

Committee-of-the-Whole meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Present	Mayor Richard Ireland Helen Kelleher-Empey	Gilbert Wall, Chair for this meeting Dwain Wacko Rico Damota
Absent	Councillor Vonna Arsenault	
Also present	Mark Fercho, CAO Christine Nadon, Mgr Comm. Lisa Daniel, Childcare Mgr.	Beryl Cahill, Admin. Officer Kathleen Waxer, Dir., CFS Paul Clarke, The Fitzhugh
Call to Order	Chairman Mayor Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.	
Additions to & Approval Of Agenda	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that the agenda for today's meeting be approved with the addition of the following: 7.3 Budget "parking lot" issues 7.4 Letter from Mayor to support Fire Dept. application to CIP Carried	
Approval of Minutes	MOTION by Councillor Wacko that Council approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 as presented. Carried	
Presentations	None	
Business Arising	CAO Mark Fercho confirmed that a letter to the midwifery association was sent to the individuals requesting it.	
Tour of Alberta	Councillors agreed that the Mayor and CAO will sign the Tour of Alberta, after a brief discussion on the proposed contract review, dates of Tour, fundraising, anticipated costs, etc.	
Childcare meal & snacks Provision	Council discussed the proposed childcare meals and snacks proposal, with Kathleen Waxer and Lisa Daniel providing more information on how the programme will be run. Discussion centred on costs to parents, comparisons to other communities, lower income families, etc. Ms. Daniel answered some questions from councilors, and reinforced the commitment of the Childcare Centre that there will be no unforeseen costs coming back to the taxpayer because the parent board of the childcare centre has offered to cover the costs if the Centre went over budget. A request for decision will be forthcoming at the January 17, 2017 regular council meeting.  Mayor Ireland thanked Mrs. Waxer and Mrs. Daniel for their work on this project.	
Deputy Mayor position	The rotation of the Deputy Mayor position was discussed briefly as the new term for Deputy starts March 1, 2017. This item will be brought back to a Council meeting before the end of February for further discussion.	

Museum	<p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey indicated that she would like to see their December financials, and a copy of their Society Act regulations, and how often their books are reviewed.</p> <p>Councillor Wacko thinks we should run through the parking lot items. CAO Mark Fercho to bring this up at the Management meeting tomorrow and discuss. The CAO will prepare a list for Council for the next meeting.</p>
Library	<p>Councillor Kelleher-Empey and Councillor Wacko would like to see more information on the Library's wages and benefits package.</p>
Fire Dept.	<p>CAO Mark Fercho advised Council that a letter from the Mayor, supporting the Fire Department's application for a 150 grant for the Firemen's Park equipment replacement. Council has no concerns with the Mayor signing such a letter.</p>
Evergreens	<p>Councillor Wall advised that the Province will provide \$5m to Evergreens for the Edson project.</p>
Invitation from China	<p>Council received an invitation from the City of Dujiangyan, China for a delegation to visit Dujiangyan. Mayor will speak with Estelle at Tourism Jasper for further details and bring back to council at a later date.</p>
JTB/Hakone Delegation	<p>Jasper Tourism has been approached by JTB International Canada to participate in a sister-city promotion with Hakone to drive visitation to Canada in 2017 by highlighting Canada's 150 year anniversary, using a Canada/Japan sister-city approach. At this stage, only an invitational letter is required. Providing that Council are open to this invitation, Mayor Ireland believes that we should send a copy of the request straight through to the Hakone International Exchange Association. Also, our office should contact Hakone to see if they are on board with this proposal.</p>
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Wacko indicated that he will be away from January 12 until February 2. Councillor Wall will fill in at Culture and Recreation Board meeting. Councillor Kelleher-Empey will attend the upcoming YRL board meeting and an orientation for new trustees on January 19. Mayor Ireland received an invitation from Parks Canada to attend a session in Calgary on January 18 entitled "Let's talk Parks, Canada" at the Calgary Zoo. Mayor Ireland has confirmed his attendance but doesn't know now whether he will be able to make it as he is expected in Edmonton on January 19<sup>th</sup> for an MGA meeting. Mayor to forward information to councillors. Councillor Wall may be able to fill in for the Mayor.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland Mark Fercho are being interested by the Foothills Forestry Association regarding the pine beetle.</p>
Nomination For Chair of Next mtg	<p>Councillor Nesbitt volunteered to chair the next committee meeting scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.</p>

