

2008-014 **Niessen**
That new service connections must be done to code with the Application to Construct a new Building Service Connection form completed and returned to the office. Repairs being done to existing service connections will not require the service connection form to be completed.
CARRIED

SGI INSURANCE OFFER FOR THE 1986 GMC 3500 TRUCK

2008-015 **Onishenko**
That we do not accept the offer from SGI in the amount of \$6,600.00 in settlement of the 1986 GMC 3500 truck that was stolen in September, 2007.
CARRIED

TAX ENFORCEMENT

2008-016 **Kouznitsoff**
That the Provincial Mediation Board be asked for consent to continue Tax Enforcement Proceedings on the following properties:
1. Lots 6 & 7, Block 8, Plan M4996
2. Lot 14, Block 24, Plan BL5947
3. Lot 20, Block 4, Plan H3043
CARRIED

PURCHASE A DUMP TRUCK FOR HAULING SNOW/GRAVEL

2008-017 **Weber**

That the Machinery Committee purchase a truck for hauling snow and gravel.
CARRIED

POSTPONE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

2008-018 **Weber**

That we postpone discussion and decision on renewing the Communities in Bloom membership until the February 19th, 2008 council meeting.
CARRIED

GIC RENEWAL

2008-019 **Kouznitsoff**

That we reinvest \$200,000.00 in GIC's in the following manner:

3 - \$50,000.00 investments for 1 year at an interest rate of 3.85% per year

1 - \$50,000.00 investment for 1 year in a flexible fund at an interest rate of 3% per year

and that these investments be made with the CIBC Bank.

CARRIED

LOAN PAYMENTS

2008-020 **Weber**

That the \$150,000.00 loan for the new Lift Station obtained from the CIBC be repaid in monthly installments of \$3,125.00 plus interest until such time as the debt is repaid in full.

CARRIED

Councillor Onishenko declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

APPROVE PAYMENT TO BLAINE LAKE VAC & SEPTIC

2008-021 **Weber**

That Cheque #2530 in the amount of \$550.00 payable to Blaine Lake Vac & Septic be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Onishenko returned to the meeting.

POSTPONE COUNCIL COMMITTEE & CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

2007-022 **Weber**

That we postpone council committee and civic appointment selection until all council members are present.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2008-023 **Kouznitsoff**

That the following correspondence be accepted and filed.

1. Library Board Minutes – Nov 19/07
2. RM of Leask – RCMP service
3. P.A. Parkland Health Region
4. Allan Sorenson – annexation
5. Dennis Allchurch – Saskatchewan Youth Award
6. Blaine Lake Sr. Citizens – Tax exemption request
7. Diana Woytiuk – AED Co-ordinator

CARRIED

LETTER TO RM OF LEASK

2008-024 **Weber**

That we send a letter to the RM of Leask advising them that due to the recent staffing changes in the RCMP detachment we would like to wait for 1 month to see if there is a change to the level and quality of RCMP service we are receiving before we make arrangements to meet with Leask to discuss policing concerns.

CARRIED

APPROVE DIANA WOYTIUK TO ACT AS COORDINATOR FOR THE BLAINE LAKE PAD PROGRAM

2008-025 **Weber**

That we accept Diana Woytiuk's offer to be the coordinator for our Public Access to Defibrillation program and that we authorize her to order the alarmed box and signage required for the AED machine to be located at the Blaine Lake Curling Rink.

CARRIED

SALE OF THE OLD GARBAGE TRUCK

2008-026 **Onishenko**

That we advise Frank Greyeyes that we are not interested in selling our old garbage truck.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

2008-027 **Popov**

That the Town cover the costs for Mayor Crowder and Administrator Brad to attend Module 5 of the Municipal Leadership Development Program to be held in Hafford on February 28th, 2008.

CARRIED

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

2008-028 *Niessen*

That Cheque #'s 2507-2529 and 2531-2573 be approved for payment.
CARRIED

ADJOURN

2008-029 *Kouznitsoff*

That we now adjourn.
CARRIED

Adjournment – 3:15 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____

Administrator: _____