

Town of Bishop's Falls
Regular Public Council Meeting No. 1279
October 28, 2010 at 3:00 pm
Council Chambers

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor R. Hobbs called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm on October 28, 2010 and presided with the following individuals in attendance:

Deputy Mayor D. Tremblett
Councillor A. Hynes
Councillor P. Budgell
Councillor F. Mills
Councillor R. Canning

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager

Councillor B. King was absent with regrets.

Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 304/2010 – Councillor Hynes/Councillor Cannings

To adopt the agenda as presented.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 3: Stadium Renovations

3.1 ARENA BOARDS CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor Hobbs advised Council of two (2) options it must consider when it comes to the installation of the arena boards – anodized framing and stainless steel gate hardware. In regards to the anodized framing, this will cost an additional \$3,200 and will ensure the aluminum retains its appearance over the life of the boards. Anodizing will also prevent

discolouration and rust. The stainless steel gate hardware, at a cost of \$1,400, will perform a similar purpose. Councillor Mills believed the anodized framing was not necessary for a small community like Bishop's Falls. It will serve a cosmetic purpose primarily. Councillor Budgell was of a similar opinion, and further noted that anodizing will not extend the useful life of the asset. Councillor Mills also believed the funding could be used for other purposes. Councillor Canning explained that the appearance of the boards is very important to the public and, it must be noted, that the Town may be able to claim 80% of this expenditure from the Government. There is a risk that the claim will not be approved. After allowing time for discussion, Mayor Hobbs requested a motion.

Motion 305/2010 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Hynes

That Council shall approve the anodized framing for the arena boards' replacement project at a cost of approximately \$3,200.

Yeas: 4 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 2 – Councillor Budgell and Councillor Mills.

Motion Carried

Motion 306/2010 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council shall approve the stainless steel gate hardware for the arena boards' replacement project at a cost of approximately \$1,500.

DISCUSSION

Councillor Budgell indicated this was a more practical investment because it will contribute to the longevity of the asset. There being no further comments, question was called.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

3.2 LOWER LEVEL DRESSING ROOMS

The Town Clerk briefed Council on the recent developments concerning the lower level dressing rooms. Under the Job Creation Partnership Project (JCP), the Town has approximately \$8,000 to renovate the rooms. For the most part this will be cosmetic improvements, and the primary problems (i.e. odour) will not be addressed. From the various grants and donations acquired in recent years, however, the Town has access to funds that it could use to completely overhaul the dressing rooms. This will include the hiring of a

contractor, at an approximate cost of \$19,000 (excluding engineering), to replace the flooring, install new fixtures, etc. The other option is to allow the engineers to conduct a full assessment of the dressing rooms, including the possibility of installing showers on the upper level. The latter will involve the submission of a capital works application, and the project will not be implemented until 2011 if the funding is received. In the interim, the JCP cosmetic work would proceed. Mayor Hobbs, having allowed Council to receive the briefing, called for a motion for discussion.

Motion 307/2010 – Councillor Canning/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall proceed to overhaul the lower level dressing rooms, by way of hiring a contractor and engineer for such purpose, as an approximate cost of \$25,000 including engineering.

DISCUSSION

Councillor Budgell was concerned with the timeframe, noting that if the engineers and contractors run into unforeseen challenges, the stadium may not be able to open in time. The engineers must, therefore, complete an assessment before hand, and if the job appears to be unfeasible within the time constraints, the JCP option may be more preferable. Subsequently, Councillor Budgell requested a friendly amendment to the motion to include provisions to cover such a situation. Councillor Canning and Deputy Mayor Tremblett agreed to amend the motion by adding "...provided that the engineering assessment deems the project can be completed before December 13, 2010" after "...engineering". There being no further discussion, His Worship called for a vote on the motion amended as follows:

MOTION AS AMENDED

That Council shall proceed to overhaul the lower level dressing rooms, by way of hiring a contractor and engineer for such purpose, as an approximate cost of \$25,000 including engineering, provided that the engineering assessment deems the project can be completed before December 13, 2010".

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 4: Fire Department – Disposal of Asset (Van)

Motion 307/2010 – Councillor Budgell/Councillor Canning

That Council shall put to public tender the 1998 Ford Econoline 350 that is, in its present state, of no further use to the Bishop's Falls Fire Department.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 5: Property Tax – Offer to Settle Arrears (4 Knights of Columbus Road)

Motion 308/2010 – Councillor Budgell/Deputy Mayor Tremblett

That Council shall dissolve into a privileged session.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

****Privileged session commenced at 3:35 pm****

Motion 309/2010 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council shall cease the privileged session and resume the public meeting.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

****Privilege session concluded at 3:50 pm****

Mayor Hobbs noted for the record that Council rejected, by consensus, the offer to settle tax arrears for 4 Knights of Columbus Road. The Clerk will advise the individual accordingly.

Item 6: Removal Orders

The Clerk was instructed to issue orders to resolve two (2) issues within the municipality – the first involving an individual who is occupying land within the Birch Street area contrary to legislation, and the second concerning an abandoned trailer on the Foodland parking lot.

Item 7: Quarry Permit Application

Motion 310/2010 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

That Council shall approve a quarry permit application from Mr. Peter Bishop to operate a quarry on New Bay Road.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Item 8: Adjournment

Motion 311/2010 – Councillor Canning/Councillor Mills

To adjourn public meeting 1279.

Yeas: 6 – Mayor Hobbs, Deputy Mayor Tremblett, Councillor Hynes, Councillor Budgell, Councillor Mills and Councillor Canning.

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Randy Drover, Town Clerk/Manager