
Hamlet of Enterprise

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2011

Hamlet Office at 7:00 – 9:35 PM

Start Motions #2011 – 05-041

#1. Call to Order 19:01 pm

#2. Members Present

Mayor Al Flamand
Deputy Mayor Craig McMaster
Councilor Mathew Gauthier
Councilor Tammy Neal
Councilor Jim Dives
Councilor Joe Lalonde
Councilor Heather Klassen

Community Gallery

John Leskiw
Ann Leskiw
Mike St. Amour
Don Ironside
Winnie Caduix

Staff/Volunteers

Peter Groenen
Lori Warren

#4. Acceptance of Agenda

Mayor Al Flamand asked for acceptance of the Agenda.

Motion #2011-05-041

Motion to accept the agenda.

Moved by Councilor Mathew Gauthier

Second by Deputy Mayor Craig McMaster

Carried

#5. Acceptance of Minutes

Mayor Al Flamand asked for acceptance of the Minutes.

Motion #2011-05-042

Motion to accept the minutes from April 4, 2011 meeting.

Moved by Councilor Jim Dives

Second by Councilor Heather Klassen

Carried

#6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

#7. Delegations

Mike St. Amour – Mike asked to delay presentation until meetings are being recorded and felt there was not enough notice to the public.

Mayor asked to discuss Mikes request for busing their pre-kindergarten daughter to Hay River for half days do get councils thoughts on the issue.

SAO informed council of the request – original request was to bus the pre-schooler to Hay River after lunch and back to Enterprise at the end of the school day. Discussion with the school indicated it was only to take the child home and this was confirmed by telephone with Mike. Then the request was again made to bus the child to Hay River after lunch and home at the end of the day.

Investigation showed that there is no additional funding available for the extra run during the day, as the Education Act applies only to Kindergarten to grade 12 students. The cost of busing would increase by an estimated \$500/week.

Concerns/Points brought up by council:

- This would then be a service unique to Enterprise as the other communities in the area do not provide this service.
- Other families in the community have made the choice for their children to attend half days schooling in Hay River, however, they have provided their own transportation
- Concern for the child of such a young age to be riding alone to Hay River on the bus with only the bus driver for supervision
- Concern that providing the extra service may set a precedent that could incur future cost to the Hamlet.
- Councilors all agreed that they would like to take time to think over the request and hear the parents before making any decisions.

#8. Financial Report

SAO presented March 2011 Statements with Budget Comparisons – note to council that there may be some Year End adjustments as the Auditors were in the office last week conducting the Year End audit. Mayor Al Flamand asked for motion to accept March 2011 financial statements as presented.

Motion #2011-05-043

Motion that the March 2011 financial report be accepted as presented.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Craig McMaster

Second by Councilor Jim Dives

Carried

#9. Old Business

Hay River Essential Services Letter

Received telephone reply from Michael McLeod who offered to co-ordinate a meeting. Still waiting for word on when the joint meeting will take place, as McLeod has agreed to set it up to include all the stakeholders.

Council needs to follow up with McLeod on meeting date.

Paradise Update

If Paradise Gardens was to join Enterprise MACA informed the SAO that Enterprise would see approximately \$10,000-12,000/year increase in O & M funding, plus aprox. \$6,000 in property tax income, and aprox. \$3,000 in Gas Tax funding, but there would be no increase in the water and sewer funding or CPIF.

Without an increase in water and sewer funding there could be an additional cost of an estimated \$75,000.

Council agrees it is up to Paradise to pursue the matter further, however Enterprise should show their support in their efforts. It was suggested that there be a letter written to the residents of Paradise and invite them to meet with council to discuss all the options.

The SAO is to draft the letter for review by the Mayor to be sent to Paradise.

#10. Community Department Reports

Fire Chief Report

Last month the department's controlled burn practice exercise was deemed to be successful, and very good learning experience for the department.

Hall Report

Usage of hall itemized in the report. Brenda will be starting Friday nights as grown-up night. Continuing to work on programs for the community. Brenda is in YK this week for a two day Recreation meeting.

Written request by Brenda Bouvier to make the skating rink back into a skateboard park, as the Hamlet already has the equipment to be installed, and use the borrow pit as the skating rink.

Council concerns:

- Injuries that could occur
- Suggested that parental supervision, fencing and signage could reduce this risk as well as use of proper gear – leaving that responsibility to the parents
- Idea behind the skatepark is to have someplace available for the youth of the community, as most things are currently focused on the tot aged children.
- Skateboard parks are common in other communities
- Suggestion to supply safety equipment

Request to use the borrow pit as skating rink. Previous discussions include constructing an all season gazebo at the site, also possibility to build x-country ski trails for winter use. Question was raised about having a power supply at the site, as it is dark in the late afternoon in the winter.

SAO Reports

Website

The site is up and running, administration is trying to keep updated as much as possible and continues to add community information. There is also a page available for local businesses to add their information.

Projects

UFA has hired Gord and Brian to clean up their construction sites. Parking Garage still has \$20,000 holdback waiting for final work to be completed, once weather permits. Community Hall still has holdback of \$10,000 waiting for patio blocks to be redone. There has been more furniture and kitchen items purchased for the new hall.

Letterhead – Hamlet Logo

Request to update the Hamlet logo to be consistent with the Hamlet highway signage. Council agreed that the image should be consistent and expressed positive feedback given on the highway sign designs.

Mayor Al Flamand asked for motion to change Hamlet Logo to match highway signage.

Motion #2011-05-044

Motion that Council approves the proposed new letterhead/logo.

Motion by Councilor Mathew Gauthier

Second by Councillor Jim Dives

Carried

Call to recycle

There is a box in the Hamlet Office, and more will be ordered to place around the community for residents to deposit their old small household batteries. This is a free service.

RCMP

The RCMP have set up a local number for emergencies: 984-1111.

#11. Lands

VIRC update – DPW is working on the file to turn over the property to the Hamlet. They are currently addressing the environmental issues.

MACA advised that Cabinet has approved the Hamlet corporate lands transfer and the documentation has been sent forward. – this includes all corporate lands except the parking garage. The next step is to apply for the rest of the incorporated lands.

#12. New Business

CN vegetation control

CN advised that the spray they intend to use is the same chemicals they used last year, however, they would be using half the amount and will not spray where the Hamlet designates as “no spray” areas.

Council concerns on CN’s spraying:

- Hamlet water sources being contaminated
- Too close to residential area
- Possible leaching to harm aquatic life
- People on well water, and those considering digging wells – possible contamination
- Can they burn or cut instead of spraying
- Spend spray dollars to hire locals to keep the area cut
- Invite CN representative to meet with council
- Permanently mark areas where the Hamlet does not want spray

SAO instructed to email councils concerns, explaining that council does not want any spray within the town area.

Water & Sewer By-law

SAO advised council that the revised water & sewer by-law was written incorrectly – SAO apologized for the error and will have it rewritten correctly for the next meeting.

2011 Project Info

Tenders are out for Granular Supply and Dust Control – both closing on May 13, 2011.

It was suggested to ensure that these tenders are faxed to local contractors.

The Granular Supply will be for application to roads both and a stock pile.

Trail Work

Funding of \$19,800 has been approved from NWT Recreation and Parks to replace the bridge between Polar streets, extend trail between Robin Road and Birch Street, install signage, refuse bins, park benches, tables and a gazebo.

It was agreed that the Hamlet use local labor including the public works team to do as much labour as possible, rather than tendering this type of work out.

Need to investigate further for gazebo designs, suggested to contact ITI, local building centers and southern building centers for ideas and quotes.

Water Study

Terms of reference has been completed. Study will provide report to identify the Hamlets options to become Water self-sufficient.

Community Hall

Application for funding for Solar Panels to provide power for the new community hall. SAO instructed to contact Bruce at Arctic Green Alliance to get information on wood gasification as another alternate energy source.

Human Resource Manual

Quote received was \$4,800. SAO will proceed as it is under \$5,000.

Land Plan

Quote from Dillon \$4,400 to review current land plan to make recommendations for revisions. This will also ensure the plan is still in compliance with legislation, and provide an opportunity for rezoning if found necessary. There would be a community consultation before any changes are made to the current land plan.

Mayor Al Flamand asked for motion to move forward with Dillon for land plan review and recommendations.

Motion #2011-05-045

Motion to move forward with Dillon for a land plan review and recommendations.

Motion by Councilor Heather Klassen

Second by Councilor Jim Dives

Carried

Abstained – Councilor Joe Lalonde

Proposed Business Promotional Signage Along Highway

Prepared sign posts to be available for local businesses to advertise in the ditches approaching Enterprise. Materials are in stock to build up to 20 signs, estimated cost at \$700. Most of the construction of the sign posts would be completed by the Hamlets public works department, could be completed in 1 – 2 weeks time.

Local business would be asked to pay less than non-Enterprise based businesses. Fees discussed where \$50 – 75/year for local and \$100-\$500/year for non-local.

Council agreed to get local businesses signed up and committed first before proceeding and determining rental fees. Numbers to be reviewed next council meeting.

Recording Council Meetings

As per the existing By-law there needs to be a motion from council to request the SAO to record meetings.

Mayor Al Flamand asked for a motion for the SAO to record all council meetings until council instructs otherwise by another motion.

Motion #2011-05-046

Motion for the SAO to record all council meetings until council instructs otherwise by another motion.

Motion by Councilor Mathew Gauthier

Second by Councilor Joe Lalonde

Carried

School Development Committee

Meeting was held this evening at the new hall, with two councilors in attendance. It was recommended that council make a motion to draft a letter to the Minister asking what the Hamlet needs to do to and what steps need to take place to start the process to have a school in Enterprise. Also a the group requested a letter for the development of a Nursing Station/Health Centre.

SAO was instructed to draft a letter to the Minister to be reviewed by Winnie and council.

#13. Mayor/Deputy Mayor Reports

Mayor would like to see town clean-up this year. John Leskiw requested to speak from the gallery; he informed council that he has made a deal with a scrap iron dealer who is going to be in the community removing iron from the Mueller lot(s) and expressed the possibility of the Hamlet using his services to remove other derelict vehicles. The SAO has also spoke with this dealer and they had given the price of \$125/car.

It was suggested that the residents with derelict vehicles be contacted for removal. The Hamlet to pay for the removal, and once the community is cleaned up, ensure there is a by-law in place to keep it clean with serious repercussions for those who do not abide.

#14. Other Concerns

There needs to be maintenance done on the games at the Hall.

All the community street signs need to be installed.

There needs to be signage on Gateway Drive, to avoid collisions, there is a lot of heavy truck traffic in and out of Winnies and there is no signage to come onto Gateway Drive enroute to the access the highway.

The lack of availability of gasoline in the community.

#15. Date of Next Meeting

June 6, 2011

#21. Adjournment

Motion 2011-05-047

Motion to adjourn at 21:35

Motion by Councilor Mathew Gauthier

Second by Deputy Mayor Craig McMaster

Carried

The Minutes of the above meeting are deemed to be correct.

June 6/11
Date

[Signature]
Mayor/Deputy Mayor

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Senior Administrative Officer