

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, December 8, 2014 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	Lloyd Lane
	Councillor	Earl Wilson
	Councillor	Paul Webb
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney

ABSENT None

DELEGATIONS None

STAFF	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Development Officer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Item 2.a Councillor Sheila Church adds Agenda Item 6.d Snow Removal.

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the December 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Lloyd Lane that Council approves the November 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegations

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 6.a 2015 Utility Rates On November 19, 2014 the Water Commission (MVRWS) informed the Town of Bowden that effective April 1, 2015 they would be increasing prices by 5 cents per cubic meter. As well, it has been previously reported to Council that the Sewer Commission (SRDRWC) would likely be connected to the regional sewer system in May of 2015. As such, rates charged to our customers will need to be increased to reflect these new expenses. In essence, water rates will be increased by 5 cents (from \$2.95 to \$3.00 per cubic meter) and on the sewer side, rates will be increased from 90 % of water rates to 100 percent of water rates based on water consumption (from \$2.66 to \$3.00). These increased fees will take effect on April 1, 2015.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the 2015 Utility Rates as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.b Bowden Silent Santa Donation Request Shannon Webb (Silent Santa Co-chairperson) has written asking for a municipal donation of \$1,000.00 (or any other amount that Council considers appropriate). The funds would assist with the 2015 campaign to assist local needy families this time of year. In 2014, Council provided Bowden Silent Santa with a \$500.00 donation.

Councillor Paul Webb abstains from voting as Shannon Webb is his wife, and excuses himself from Council Chambers at 7:07pm prior to the discussion.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council provides \$750.00 to Bowden Silent Santa. **MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Paul Webb re-joins the Council Meeting at 7:11pm.

Item 6.c Alberta Community Partnership Grant The Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) objective is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building activities, including project implementation costs. On behalf of their regional partners, Red Deer County Community & Protective Services has made an application of \$350,000.00. If successful, the funds will be used to purchase 4 vehicles to support their emergency management & technical rescue teams. To assist with their grant application, Red Deer County is asking for letters of support from their regional partners. This does not mean that Bowden will be required to provide a financial contribution nor does it preclude any future potential regional grant application by Bowden as a managing partner for any other funding area covered by this grant. To provide support, Council is asked to pass a resolution giving support to Red Deer County Community & Protective Services for this grant application.

Motion 6.c Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council supports the 2015 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant application by Red Deer County Community & Protective Services for the purchase of 4 vehicles to support their emergency management & technical rescue teams. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.d Snow Removal discussion in regards to municipal enforcement for snow removal.

Motion 6.d Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council directs Administration and Bylaw Enforcement to enforce snow removal on a complaint driven basis using our existing process. **MOTION CARRIED**

Financial Statements

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council receives the attached Cheque Listing for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 7.b Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council receives the Bank Reconciliation for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a Council Committee Reports Council members share highlights of their Committee meetings with the other Council members.

Motion 8.a Council receives this item for information.

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a Moved by Councillor Lloyd Lane that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss legal & personnel issues at 8:06p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the Council meeting come out of camera at 8:21p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the December 8, 2014 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:21 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer