

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at the**  
**Town of Bowden Administration Building**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney

<b>ABSENT</b>	Councillor	Cory Jasper
	Councillor	Pat Doll

**DELEGATIONS**

Nags Jabbal (McElhanney Consulting), Dennis Grace (Alberta Transportation) & Andy Heath (McElhanney Consulting)

<b>STAFF</b>	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Administrative Assistant

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 2.a** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the August 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Adoption of the Previous Minutes**

**Motion 4.a** Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council approves the July 23, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Delegations**

**Item 4.a** Nags Jabbal (McElhanney Consulting), Dennis Grace (Alberta Transportation) & Andy Heath (McElhanney Consulting) presented the "Highway 2 and 587 Interchange Interim Stage Upgrade".

The design has received several changes since it was first presented to Council. Dennis Grace stated that the original calculation for traffic count on Highway 587 was incorrect. Initially the data they had collected led them to believe that it was necessary to twin Highway 587. After re-assessment it was found that this is not necessary.

During the presentation several of the illustrations gave Council members concern for the future of Bowden residents and businesses and the closure of the slip ramp on Heritage Drive was a major concern. Mayor Stuart mentioned that the original design allowed access to the campground and now it does not.

Another concern expressed was that farmers owning property on both the east and west sides of Highway II may no longer have access across the highway without major detouring to the north or south. McElhanney suggested that priority will be given to traffic volume and not type.

Concern was also mentioned for Town residents living north of Highway 587 in the fact that the new exit ramps will in essence be touching the end of their existing street. McElhanney outlined that if necessary, there is consideration of compensation to the residents in this area to acquire the three properties that exist there.

The consultants stated that the concerns will be brought forth to the regional directors to see what alternatives there may be for keeping access to Heritage Drive businesses.

**Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a short break at 8:18 p.m.**

**Mayor Robb Stuart reconvenes the meeting at 8:27 p.m.**

### **Old Business**

**Item 5.a Bylaw # 11-2012 (Traffic Bylaw)** This bylaw represents an overhaul of the existing Town of Bowden Traffic Bylaws (Bylaw #'s 696 & 1/96). As the existing bylaws were created in 1996, this new bylaw is necessary to reflect changing regulations and community standards.

**Motion 5.a** Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council receives the draft bylaw for information and further, that Council directs Administration to bring it back to a future Council meeting for further deliberation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **New Business**

**Item 6.a Recreation & Culture Board resignation letter** Effective December 31, 2012 Pat Wilson will be stepping down as Chairperson of the Recreation & Culture Board and will no longer be a member of this committee. Council members expressed their thanks for a job very well done. Ms. Wilson has always been an enthusiastic volunteer for the Town and her contributions to this board will be missed.

Council received the letter of resignation from Pat Wilson for information.

**Item 6.b Highway II & 587 Interchange update** Council received the information as presented by the delegation from McElhanney Consulting and Alberta Transportation for information.

**Item 6.c Volunteer Application** Brenda Munce has put her name forward as a volunteer. Council directed Administration to defer this item until such time as contact is made with the applicant to receive clarification on where she wants to volunteer specifically.

**Item 6.d Atco Gas Franchise Agreement renewal** The letter from Atco Gas attached to the Council agenda asks if the Town of Bowden would like to change the existing Gas Franchise Fee charged to residents of the municipality on their monthly gas bills.

**Motion 6.d** Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that the existing Atco Gas Franchise Fee remain unchanged.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Item 7 Financial Statements**

- a) Cheque Listing to August 9, 2012 (Chq #'s 10934 – 10953 totalling \$ 30,953.23)
- b) July 2012 Bank Reconciliation

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

### **Item 8 Correspondence & Information**

- a) Central Alberta Regional Court House Facility – Mayor Morris Flewwelling (City of Red Deer) has written asking for support for a new Central Alberta Regional Court House Facility in downtown Red Deer. He is seeking comment over the summer months and he is also asking for an opportunity to address Council at a fall meeting on this issue.
- b) Community note of thanks – A copy of a thank you note signed by several Bowden residents, thanking everyone for the time, effort and creativity that went into organising the 2012 Bowden Daze Parade.
- c) Community Futures 2012 Annual Report Package – A copy of the 2012 Community Futures Annual Report for Council's information.
- d) Creating Rural Connections 2012 Conference & Tradeshow – An invitation to attend the Creating Rural Connections 2012 Conference & Tradeshow to be held October 11 – 13, 2012 at Olds College.

**Motion 8.a.i** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council directs Administration to contact Mayor Morris Flewwelling (City of Red Deer) to extend an invitation to attend a future Council Meeting to further discuss the Central Alberta Regional Court House Facility. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 8.a.ii** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the attached correspondence for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Item 9 Committee of the Whole**

**Motion 9.a.i** Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss a legal and personnel issues at 8:53 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 9.a.ii** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that the Council meeting come out of camera at 9:15 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 9.a.iii** Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council directs Administration to proceed with staff wage adjustments as per the In-Camera discussions. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

**Motion 10.a** Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the August 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:16 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Mayor Robb Stuart**

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**Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer**