

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting October 15 2009

Continued from October 13, 2009

Attendance:

Mayor Gary Gosine
Deputy Mayor Kay Crane
Councillor Linda Skehans
Councillor Scott Clarke
Councillor Stan MacDonald
Councillor Dave Foley
Councillor Brian Kent

Staff:

Town Clerk Ben Noseworthy
Consultant Ed Kent

Deputy Mayor Crane and Councillor Foley opened the meeting at 9:50 pm.

The Consultant noted that Arena phase two exit costs would be \$48K vs. \$50K to go ahead.

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned and Councillor Foley seconded approval of CP1, CP2, CP3, and CP4 tenders, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-06)

Councillor MacDonald motioned and Deputy Mayor Crane seconded that the Finance Committee recommendations to Council be approved, 1) that Council approve all 38 applications for tax abatement to \$100/parcel of vacant land as recommended in the Accounts Receivable report, and 2) that Council should rank in priority pump house, fire truck, loader, paving, arena (amended to include critical upgrades only), outfall engineering, sewer service study, and a Zamboni ice surface machine modified from the recommendation in the Consultants report, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-07)

The Consultant gave an update on the pumphouse tender and CEEP applications for \$18K as well as brush cutting.

Councillor MacDonald motioned and Councillor Foley seconded that the Clerk/Treasurer Ben Noseworthy prepare a contract for consultant Ed Kent stating the terms and conditions for his service. The contract shall contain, but not limited to: form of remuneration (either hourly rate, retainer, project fee, etc.); the effective date; termination provisions; confidentiality stipulations; restrictions/access to staff; defined contact with tax payers; expected file/project outcomes; invoicing to Council and any other conditions deemed necessary by Mr. Noseworthy. The contract shall be prepared and presented to Council for their consideration at a "privileged meeting" to be scheduled within 30 calendar days after this motion is carried.

Councillor Clarke posed a friendly amendment to the motion to 30 days from 14.

Councillor MacDonald accepted the amendment.

Councillor Foley noted that all dealings with council should be done through written contracts ratified by council as well as job descriptions.

Councillor MacDonald noted that he has great confidence in Mr. Kent but that for the protection of both parties a contract is required.

Mayor Gosine noted that it is only through Mr. Kent's efforts that the recent capital and equipment gains of this town have occurred and that our balanced budget is also a credit to Mr. Kent.

Councillor Foley noted that if we could have Mr. Kent as Town Manager he would be in support of any qualified person. Motion called, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-08)

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned and Councillor Skehans seconded that the arena increase across the board be reduced from 20% to 10%. Councillor Kent and Councillor Clarke nay, motion carried. (2009-10-09)

Deputy Mayor Crane motioned and Councillor Foley seconded that the arena manager explore all options to increase revenue particularly with regards to junior and senior gate receipts. (2009-10-09)

Councillors re-iterated a desire to limit meetings to 2 hours.

Councillor Foley motioned and Councillor Kent seconded adjournment at 10:48 to October 21, 2009 at 7:30 pm, all in favour, motion carried. (2009-10-10)

Mayor

Town Clerk