

Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in the Town Council Chambers, March 1st, 2010 commencing at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor St. Jean, Deputy Mayor Baril, Councillor Bennett, Councillor Ouellette.

STAFF: Corey Brown – Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Proulx – Manager of Operations
Susan Oberg – Manager of Finance
Yvonne Cyr – Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Councillor Hughes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor St. Jean called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ADDITIONS /DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additions

- 3.1 ACFA – Remi Thibault
- 3.2 Move in camera – 8.1 moved to 3.2
- 4.3 Policy 4.1 – Custom Work Rates
- 6.7 Ken Kowalski 24th Annual Golf Tournament – Invitation
- 6.8 APEGGA – Invitation
- 6.9 Fire Exemplary Service Awards - Invitation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

8183 Resolution #8183 Moved by: Councillor Ouellette

RESOLVED that the Agenda for the March 1st, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

8184 Resolution #8184 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Baril

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16th, 2010 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

ACFA – Remi Thibault
Mr. Thibault did not attend.

IN CAMERA

8185 Resolution #8185 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Baril

RESOLVED that Council move “In Camera” to discuss “Legal” issues at 7:02 PM.

CARRIED

8186

Resolution #8186

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Baril

RESOLVED that Council return to the regular session at 7:34 PM.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bylaw 01-2010 – Utilities in Property Owners Name

This bylaw was advertised to the public in the Free Press on February 9th and 16th. One potential rental property owner requested the bylaw. No concerns were received by the Town office.

8187

Resolution #8187

Moved By: Councillor Bennett

RESOLVED that Bylaw 01-2010 Setting Utility in the Property Owner’s Name rescinding Bylaw 09-2009 be given final reading.

CARRIED

Policy 4.4 – Equipment Rental Rates

8188

Resolution #8188

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Baril

RESOLVED that Policy 4.0 Arena Concession Facility Rental Rates be rescinded from the Town of Legal Policy Manual.

CARRIED

8189

Resolution #8189

Moved By: Councillor Bennett

RESOLVED that Policy 4.4 General Rental Rates to establish rental rates for Town’s equipment, arena and concession booths as revised and accepted to form part of the Town of Legal Policy Manual.

CARRIED

Policy 4.1 – Custom Work Rates

8190

Resolution #8190

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Baril

RESOLVED that Policy 4.1 Custom Work Rates to establish Rates for Town of Legal Equipment for Custom Work within Town of Legal boundaries be revised and accepted to form part of the Town of Legal Policy Manual.

CARRIED

REPORTS

CAO

Written report submitted and forms part of these minutes.

MANAGER OF FINANCE REPORT

Written report submitted and forms part of these minutes.

MANAGER OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Written report submitted and forms part of these minutes.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor St Jean

Fete Meeting

Mayor St Jean attended the Fete meeting on February 25th and reported that the event was another success with attendance of over 2000 people. The Fete Committee' president resigned therefore is currently looking for a new president. Mayor St Jean requested that the Town of Legal send a certificate of recognition for their commitment.

Sturgeon Valley Fertilizer/CFOK Critters Hockey Game Fundraiser

This event was a huge success raising enough funds to donate a defibrillator to the Town of Legal for the arena. Mayor St Jean requested that the Town of Legal send a certificate for recognition.

Deputy Mayor Baril

ACFA

Deputy Mayor Baril attended the ACFA meeting on February 16th to which he reported that the ACFA was not satisfied with the amount the Town is donating to them as an operating grant. They are very appreciative of appointment of a Town of Legal Councillor to their board

Councillor Bennett

No report.

Councillor Ouellette

No report.

8191

Resolution #8191

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Ken Kowalski – News Releases

Received as information.

City of Leduc - Invitation

Received as information.

Morinville RCMP - Invitation

Mayor St Jean will attend.

Town of Bon Accord - Letter

Received as information.

RCMP - Letter

Received as information.

EOEP – Ethics Course

Received as information.

Ken Kowalski 24th Annual Golf Tournament – Invitation

Received as information

APEGGA – Invitation

Received as information

Fire Service Awards - Invitation
Mayor Albert St Jean will attend.

8192 Resolution #8192 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Baril

RESOLVED that the correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Alberta Transportation – Grant

8193 Resolution #8193 Moved by: Councillor Bennett

RESOLVED that Mayor St Jean be authorized to sign the Federal Gas Tax Fund Agreement, previously identified as New Deal for Cities and Communities.

CARRIED

Legal Lions Club – Thank You

Mayor St Jean signed a letter of thanks from the Town of Legal to the Legal Lions Club for their donation of \$500 to the gazebo project.

Ken Kowalski – Thank You

Mayor St Jean signed a letter of thanks from the Town of Legal to the Hon. Ken Kowalski for the acceptance of the invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Night as well as the donation of volunteer pins for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

8194 Resolution # 8194 Moved by: Councillor Bennett

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

CAO - Report to Council

Date: March 1, 2010

Summary of the 2010 Provincial Budget

Education portion of tax will be going up ~4%

Overall grant funding reduced

- AMIP combined with MSI and will be affected by these guidelines
- City transportation grants reduced by an average of 58% due to decrease in per cent in fuel sales
- Wastewater grant decreased by 57.2%
- Municipal Sponsorship Program eliminated
- Community Initiatives Program cut by 6.4%
- Affordable Housing Program cut by 53.6%

What does it mean to the Town of Legal?

Most grants are based on per capita so we won't be hit as hard as some of the larger urban areas. Also, we would not qualify for or have a need for particular grants. With the shifting and elimination of grants it could mean a reduction of \$20,000 to \$30,000 over previous year's grants.

FCSS funding will stay the same which will help maintain service levels to our community.

Edmonton Economic Magazine

Membership into the EDTG costs \$500.00 and we get a small paragraph in a magazine and web link. Is this something we want to continue given the initiatives in Sturgeon County?

Chief Administrative Officer
Corey Brown

Report to Council

March 1, 2010

Grants:

Rinc: We did get the Rinc grant extension approval to June 30, 2010.

STEP Program: we received confirmation of our funding \$3400.00 for this years step program.

We also applied for the Canada Summer Jobs program.

2010 Budget Changes:

We currently had all the insurance cost classified under administration. The amount is 63,000. In order to track and bill Ambulance and fire we have reduced Administration to 55,700. Increased ambulance from 3,000 to 6,000 and increased Fire Fighting from 700 to 4700. This will properly reflect the costs associated with each department. It does not change the overall budget costs as the changes balance to zero.

The audit went well. John Shoemaker, our auditor will come in next council meeting and do a brief presentation.

2010 WATER INCREASE

Notification was received from the Town of Morinville that the cubic meter charge will be increasing by \$0.10 retroactive to January 1, 2010. This is an EPCOR water increase which is simply passed on to the customers. How does it affect Legal? Going by 2009 consumption a total of 142,814 cubic meters was consumed so this would equal an increase of \$14,281.00 for 2010. A review of revenue/expenses will be needed to see how much our rates need to increase.

Holiday

The Public Works Foreman will be away from March 11 - March 30.

WATER/SEWER CONFERENCE

I will be away from on the annual conference from March 9 to 12.

SKATEBOARD PARK

Estimates and designs have been requested from a couple of firms who specialize in the construction of skateboard parks. Once the estimates are in the submission of the grant to CFEP will be required prior to April 1. Further information and designs will be available at next council meeting.

ANNUAL WATER/SEWER REPORT

Included are the annual consumptions for the water distribution system for 2008 and 2009. There is also a summary of annual consumptions dating back to 1994 for your perusal.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Currently working on designs of the two playground expansions under the RInC and MSI funding. My goal is to have the structures ordered by the end of March so completion can be achieved by June 30th.

FIREHALL BOILERS

Proceeding on getting estimates for boiler replacement at the fire hall. Once estimates are received Admin will look at the cost of the replacement be allocated to the MSI grant. The boilers are leaking and are in poor condition. The system will require de scaling by additions of chemicals and filtration. New boilers will be installed with the addition of controls the will save energy . The system will then be filled with glycol which will protect the boiler from corrosion and extend the life of them. D