

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIPMAN
NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor John Stribling called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In attendance were Councillors Stead and Stribling, and the administrator Pat Tomkow.

ABSENT: Mayor Jim Palmer

Due to prior commitments, the Hazco Sulphur delegation contacted the village office late in the afternoon advising that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

Two members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M#144-2005 Stead: that the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed together with the addition of Item No 8(d) Equalized Assessment.

Carried Unanimously

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M#145-2005 Stribling: that the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting held October 11, 2005 be adopted as printed and distributed.

Carried Unanimously

M#146-2005 Stead: that the Minutes of Organizational Meeting held October 11, 2005 be accepted with the date correction as noted.

Carried Unanimously

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

a) Status Report Clean-up Unsightly Properties

The administrator advised that the village solicitors had contacted the property owners informing them that legal action will be commenced to have the lands brought into compliance if the owners did not meet the specified deadlines for clean-up.

The village will also be required to take another set of digital photos on November 14th, for the court affidavits.

b) Bylaw No 512-2005 Appointment of New Assessor

Following the reorganization at the offices of Municipal Assessment Services, the village received notification that Mr. Dan Kanuka will be replacing Ray Crews as the Village Assessor.

Bylaw No 512-2005 has been prepared to accommodate the new appointment.

M#147-2005 Stead: that Bylaw No. 512-2005 appointing Mr. Dan Kanuka as the Village assessor be given first reading.

Carried Unanimously

M#148-2005 Stribling: that Bylaw No. 512-2005 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously

M#149-2005 Stead: that Council proceed with third and final reading of Bylaw No. at this Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

M#150-2005 Stribling: that Bylaw No. 512-2005 be given third reading.

Carried Unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE for Information:

a) Elk Island Public Schools

October 27, 2005 notice from Elk Island Public Schools that the Board of Trustees approved the release of memorabilia from the Chipman School to the Village of Chipman. Arrangements to claim these materials are to be made with the Lamont School principal.

b) Alberta Municipal Affairs

October 26, 2005, letter from Rob Renner, MLA, Minister of Municipal Affairs that the Village has been approved for the full enhanced grant of \$10,000 to upgrade the insulation of the Chipman National Hall.

c) Axia SuperNet

Notice of lease payment (\$2,140) for period November 2005 to November 2006.

d) Alberta Health and Wellness

November 4, 2005, correspondence from Health Minister Iris Evans regarding status of ground ambulance services and provincial funding for 2006/2007. Municipalities will receive the same allocation as the previous year.

e) Lamont County Press Release

Copy of press release provided to municipalities regarding the County Heritage Initiative and the Regional Recreation Agreement.

f) Municipal Planning Services (Alberta) Ltd.

November 4, 2005, notification that after January 1, 2000 an additional charge of \$50.00 will be added to all subdivision processing fees.

g) Worker's Compensation Board

Deeming Order Renewal setting out effective dates and employer responsibilities.

h) Alberta Municipal Affairs - Fire Commissioner's Office

Fire Services Advisory Committee governance review. Initial concept to create a governing body for fire/public safety services and FSAC is seeking participation from entire range of fire service stakeholders through scheduled workshops.

i) HAZCO – Notice of public information session Thursday, November 17, 2005
Lamont Recreation Centre 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

M#151-2005 Stead: that the foregoing correspondence items be accepted for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Council had received with the agenda, a summary and detailed Statement of Operating Revenues and Expenditures together with a Capital summary for the period ending October 31, 2005. It was noted that the majority of operating revenue and expense items are within 80 to 90 percent of budget and that the village remains in a surplus position. It was noted that funds for the Roads project will be carried forward to the next budget year as the contractors were unable to undertake the project in 2005.

M#152-2005 Stribling: that the Revenue Expense report for the period ending October 31, 2005 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

M#153-2005 Stead: that the statement of Capital Funding and Capital Project Expenditures be accepted for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

M#154-2005 Stead: that the accounts covered by cheque numbers 2005362 to 20050413 inclusive, for the total sum of \$216,035.59 be and are hereby approved for payment.

Carried Unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Post Office and Plant Closures
Request for support of resolution to stop closure of mail sorting plant in Quebec City and proposed changes in other locations including development of a uniform and democratic process for making changes to Canada Post's network.

Councillor Stead indicated that the village should inform Canada Post that we don't want to see any more post offices closed in rural Alberta.

b) Event Listing -Visit the County Guide
Guide was designed to promote Ag Tourism experiences and events in the greater Edmonton Region. Event listings sell for \$50.00.

M#155-2005 Stead: that the Village contact the Ag Society and Chipman Car Crafters to see if they are willing to place an ad.

Carried Unanimously

c) Membership 'Alberta Capital Region Association'
Following Lamont County Council decision to join the Association, a memorandum from Lamont County Economic Development was circulated to local towns and villages to gauge interest in becoming a member of ACRA. Benefits and time commitments were outlined in the memo.

M#156-2005 Stead: that this item be tabled.

Carried Unanimously

d) 2006 Equalized Assessment

Pursuant to Section 318 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Municipal Affairs has prepared and submitted the 2006 Equalized Assessment for review. The Equalized Assessment has been calculated at \$6,638,118, an increase of \$736,516 over the previous year.

In response to questions concerning the 2006 tax requisition, administration indicated that if the provincial mill rate calculations remained the same as 2005, the school tax could increase by approximately, \$3,100.

M#157-2005 Stribling: that the 2006 Equalized Assessment Report be accepted as information.

Carried Unanimously

REPORTS:

a) Administrator's

The administrator provided a report, which made reference to the following:

- Remembrance Day article and ad for the *Sentinal*, a veterans' newspaper.
- No response from owner of mobile home following village notice offering 30 days to remove the mobile from the village.
- Information request and follow-up truck fill grant application
- Heritage Management Program Incentives – each municipality to create their policy as per Lamont County.
- Traffic fine revenue changes. Traffic fine revenue in Alberta will be directed to the provider of policing services.
- Alberta Agriculture rat control program - information brochures provided for the public.
- Village of Andrew Schmooze Fest, November 18, 7:30p.m. Andrew Office Complex.

M#158-2005 Stribling: that the administrator's report be accepted for information.

Carried Unanimously

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

i) Ambulance Board

Ambulance Chairman Councillor Gary Stead reported that a modified request for proposals was put forward at the November 1st meeting of the Lamont County Ambulance Board. Strathcona Emergency Services and Prairie Central are providing temporary emergency services to the region. Medicare, the present service provider was not prepared to change their request for an additional \$65,000 and 5-year contract.

ii) Fire Department

It was noted that the Village Fire Budget was submitted to Lamont County In October.

iii) County of Lamont Regional Landfill Commission

Council Stribling indicated a meeting of the Board would likely take place before Christmas.

iv) County of Lamont Senior's Foundation

Councillor Stead provided information on a workshop held for caregivers and elected officials.

Committee Reports (Cont'd)

iv) Capital Region.Vegreville Corridor Water Services Commission

In the absence of Chairman Palmer Council was informed that the next meeting of the Vegreville Commission was to take place in Chipman on December 8th.

v) LEAP (Lamont Economic Alliance Partnership)

No Items

vi) Chipman Agricultural Society

Councillor Stead reported that the Chipman Ag Society agreed to sponsor the student's Remembrance Day poster contest.

viii) FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)

Councillor Stribling reported on FCSS training seminar.

M#159-2005 Stead: that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted for information purposes.

Carried Unanimously

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Stribling at 9:08 p.m.

Deputy Mayor, John Stribling

Administrator, Pat Tomkow