

TOWN & RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET

Minutes of the joint quarterly meeting of the Councils of the Town and Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet on April 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

Present: Town of Lac du Bonnet – Mayor Campbell, Councillors Lodge, Plato, Fontaine; Chief Administrative Officer Colleen L. Johnson

Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet – Reeve Gugenheimer, Councillors Hamm Cardinal, Bruneau, Marks; Interim Chief Administrative Officer Tannis Lodge Public Works Supervisor – Greg M

Also Present: Lorraine Dupont, Ted Mathers, David Fournier, Fire Chief Lussier, Gus and Marline Wruck (6:07 p.m.), Geraldine Beuckx (7:15 p.m.), Dwight Hirst (7:25 p.m.) as observers and Lory Mitton (7:06 p.m.) as reporter for the Leader.

Delegations:

6:30 p.m. Cam Neurenberg – Did not attend.

6:45 p.m. Kathy Picard – representative of the Lac du Bonnet Trails Association attended to present Councils information about their initiatives to date and anticipated projects. She advised that a resolution of support from the Town would be appreciated and that work in kind may be requested from the municipal corporations when they are doing grant applications. The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet has already provided a resolution of support.

Discussion Items:

1. RM resident Dwight Hirst request for Town water. Reeve Gugenheimer advised that Mr. Hirst is on a petition which was recently presented to the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet and that as such they will communicate with Mr. Hirst.
2. Minnewawa Drain – The RM Engineer communicated today that they will initiate the field works next week. Report to be circulated to all members of Council once received.
3. Fire Department re: zodiac, 2011 Budget and fire inspections. Mayor Campbell advised that the Town has approved zero budget increase for 2011, and purchase of the jaws of life he also reported that the Town is not receptive to the purchase of an Argo or Zodiac and that we should be waiting to make decisions until the report is received from the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Reeve Gugenheimer advised that he would like to see the Fire Department be responsible for their own budget and administer accordingly, Mayor Campbell opposed this suggestion.

Discussion was held on fire inspections and it was confirmed that the Town will issue the notification letters to the affected ratepayers and the RM will process the invoices, however it was noted that the final inspection sheet/report/certificate not be issued until the RM has received payment for the service rendered.

Administrations to contact Roger Bouvier to inquire if he will provide mediation services regarding municipal cost-share items and if so at what cost.

4. Changes – request for monthly funding. The consensus of both Councils was to deny same. Councillor Cardinal noted she is a member of the Board and that they will be applying for grants.
5. Age Friendly – Councillor Marks provided an overview of the program and advised that the Rural Municipality is in favor of the program. The consensus of Town Council was that they too are in favor however require additional information. A meeting to be held with Pat Porth of Two River Senior Resource Centre for additional information and to see if this could be an umbrella to that organization.
6. Water Agreement – To be further discussed at a later date.
7. Sewer Agreement – To be further discussed once the sewer assessment has been received from the Town Engineer.
8. Regional Arts Council – Councillor Marks requested the Town reconsider their decision not to participate in 2011. The Town maintained their position.
9. Senior Housing – Councillor Fontaine requested the heads of Councils attend the Pioneer Club for a public meeting to ensure the Senior Housing Board is working in the proper direction to accommodate seniors needs.
10. Amalgamation – Reeve Gugenheimer advised that they would like to have presentations made by municipal bodies such as Gimli which have already amalgamated. Both Councils to further discuss at their own meetings and respond to one another on how or if to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

TOWN OF LAC DU BONNET

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY BILL CAMPBELL

Mayor Bill Campbell

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COLLEEN JOHNSON

**Colleen L. Johnson
Chief Administrative Office
(subject to errors and omissions)**