

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY HELD JOINTLY WITH THE TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY, AND HELD IN THE MCKENZIE CENTRE IN DRAYTON VALLEY ON TUESDAY, 2010 12 07

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

PRESENT

W. Tweedle, Reeve
R. Kitching, Councillor
P. Monteith, Councillor
D. Konelsky, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
S. Mahan, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
R. McCullough, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Robinson, Executive Secretary

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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815/10 Moved by D. Konelsky to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

816/10 Moved by S. Mahan to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Implementation Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

817/10 Moved by R. Kitching to approve a joint application with the Town of Drayton Valley for the Municipal Affairs Municipal Collaboration Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annexation Settlement Agreement ; Memorandum of Understanding Implementation Plan; and the Municipal Affairs Municipal Collaboration Program – Grant Funding

R. McCullough provided a brief overview of the Annexation Settlement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Implementation Plan and the Municipal Affairs Municipal Collaboration Program for grant funding. This program supports strategic activities that improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities through regional collaboration and capacity building.

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding Implementation Plan

Reeve W. Tweedle and Mayor M. Hamdon signed the Memorandum of Understanding Implementation Plan and a photo was taken of the event with both Councils.

Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study – Terms of Reference

Council reviewed the report presented.

818/10 Moved by D. Konelsky to approve the Joint Committee Structure; the Terms of Reference and Request for Proposal for a feasibility study for an aquatic facility; and to approve the equal cost share of conducting the feasibility study as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Diana McQueen, MLA

Diana McQueen, MLA congratulated both Councils and Administration on this eventful day. She reported that she is in full support of any Town/County initiative that is brought forward and further added that now we can put our community together for regional funding.

Reeve Wes Tweedle thanked Mrs. McQueen and she left the meeting at 9:56 am.

Action Plan for Future Joint Meetings – Provincial/Federal Lobbying Strategies

Council discussed several issues as follows: retaining medical staff; gravel issues, Brazeau Tourism Node; and how to make the community vibrant for everyone.

Council also discussed unified lobbying by attending Legislature and the option of a paid lobbyist. Council agreed that the three municipalities; County; Breton; and the Town should meet regularly to discuss common issues.

Protocol for Meetings with MLA, Ministers and/or Premier

Council discussed the need for a protocol for meetings and these meetings should include all three municipalities. It was suggested that the three municipalities conduct a strategic planning exercise to bring forward common issues and to clearly define what they are lobbying for.

Council also discussed the visits from Ministers: who should pay and the issue of being notified of the visit at the last minute.

Town Council indicated that most of the time they do not receive notification of a Ministers visit until the last minute and that doesn't leave a lot of planning time. A protocol would help build trust because we will know the process.

Eagle Point Blue Rapids Park Sustainability

Kyle Archer, Town Councillor reported that the EPBR Parks Council passed the Draft Management Plan at the December 6th meeting.

A lengthy discussion between the County Council and the Town Council took place regarding the parks need for funding to continue their operation in 2011, and what could be done to assist them without contributing additional funds.

818/10 Moved by A. Heinrich that Administration research the history of the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Park; funding models for provincial parks and how the provincial parks maintain sustainability.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Town/County Open House

Scheduled for February 7, 2011 at 9:00 am.

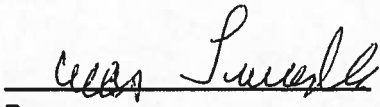
819/10 Moved by K. Westerlund that Administration draft an action plan for future joint meetings and protocol for lobbying strategies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

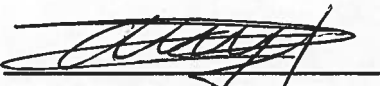
ADJOURNMENT

820/10 Moved by P. Monteith that the Special Council meeting of December 7, 2010 adjourn at 11:25 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer