

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present	Richard Ireland, Vonna Arsenault, Dwain Wacko, Rico Damota, Gilbert Wall, Brian Nesbitt, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Mark Fercho, Beryl Cahill, Alice Lettner, Trevor Nichols (the Fitzhugh)
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
Additions to Agenda	Councillor Damota requested that handicap parking zones be added to today's agenda.
Approval of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Nesbitt to approve today's agenda with the above addition. CARRIED
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Arsenault to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 committee meeting as presented. CARRIED
Business Arising	None
Brief Updates Library Progress Report	CAO Mark Fercho provided Council with an updated report on the progress of the new library. The report was printed in the agenda package. Mr. Fercho advised that some components of the project are a little behind schedule but the overall completion date of September remains the same with all other items being on track.
Handicapped parking stalls	Councillor Damota advised that a member of the community, who has recently become handicapped, has suggested that the handicap parking space on the Mac's side of Patricia Street should be relocated to the other side of the street in front of Online Sports and Tackle. This item will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Committee for review.
Correspondence Economic Dev. for Elected officials	Councillor Kelleher-Empey provided councillors with information on an upcoming course on economic Development for elected officials being held on May 14 th , 2015 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Hinton Holiday Inn. Deadline for registration is March 27 th with Nancy Robbins at Community Futures.
Council reps. on various boards	Councillor Arsenault to attend tonight's Museum meeting. Also attended yesterday's Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting in Spruce Grove. Councillor Kelleher-Empey will attend the upcoming board meeting of the TCYHA, and mentioned the National Transportation fund. Councillor Nesbitt attended the recent Community Team Executive meeting, and intends to help cook the community dinner on March 29 th .

Councillor Damota will attend next month's Communities in Bloom meeting and asked councillors for any feedback. Some concern was expressed about the lack of tidiness in residential back alleys. Possibly discuss this at next COW meeting.

Mayor advised that Gerry Lettner had spoken on communities in bloom at today's Chamber meeting.

Councillor Wall indicated that a significant announcement on Evergreens is expected on March 19th. Councillor Wall may have a conflict and would ask that someone attempt to be there on March 19th if he isn't able to. Apparently, both the MPL and the MLA will be leading the announcement. Possible that Deputy Mayor Wacko can attend.

Mayor Ireland – Mayor and CAO to attend the AUMA Mayors' Caucus meetings in Edmonton March 11 to 13. Will also meet with Mayors and CAO from Banff and Canmore. Will mention the advocacy school. Mayor attended a teleconference meeting of the standing committee regarding changes to the MGA, and ultimately, the Local Election Authorities Act which will be impacted by any changes to the MGA.

Mayor Ireland indicated that a press release from Minister McQueen on some additional money for municipalities. A request to come to Council at the March 17th regular meeting – notice to be waived due to time constraints.

Committee moves in camera	Motion by Councillor Wall that the committee move in camera at 10:25 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter.	Carried
Committee reverts to open meeting	Motion by Councillor Wacko that the committee revert to open meeting at 11:30 am.	Carried
Adjournment	Motion by Councillor Nesbitt that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 am.	Carried