

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
Monday, September 21st, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Crowder called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES

2009-241

B. Woytiuk

That the minutes of the regular meeting of August 17th, 2009 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2009-242

Popov

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

CARRIED

REPORTS

2009-243

Kouznitsoff

That the following reports be accepted as filed:

1. Martin's Lake Regional Park Meeting, Sept 14/09 – B. Woytiuk (submitted)
2. BLEDCO, Aug 26/09 – K. Woytiuk
3. Blaine Lake Library, Sept 14/09 - Kouznitsoff
4. NCER Meeting, Sept 3/09 – Popov
5. RCMP policing report – July & August/09
6. Employee Time Sheets – Aug 16 – Sept 12/09
7. Water Analysis Reports – Aug 10 – Sept 8/09
8. Waterworks Compliance Inspection – Sept 17/09
9. Administrator's Report – Sept 21/09
10. Town Foreman's Report – Sept 21/09

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Sgt. John Redlich – Blaine Lake RCMP – met with Council to discuss policing issues. Concerns raised by RCMP about Fireworks being set off in Town, would like to see a bylaw put in place to regulate use of fireworks within Town limits. Also discussed how to deal with vehicles that are licensed, parked on the street but that are not road worthy and would not pass vehicle safety inspections; areas within Town where speeding is a concern; and semi trailer units parked on the street that are causing safety issues.

Ron Ferster – Co-Chair New Shellbrook Hospital Building Fundraising Committee. Asked Council to consider putting a special \$150.00 levy on each household's property taxes for the next 4 years to be given to the building of the new hospital in Shellbrook. There are 7,000 household units in this region that could contribute. Total estimated cost of the new hospital is 21 million with the provincial government contributing 65% and area residents contributing 35%. This is a 2 year project. New hospital will have 20 acute care beds and 28 long term care beds (Level 3 & 4 nursing home). Construction of the new hospital is scheduled to start in the spring of 2010. The committee currently has 1.8 million dollars in the bank and has secured credit for the additional funds they will require, however, they are hoping to raise the balance of the funds before they have to use the credit. All area municipalities, 1st nations and Hutterite colonies are being approached and asked to levy \$150.00 per household.

SEWER LINE AT 104-1ST AVE W

2009-244

Kouznitsoff

That a letter be sent to Wade Fiala asking him to leave the water tap at his tire shop at 104-1st Ave W running continually with a small stream of water during the winter months to prevent the sewer line from freezing. He should commence this at the beginning of December (or when the ground starts to freeze) until the end of May (or once the frost has come out of the ground) each year. At no time during the time he is to have his water running will he be charged any more than the minimum billing for water consumption.

CARRIED

SEWER LINE & LIFT STATION CLEANING

2009-245

Popov

That we authorize Sherman's Maintenance and Greycat Oilfield Services to remove the sand and gravel where excess amounts have accumulated at manholes on the east side of Town. Further, while they are here they should clean the pit at the Lift Station as a preventative maintenance measure.

CARRIED

EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE

2009-246

K. Woytiuk

That after the October 28th, 2009 Town election a chain of command for employee discipline be established.

CARRIED

SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR BUILDING FUND FOR NEW SHELLBROOK HOSPITAL

2009-247

Kouznitsoff

That any decision regarding the Shellbrook Hospital Building Fundraising Committee request to put a \$150.00 special tax levy on each household to assist with paying for the new hospital be tabled until the November, 2009 Town Council meeting.

CARRIED

SIDEWALK AT 105 RAILWAY AVE W**2009-248 K. Woytiuk**

That an invitation be extended to Terry Rapsey and representatives from the Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel to attend the October 19th, 2009 Town Council Meeting so that Council can explain why they made the decision they did regarding paying for the replacement of the sidewalk in front of 105 Railway Ave W.

CARRIED

FALL CLEAN UP DAYS**2009-249 B. Woytiuk**

That we designate, October 7th and October 14th as the days that Public Works will pick up compostable garden refuse from the back alleys.

CARRIED

WATER RATE POLICY FOR 2010**2009-250 Kouznitsoff**

That the Water Rate Policy and water and sewer rates established in 2006 for the year of 2010 remain in effect and the Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy for 2010 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

SUMASSURE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT**2009-251 K. Woytiuk**

WHEREAS:

- (a) The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association has facilitated the establishment of a reciprocal insurance exchange (the "SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal") under the provisions of *The Saskatchewan Insurance Act* to enable Saskatchewan municipalities to obtain certain insurance coverages through SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal;
- (b) The Town of Blaine Lake (the "Municipality") is desirous of participating in SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal by becoming a subscriber to the SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal Exchange Agreement to be dated as of August 18, 2009 (the "Reciprocal Agreement") through the execution and delivery of the subscription form appended as Schedule "A" to the Reciprocal Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The participation by the Municipality in SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal, and the subscription by the Municipality in and to the Reciprocal Agreement, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.
2. The Mayor, Ernest Crowder, and Administrator, Anna Brad be and they are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Municipality to execute, under the seal of the Municipality, and to deliver to SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal the subscription form appended as Schedule "A" to the Reciprocal Agreement, and to do all such other things as may be necessary or required to complete such subscription.
3. The Administrator, Anna Brad be and is hereby authorized to determine and obtain coverage for such of the classes of insurance as are offered by SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal under and pursuant to the Reciprocal Agreement.
4. The payment of the Annual Subscription Charge for the first year of participation in SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal and the premiums for coverage under the classes of insurance to be obtained from and through SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal be and the same are hereby approved.

CARRIED

SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**2009-252 K. Woytiuk**

That smoke and carbon monoxide detectors be purchased and installed in the Library and Town Office.

CARRIED

EXERCISE HYDRANTS**2009-253 K. Woytiuk**

That Public Works exercise all hydrants this fall.

CARRIED

POSSIBLE CARDLOCK LOCATIONS**2009-254 Popov**

That we advise Les Pollard that of the two possible locations he is exploring for a card lock business location, Council's first choice would be Lot 9, Block 38, Plan 96B16625 (the North West corner on Main St. and Railway Ave W) currently owned by Carlton Trail Railway Company as it does not affect any residential properties. However, they would also support a card lock business at Lot 10, Block 38, Plan 96B16625, currently owned by Petro Canada.

ADVERTISE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**2009-255 K. Woytiuk***That* we purchase a \$40.00 annual advertisement in the school newsletter.

CARRIED

SUBDIVISION OF PARCEL A, PLAN 101585998**2009-256 B. Woytiuk***That* we approve in principle the sketch plan provided by Peters Surveys Ltd. for Parcel A, Plan 101585998 (426 Railway Ave W) for subdivision.

CARRIED

GORD PENNER'S INSURANCE CLAIM**2009-257 Popov***That* we contact SGI Adjuster, Perry Fockler, and ask for an itemized breakdown and clarification of the repairs required by Gord Penner's fence at 206 2nd Ave W. Damages in the amount of \$5,872.50 seems extreme when only one fence post was broken when the Town's payloader backed into it. Also advise Mr. Fockler that the Town did offer to have a contractor repair the damages, but Mr. Penner refused that offer.

CARRIED

2012 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**2009-258 B. Woytiuk***That* we agree to cover postage costs for a general mail out planned by the 2012 Centennial Celebration Committee in January 2010 to a maximum amount of \$40.00

CARRIED

WATER OPERATOR WORKSHOP**2009-259 K. Woytiuk***That* we authorize Ron Zarubiak to attend a Cross Connection Control Awareness water workshop in Spiritwood on Thursday, November 26th, 2009.

CARRIED

SERVICE CONNECTION AT 111 MAIN ST N**2009-260 K. Woytiuk***That* we hire a contractor to dig up the service connection at 111 Main St. N. If there is a problem with the service connection, we will pay for the contractor's services. However, if there is not a problem with the service connection the property owner will be responsible for the cost of digging up that connection. The property owner must sign an agreement to these conditions before we commence the work.

CARRIED

SEPTEMBER, 2009 WATER & SEWER BILLING FOR 111 MAIN ST N**2009-261 K. Woytiuk***That* the water and sewer portion of the utility bill for Darcy Nordquist for the property at 111 Main St. N. be forgiven for the month of September since the water service to that property has been shut off since the end of August.

CARRIED

PURCHASE OFFER ON 114 2nd AVE W**2009-262 K. Woytiuk***That* we accept the offer of \$500.00 from Abe and Sharon Giesbrecht to purchase 114 2nd Ave W. (Lot 17, Block 2, Plan H3043 and Lot 26, Block 4, Plan 101587226) the following conditions will apply:

1. Building permit must be issued within 1 year of signing the Option to Purchase.
2. Minimum size of dwelling is 1,000 sq. ft. not including attached garage
3. The Property Title will not be transferred to the purchaser until framing of the building is complete.
4. Failure to meet all requirements of the Option to Purchase will result in the Purchaser forfeiting the lot and \$500.00 to the Town.
5. Property Tax incentives will be extended to this property.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO RECONDITION TRACK ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**2009-263 B. Woytiuk***That* the request from Aubrey Reban, a teacher at Blaine Lake Composite School to recondition the 400m track located on the school grounds (Parcel E, Plan CU 1124) be referred to the Blaine Lake Community Association for their opinion and input prior to permission being granted for such an undertaking.**CORRESPONDENCE****2009-264 Popov***That* the following correspondence be accepted and filed:

1. Walter Rusel – Library Board
2. Sask. Scrap Tire Corp
3. Anne Sitter – Library fence
4. Martens Lake Minutes – Aug 10 & Sept 4/09
5. North Central Ambulance Assoc. – Rural Safety
6. Architectural Heritage Society – Doukhobour Dugout House
7. Jenna Nemish – Thank you
8. Lenore Swystun – RLBR Regional Outreach update

CARRIED

FENCE AT LIBRARY**2009-265****B. Woytiuk**

That we pay to have an 4' high chain-link fence installed on the west side of the library property (adjacent to Hwy #12) to a maximum cost of \$2,000.00.

CARRIED

FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**2009-266****B. Woytiuk**

That a letter be sent to the Library Board advising them that the \$500.00 that they have received from the Town for their 2009 grant and the \$2,000.00 that the Town will pay towards a fence on the west side of the library property is all the additional funding they will receive from the Town in the 2009 budget year. Any future budget requests that they have must be received by the Town Administrator, in writing, by January 30th of the year in which the funds are being requested for.

CARRIED

RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM ANNE SITTER**2009-267****Popov**

That we respond to Anne Sitter's inquiry regarding the fence at the library.

CARRIED

NORTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION RURAL SAFETY**2009-268****K. Woytiuk**

That we revisit the request from North Central Ambulance Association for financial support to purchase booklets regarding Rural Safety for Parkland area children at the October, 2009 Town Council Meeting.

CARRIED

PURCHASE POLE CHAIN SAW**2009-269****Popov**

That Mayor Crowder be authorized to purchase a pole chain saw for trimming high tree limbs.

CARRIED.

BLAINE LAKE/MARCELIN CAPS OFFICE ADVERTISE ON COMMUNITY CHANNEL**2009-270****K. Woytiuk**

That because the Blaine Lake/Marcelin Caps office is a non-profit organization we allow them to advertise for office help on the community channel.

CARRIED

CHANGE COUNCIL MEETING TIME**2009-271****K. Woytiuk**

That Town Council meetings start at 1:00 pm for the months of October to March inclusive and at 6:00 pm for the months of April to September inclusive.

CARRIED

PAYMENT OF \$10,000 DONATION TO BLAINE LAKE SENIOR'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING FUND**2009-272****Kouznitsoff**

That the Town will issue the \$10,000 donation to the Blaine Lake Senior's Association building fund for construction of their new facility once the building permit for the structure has been applied for and issued.

CARRIED

SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION AT RUTH TURKINGTON'S**2009-273****Popov**

That the septic tank that the Town is to install at Ruth Turkington's be done so prior to the October, 2009 Council meeting or as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Councillor Barbara Woytiuk declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers.

APPROVE PAYMENT**2009-274****K. Woytiuk**

That cheque # 3691 in the amount of \$116.60 payable to True Value Hardware be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillors Barbara Woytiuk returned to the meeting.

APPROVE ACCOUNTS**2009-275****K. Woytiuk**

That Cheque #'s 3633 – 3697 in the amount of \$85,540.17 and payments to Stan Fehr - \$5,250.00; Horizon Interiors \$3,407.66; Ernie LaRose \$375.00 and KC Plbg & Htg \$4,207.35 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

ADJOURN
2009-276
That we adjourn.
CARRIED

K. Woytiuk

Adjournment – 10:35 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____

Administrator: _____