



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE TOWN OF BASSANO HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MARCH 14, 2011.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: Tom Rose
COUNCILLORS: Doug Barlow
Ed Maurer
Kyle Marks
Bernard Gibeau

ABSENT: Ric Beddows (with notification)
Darrell McCoomb (with notification)

STAFF: Sabine Nasse, C.A.O.
Stephanie Stokes, Administrative Assistant,
Recording Secretary
Travis Peters, Fire Chief, Bassano Volunteer Fire Department

**OTHERS IN
ATTENDANCE:** Citizens (13)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. AGENDA

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

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Agenda

Add: 5.8 Rural Community Adaptation Grant
Add: 5.9 Airshow Insurance

MOTION CARRIED

3. MINUTES

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2011 be adopted as presented.

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Minutes
Feb. 28,
2011

MOTION CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

4.1 Presentation to Outstanding Citizens

Mayor Rose presented certificates and a letter for Outstanding Citizenship to Austin Toly and Ashton Holmes for bravery and courage shown while attending accident scenes on the #1 Highway.

Six residents departed from the meeting at 7:11 PM.

4.2 Travis Peters, Fire Chief, Department Report

Chief Peters informed Council on current projects that he is working with the department on required administrative items: Development of Standard Operating Procedures as well as OHS Policies and Procedures. Planned training activities were presented as well as the proposed 2011 Department Budget. Mayor Rose thanked Mr. Peters for his report; he departed at 7:32 PM.

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Fire Dept.
Report

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that the Fire Chief's report be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED

4.3 FCSS Board - Budget presentation

FCSS board members Pat Dyck, Chair and Kim Douglass, Vice Chair answered questions from Councillor Maurer and Councillor Gibeau clarifying concerns regarding volunteer appreciation cost and expenditures for projects/workshops. Annual financial reporting and accountability requirements from the FCSS Board to the Provincial Government were shared with Councillors. Mayor Rose thanked Mrs. Dyck and Mrs. Douglass for their time; they departed at 7:52 PM.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 CNIB – Proclamation of Vision Health Month

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Proclamation
CNIB
Vision Month

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that Council proclaim the month of May 2011 as Vision Health Month for the Town of Bassano.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Procedural Bylaw 823/11 – Draft – Third Review

Councillors presented more changes to the proposed Bylaw. Tabled to the next meeting.

5.3 Regional Assessment Review Boards

The current agreement and Bylaw 817/10 for the Regional Assessment Review Boards were reviewed. No questions were asked by Council regarding the agreement. A lengthy discussion followed about the current Appeal Complaint Fee Schedule “A” included in the Bylaw 817/10. Administration provided Section Schedule 2 – Matters Relating To Assessment Complaint Regulation that showed maximum fees that can be charged by a municipality for an appeal. Residential rate to be lowered and commercial/industrial fees were well below the allowable fees in the regulation. Administration shared expense costs that occurred during an appeal in 2010 – filing amount did not cover the appeal board cost. A lengthy discussion followed about the cost and if fees should be charged by tax roll or by owner - adjacent parcels one fee. Administration to prepare revised Schedule “A” to show all appeal fees to be the same - \$50 per parcel for residential, commercial, industrial and farmland.

5.4 Minutes correction – October 12, 2010

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Oct. 12, 2010
correction to
Minutes

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that the minutes from October 12, 2010 be Corrected: Motion #259/10 - Minutes - change date from September 12, 2010 to September 27, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

5.5 2011 FCSS Budget

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2011 FCSS
Budget

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MAURER** that Council approve the 2011 FCSS Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 MSI Funding 2011 Announcement

Municipal Affairs announced available Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding for Municipalities. The Town of Bassano will receive \$394,114.00

for Capital and \$88,031.00 for Operational funding which includes \$55,095.00 for Sustainable Investment Funding. Funding guidelines will be available from Municipal Affairs soon.

5.7 Sewage Lagoon – Meeting with Alberta Environment

Mayor Rose, Councillor Barlow and Councillor Marks met with Alberta Environment on March 9, 2011 to discuss upgrading requirements at the Sewage Lagoon to be in compliance with current legislation. Alberta Environment advised Councillors that 2/3 of the funding is available through the Alberta Water and Wastewater Partnership Program. A letter was requested by Alberta Environment verifying that the Town made an application to the AWWP grant as well as asking for an extension to the completion deadline.

A meeting report was presented by Mayor Rose to Council. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the upgrading requirements as well as the remaining 1/3 project cost to be paid by the Town of Bassano. Item was tabled to the next Council meeting.

5.8 Rural Community Adaptation Grant

In June 2010 a joint grant proposal to the Rural Community Adaptation Program was submitted by the Village of Rosemary, Village of Duchess, Village of Tilley, County of Newell and the Town of Bassano. The grant was successful at a reduced funding level. The Chief Administrative Officer's will meet in the near future to discuss programming priorities.

5.9 Airshow Insurance

Councillor Gibeau requested a copy of the insurance papers from the 2009 Airshow.

6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

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

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Cheque
Listing

Moved by **COUNCILLOR GIBEAU** that the cheque listing for March 14, 2011 be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

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| 8.1 | Thank you Card | Snow Storm |
| 8.2 | Shortgrass Library System | Minutes November 17, 2010 |
| 8.3 | Alberta Health & Safety Assoc. | Annual Meeting April 6, 2011 |
| 8.4 | B.A.R.R.A. | 2011 Budget & MSI Funding request |
| 8.5 | Alberta Municipal Affairs | Assessment Audit Report |
| 8.6 | City of Brooks – Protective Services | CPO Report January 2011 |
| 8.7 | News release | Funding to build new Hospitals in AB. |
| 8.8 | AUMA President's Summit | Energy Summit - May10 - 11, 2011 |
| 8.9 | Economic Developers Alberta | Main Street & Neighbourhood Renewal Workshop |
| 8.10 | Alberta Capital Finance Authority | Annual Meeting - April 8, 2011 |
| 8.11 | Canadian Badlands | March Newsletter |
| 8.12 | Government of Alberta | News release - Bill 10 highlights |

Mayor Rose called a short recess at 8:43 P.M. and reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

9. IN CAMERA

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In Camera

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council move into camera at 9:40 P.M. to discuss:

9.1 Legal Issues

9.2 Land Sales

MOTION CARRIED

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Out of
Camera

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that Council move out of camera at 10:15 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

71/11
Pecuniary
Interest

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that due to a pecuniary interest, Councillor Barlow will abstain from voting on the motion for development on Lot 45, Block 28, Plan 021 1563.

MOTION CARRIED

72/11
Offer to
Purchase

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that Council decline the letter of offer from Jamie and Lana Henry for Lot 45, Block 28, Plan 021 1563 due to the age of the proposed single family dwelling.

MOTION CARRIED

73/11
Utility
Charges

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council is unable to comply with the request regarding utility charges for the property at Lot 15, Block 15, Plan 3158AB.

MOTION CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILLOR MARKS adjourned the regular Council meeting of March 14, 2011 at 10:20 P.M.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer