

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at the
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney
ABSENT	Councillor	Steve Blamire
	Councillor	Cory Jasper
	Councillor	Pat Doll
DELEGATIONS	None	
STAFF	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Andy Weiss adds:

Agenda Item # 6.a 2012 Rec. Board Events Schedule

Agenda Item # 6.b Special Council Meeting Request

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the April 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the March 26, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

ITEM 5.a Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw Amendment # 1 At the February 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, Town of Bowden Bylaw # 01-2012 (Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw) was given passage. Since passage of this bylaw, it has been pointed out that our new utility bylaws may be contrary to section 42(2) of the Municipal Government Act which states:

If the municipality agrees to provide a municipal utility service to a parcel of land on the request of an occupant of the parcel who is not the owner, the charges for the municipal utility service provided to the parcel are an amount owing to the municipality by the occupant and not the owner.

In essence, this means that existing renters (as of the passage of Bylaw 01-2012) in good standing (not subject to a shut-off notice), can still continue to receive utility bills directly from the municipality. This will impact a total of 38 parcels in Bowden.

As well, this bylaw clarifies that the municipality may choose to shut off water services to a parcel in the event that the bylaw is contravened.

Motion 5.a.i Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 04-2012 (Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.a.ii Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 04-2012 (Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.a.iii Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council gives consent to present Bylaw 04-2012 (Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw Amendment # 1) for Third Reading. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion 5.a.iv Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw 04-2012 (Wastewater and Storm Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 5.b Water Bylaw Amendment # 1 At the February 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, Town of Bowden Bylaw # 02-2012 (Water Bylaw) was given passage. Since passage of this bylaw, it has been pointed out that our new utility bylaws may be contrary to section 42(2) of the Municipal Government Act which states:

If the municipality agrees to provide a municipal utility service to a parcel of land on the request of an occupant of the parcel who is not the owner, the charges for the municipal utility service provided to the parcel are an amount owing to the municipality by the occupant and not the owner.

In essence, this means that existing renters (as of the passage of Bylaw 02-2012) in good standing (not subject to a shut-off notice), can still continue to receive utility bills directly from the municipality. This will impact a total of 38 parcels in Bowden.

This bylaw identifies that it is now an offence to refuse to allow the municipality access to change out or upgrade water meters or remote read units, if deemed necessary by the municipality.

As well, this bylaw clarifies that the municipality may choose to shut off water services to a parcel in the event that the bylaw is contravened.

Motion 5.b.i Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 05-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.b.ii Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 05-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.b.iii Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council gives consent to present Bylaw 05-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1) for Third Reading. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion 5.b.iv Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw 05-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 5.c Solid Waste Management Bylaw Amendment # 1 At the February 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, Town of Bowden Bylaw # 03-2012 (Solid Waste Management Bylaw) was given passage. Since passage of this bylaw, it has been pointed out that our new utility bylaws may be contrary to section 42(2) of the Municipal Government Act which states:

If the municipality agrees to provide a municipal utility service to a parcel of land on the request of an occupant of the parcel who is not the owner, the charges for the municipal utility service provided to the parcel are an amount owing to the municipality by the occupant and not the owner.

In essence, this means that existing renters (as of the passage of Bylaw 03-2012) in good standing (not subject to a shut-off notice), can still continue to receive utility bills directly from the municipality. This will impact a total of 38 parcels in Bowden.

As well, this bylaw clarifies that the municipality may choose to shut off water services to a parcel in the event that the bylaw is contravened.

Motion 5.c.i Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 06-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.c.ii Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw 06-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.c.iii Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council gives consent to present Bylaw 06-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1) for Third Reading. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion 5.c.iv Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw 06-2012 (Water Bylaw Amendment # 1). **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 5.d Recycling Centre Discussions At a number of past occasions, Council has discussed the Recycling Centre and the long-term future of this facility. The existing number of pickups per week (two – Tuesdays and Fridays) is now inadequate to keep up with the amount of cardboard that is being dropped off from various sources each week. It is estimated that the number of pickups should be at least doubled in order to keep up with current demands on our facility.

Council members expressed significant concerns regarding the Bowden Recycling Facility located at 2102 – 20th Avenue. The volume of material has significantly increased and as such, this area is always a mess with various items littering the ground in and around this area. The eyesore that this creates results in many complaints from taxpayers. Various solutions were discussed and Council members felt that this topic should be discussed with members of the public at an upcoming public information session in order to get more feedback and potential solutions for this issue.

Council received this report for information.

New Business

ITEM 6.a 2012 Rec. Board Events Schedule The Bowden Rec. Board has been busy planning a number of events in 2012. The proposed dates for these events are as follows:

- June 17, 2012 – Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast
- July 1, 2012 – Canada Day Celebration
- August 22, 2012 – Garden Market
- September 14, 2012 –Movie in the Park.
- December 12, 2012 – Sleigh ride and public skate

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the 2012 Rec. Board Events Schedule as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 6.b Special Council Meeting Request Andy Weiss reported that in speaking with administration from Red Deer County, they intend to take their Taxation Rate Bylaw to Council for First Reading on April 24. The potential Second and Third Readings would then take place at the May 8 Council Meeting. Given that the Bowden residents on the east side of Highway II are tied to the Red Deer County taxation rates, Bowden cannot give passage to our own taxation rate bylaw until after Red Deer County passes their rate. As such, Andy Weiss requested that Council hold special Council Meetings at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday April 26, 2012 and at 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2012 to deliberate Bowden's Taxation Rate Bylaw and 2012 budgets.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the request from Administration to hold a Special Council Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday April 26, 2012 and at 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2012 to deliberate Bowden's Taxation Rate Bylaw and 2012 budgets. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 7 Financial Statements

- a) March 2012 Bank Reconciliation
- b) Cheque Listing to April 4, 2012 (Chq #'s 10347 – 10455 totalling \$ 253,441.36)

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the attached financial statements for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 8 Correspondence & Information

- a)
WCB Day of Mourning Invitation: WCB-Alberta (Workers' Compensation Board) will be lowering its flags to half-mast on April 28, 2012 in recognition of a Day of Mourning for all workers who have been killed, injured or disabled at their place of work and they invite municipalities to mark the day by doing the same. This item was brought before Council at the March 26, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. At that meeting, Council directed Administration to investigate whether or not a formal policy existed with regards to allowed protocols for the flags under municipal control. Upon investigation, no formal policy exists. Council members directed Administration to post signage at the Town Office whenever the flag is lowered to half-mast so as to inform citizens as to why we are doing so.

Motion 8.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council authorises Administration to lower the Town Office flag to half-mast on April 28, 2012 in recognition of a Day of Mourning from WCB-Alberta (Workers' Compensation Board) for all workers who have been killed, injured or disabled at their place of work. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a short break at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 7:57 p.m.

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.i Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss a personnel issue at 7:59 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.ii Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that the Council meeting come out of camera at 8:12 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.b.iii Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council offers Andy Weiss the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Bowden.
MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the April 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:15 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer