



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE TOWN OF BASSANO HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON JUNE 13, 2011.**

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**PRESENT**

**MAYOR:** Tom Rose  
**COUNCILLORS:** Doug Barlow  
Bernard Gibeau  
Ric Beddows  
Kyle Marks  
Ed Maurer  
Darrell McCoomb

**STAFF:** Sabine Nasse, C.A.O.  
Wanda Lepp, Administrative Assistant,  
Recording Secretary

**OTHERS IN  
ATTENDANCE:** Citizens (4)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

**154/11**  
Agenda

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BEDDOWS** that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Add: 5.7 Bassano Birthday Bash  
5.8 Streets  
5.9 Bassano Building Centre  
5.10 Airport Maintenance  
5.11 Newell Regional Services Corporation  
5.12 Pool Rentals  
5.13 Alberta Health Services

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Councillor Marks arrived at 7:08 p.m.*

### **3. MINUTES**

**155/11**  
Minutes  
May 24 2011

Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of May 24, 2011 be adopted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **4. DELEGATION – JENNA BARLOW, POOL MANAGER**

Ms. Barlow, Pool Manager, provided Council with a power point presentation regarding the amount of pool staff hired, qualifications and scheduling of staff hours based on seniority as well as procedures, amount of lessons scheduled during the season and planned events. Ms. Barlow shared concerns about pool staff wages that were approved by Council on February 14, 2011 and provided an updated salary grid for Councils consideration. Mayor Rose thanked Ms. Barlow for her presentation; she departed at 7:35 p.m.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Canadian Badlands – Letter of Support**

**156/11**  
Canadian  
Badlands  
Letter of  
Support

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that Council provide a letter of support to Canadian Badlands for the Rural Development Fund and Rural Secretariat & Knowledge Building Program.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **5.2 Bulk Water Agreement – Revision**

Council reviewed additional changes to the Bulk Water Agreement that were recommended by administration. Council discussed current utility rates for bulk water and decided that rates need to be increased. A draft bylaw reflecting the discussed changes will be presented at the next Council meeting. The agreement was tabled to the next meeting and to reflect the proposed increase in utility charges.

#### **5.3 Imperial Hunter Hotel – Beer Gardens**

A letter from the Imperial Hunter Hotel was reviewed regarding a beer garden on July 1, 2011 during the Birthday Bash Celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Main Street. A letter will be provided to the Hotel Manager stating that Council has no objection towards the proposed location of the beer gardens.

#### **5.4 Alberta Environment - Groundwater**

Administration provided Council with requested information regarding Sustainable Resources that were stationed at the Bassano Municipal Airport. The company is part of a three year groundwater study currently being conducted by Alberta Environment in the area from Calgary, Drumheller, Lethbridge to Bassano. Steve Wallace, Alberta Environment, shared project details as well as other groundwater information that is available for our area. Mr. Wallace suggested to contact the Alberta Environment – Southern Zone office to investigate if an approval for diversion of Groundwater under the Water Act is required as well as an engineering study is needed.

C.A.O. to contact Groundwater Specialist at Alberta Environment who is responsible for the Town of Bassano to request a meeting on site to discuss 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Close Groundwater issues.

#### **5.5 Reservoirs**

Bob Vatcher, Drinking Water Specialist from Alberta Environment, Southern Region Lethbridge office visited the Water Treatment Plant on June 9, 2011. Plant was toured; water samples were taken and found satisfactory. Burt Flowers, Water Treatment Plant Operator, Newell Regional Services Corporation, proposed a filling schedule for the raw water reservoirs. Mr. Vatcher reviewed the plan and found it adequate. A copy of the schedule was provided to Council. Aeration of the raw water reservoirs was discussed. Mr. Vatcher stated that aeration systems need to be engineered and sized specifically to each reservoir. The installation of a Solar-Bee (engineered and approved by Alberta Environment) was suggested. There are several in operation throughout the Southern Region.

C.A.O. to contact Dorothy Lok, Municipal Approvals Engineer from Alberta Environment to obtain information about the aeration systems.

#### **5.6 Budget 2011**

Council held three special meetings to debate the 2011 Budget. Administration compiled the discussed information and provided draft bylaws including mill rates for 2011. Discussion followed. Council called an additional special meeting for Monday June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss the budget.

## 5.7 Bassano Birthday Bash – Pancake Breakfast

Councillor Barlow provided an update on preparations that are required for the Birthday Bash Pancake Breakfast on Saturday July 2, 2011 hosted by Town Council and the Bassano Snow Punchers. A list of names needs to be compiled on who will help prepare, cook and clean up during the breakfast.

## 5.8 Streets and Sidewalks

**157/11**  
Paving  
Quote

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council approve the quote of Ram Paving Ltd. in amount of \$35,973.00 for patching of roads.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**158/11**  
Sidewalk  
repair

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MCCOOMB** that Council approve the quote of RyBar Oilfield Services Ltd, in the amount of \$30,975.00 for sidewalk repairs.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Councillor Barlow** abstained from voting due to pecuniary interest.*

## 5.9 Accounts Payable – Bassano Building Centre

Councillor Barlow had questions regarding the outstanding balance for supervisor fees to be paid to Councillor Beddows that occurred during the construction of the Town Office. Funds were held back by the previous Council due to building deficiencies in violation of the Alberta Building Code. Councillor Beddows explained his role as supervisor during the construction and expressed he is not responsible for the remaining deficiencies.

**159/11**  
Accounts  
Payable  
Bassano  
Building  
Centre

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council approve payment of \$5,000.00 to Bassano Building Centre in settlement of outstanding balance for supervision of the building of the Town Administration Building.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***COUNCILLOR BEDDOWS** abstained from voting due to pecuniary interest.*

## 5.10 Airport - Maintenance

Councillor McCoomb suggested that a letter be mailed to all property owners at the Bassano Municipal Airport advising them that the County of Newell is providing snow removal services in the winter and mowing services during the summer months.

Administration provided an update on current maintenance issues.

Councillor Gibeau voiced a concern regarding the unsafe transitions from the runway onto the end safety area. He requested that a quote be obtained to pave a transition. Councillor Maurer will inquire with Ram Paving about cost. C.A.O. to provide current regulations and available information from 2009 when the runway was resurfaced – AMEC Engineering.

#### **5.11 Newell Regional Services Corporation – Vehicle request**

An email was received from Mr. Havinga, Manager of Newell Regional Services Corporation, asking if the Town would be able to supply a vehicle for the Water Treatment Plant Operator. Discussion followed. Currently the Town does not have a vehicle available. Several options were discussed and will be communicated to Mr. Havinga for consideration.

*Councillor Beddows called a recess at 9:05 p.m. and Council reconvened at 9:10 p.m.*

#### **5.12 Pool Rental Rates**

On February 14, 2011 Council approved rates to be charged for the 2011 swim season. Mayor Rose brought forward concerns that the pool rental rates are too high and Councillor Barlow stated concerns regarding the amounts charged for family passes. Discussion followed.

**160/11**  
Pool  
Rental/Family  
Pass Fees

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council amend the pool rental fees to \$100.00 per hour regardless the number of swimmers and the family pass fees to \$250.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **5.13 Alberta Health Services – Advisory Board Meeting**

Alberta Health Services, Palliser Triangle Advisory Board is holding a meeting at the Bassano Community Hall on June 20, 2011 from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. Council was offered a 15 minute time slot on the Advisory Board agenda to bring forward concerns, suggestions or recommendations regarding health services in the Bassano area. At this point in time Council did not identify any pressing needs. Councillor McCoomb will follow the invitation of the board and will attend the meeting.

## **6. BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor McCoomb provided Council with highlights of the past Newell Regional Services Corporation board meeting as well as upcoming meetings to start the planning process for the pipeline to Bassano.

Councillor Beddows reported on a Newell Foundation meeting that was held in regards to the future of a possible new Lodge facility in Bassano.

**161/11**  
Board and  
Committee  
reports

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that the Board/Committee reports be accepted as information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Report was reviewed and additional questions were answered. The C.A.O. received a notice from Alberta Environment requesting attendance for a meeting in Calgary on June 15, 2011 regarding Phosphorus reduction in the Bow River between Calgary and Bassano Dam. After a lengthy discussion the majority of Council agreed that the C.A.O. should attend the meeting.

**162/11**  
C.A.O.'s  
Report

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MCCOOMB** that the C.A.O.'s report be accepted as information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**163/11**  
Cheque  
listing

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MCCOOMB** that the cheque listing for June 13, 2011 be accepted as information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 Village of Rosemary

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congratulations

9.2	Ken Riley	Letter of Concern - Use of Pesticides
9.3	ALTALINK	Report to Communities
9.4	Bassano Memorial Library	End of Renovations Party Invitation

## 10. IN CAMERA

**164/11**

In Camera

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MAURER** that Council move into camera at 10:24 p.m. to discuss:

10.1 Land and Legal issues

10.2 Human Resources

**MOTION CARRIED**

**165/11**

Out of  
Camera

Moved by **COUNCILLOR GIBEAU** that Council move out of camera at 11:09 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**166/11**

Pool Staff  
Wages

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council approve the amended pool staff wages.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rose adjourned the regular Council meeting of June 13, 2011 at 11:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer