

Minutes of the Town of Wabana Regular Council Meeting October 13, 2009

Attendance:

Mayor Gary Gosine
Deputy Mayor Kay Crane
Councillor Linda Škehans
Councillor Scott Clarke
Councillor Stan MacDonald
Councillor Dave Foley

Staff:

Town Manager Diane Butler
Town Clerk Ben Noseworthy
Consultant Ed Kent

Regrets:

Councillor Brian Kent

Councillor MacDonald & Deputy Mayor Crane opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

Mayor Gosine wished farewell to Diane Butler after 47 years of service to the Council

RCMP – Constable Strong:

There has been a decrease in B&E and property crime mostly due to the business COP program, a very positive community involvement.

A formal community committee needs to be established.

ATV activities have been reduced, some charges have been laid and machines seized. RCMP

ATV bulletin distributed by Constable Strong.

Delegations:

Letters from Rec Hockey and Figure Skating read aloud by Mayor Gosine with some commentary.

Jesties Madigan represented Rec Hockey to council. Discussed the impact of increased fees on the Rec Hockey organization. Mayor Gosine said that council will set a rate tonight and communicate to Rec Hockey tomorrow.

Lydia Brazil represented Minor Hockey and Connie Bennett represented Figure Skating. They asked council why a 20% increase in fees and also raised issues regarding family rates at the arena.

Adoption of Minutes:

A correction to the minutes by Councillor MacDonald – September 15th regular meeting end time should read 9:50pm.

Old Business:

Councillor MacDonald asked for updates on ATV by-law research (to be undertaken by staff), if the rescue wagon is used for backup to the ambulance service (yes, when both ambulances are off the island we are on stand-by to help), and Lester Rose's request to investigate a water connection (estimate being prepared).

Mayor Gosine provided an update of the Ferry workers lunch issue and noted Council should have an update next week.

Mayor Gosine asked that the RCMP public meeting minutes be turned into a Q&A FAQ format with no names and have it posted to our website.

Councillor MacDonald inquired if we can apply for an extension for the Capital Expense application and the Clerk responded in the negative.

Committee Reports:**Recreation Report**

Recreation Manager noted some siding has come off the arena posing a risk. There is no update on coke machines. There is also a light out on the side of the arena building.

Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk updated Council's cash position and forecast to the end of year appears to be balanced.

Deputy Mayor Crane posed several questions regarding cheques written and specific questions regarding the Wabana Complex revenues for the month of September.

Councillor Clarke asked if Councillors can request further financial breakdowns and the Clerk responded that staff is willing to answer councillor questions at anytime.

Councillor MacDonald requested that budget vs. actual report be made available in the future and noted that cheque listing did not match the summary financial report. Clarified that in the past a motion to accept the financial report implies approval of spending. Clerk to confirm if this type of motion is appropriate.

A/R Report

The Accounts Receivable Officer recommended that Council accept 38 tax abatement applications for a reduction on vacant land from \$450.00 to \$100.00. Councillor MacDonald motioned and Councillor Foley seconded to table the Accounts Receivables report, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-03)

Manager's Report

The Town Manager report was reviewed, Deputy Mayor Crane asked if all drains will be cleared this year and the Manager confirmed yes.

Mayor Gosine asked staff to list all drains that have and have not been cleared.

Councillor Clarke noted that there was no communication from TARGA this year, the Clerk noted that it Council had written to TARGA and that this matter was brought to TARGA's attention.

Consultant's Report

The Consultant briefed Council on proposed capital spending.

Councillor MacDonald motioned, seconded by Councillor Clarke that a Finance Committee be created, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-04)

Committee to include Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Foley, Mayor Gosine, Deputy Mayor Crane, Councillor Clarke and Councillor Skehans.

Finance Committee meeting to be held on October 15 at 7:30.

The Consultant noted that Council should appoint a committee representative to the Ferry Users Committee, by consensus Councillor Foley was chosen to represent Council.

The Consultant recommended that Arena Tenders CP1 CP2 CP3 CP4 be approved.

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned and Councillor MacDonald seconded to adjourn at 10:30pm, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-05)

Mayor

Town Clerk