

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, February 25, 2013 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	Pat Doll
	Councillor	Cory Jasper

ABSENT	Councillor	Wayne Milaney
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DELEGATIONS	Corrie Monk for Agenda Item 4.a.
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STAFF	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Administrative Assistant

Item 2 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Chief Administrative Officer Andy Weiss adds Agenda Item 4.a Seniors Survey and Agenda Item 5.a Deputy Mayor Appointment.

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the February 25, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the February 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4 Delegations

Item 4.a Seniors Survey Corrie Monk of Bowden FCSS has been working on a project titled "Aging in Place". Statistics show that 70% of people spend the rest of their lives in the same place as they turned 65 years of age. In the 2011 census, the Town of Bowden had shown there were 420 people aged 55+. In a town of 1240 people, this equals 34% of our population. Corrie has developed a survey to research what is important to seniors in our community to enjoy a comfortable retirement.

Motion 4.a Council received this item for information.

Item 5 Old Business

Item 5.a Deputy Mayor Appointment Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 – Section 152(1) states, "A Council must appoint one or more Councillors as Deputy Chief Elected Official."

Motion 5.a. Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Mayor Robb Stuart appoints Councillor Pat Doll as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Bowden from February 25, 2013 to October 28, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6 New Business

Item 6.a Bylaw #02 – 2013 Animal Control Bylaw This bylaw represents an overhaul of the existing Town of Bowden Bylaws 08/2001 – Animal Control Bylaw & Bylaw 04/2003 – Cat Bylaw. As the existing bylaws were created over 10 years ago, this new bylaw is necessary to reflect changing community standards. This bylaw is being submitted to Council for review and discussion so that final editing may be completed prior to the “First Reading”.

Motion 6.a Council received this item for information.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a short recess at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 8:42 p.m.

Item 6.b Municipal Reserves At the February 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, passage was given to the 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets. After accounting for changes to the reserves as identified in the approved budgets, the municipality is left with 20 active reserve accounts. At this point, Council could consider a number of options:

- Potentially reduce the number of reserve accounts as some existing reserve categories may no longer be relevant. It is worthy of note that regardless of the existing category, future Councils can choose to re-allocate any reserves as they see fit if the need arises.
- Potentially re-configure our GIC portfolio to correspond to the actual totals in each reserve account.
- As we are nearing the end of the 2012 municipal audit process, Council can now potentially top-up reserves from 2012 operating surpluses.

Motion 6.b.i Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Administration transfers the following reserves to contingency: Administration, Fire, Solid Waste, Planning, and Community Bus. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 6.b.ii Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Administration transfers \$57,988.06 from 2012 Operating Surplus to contingency reserves. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 6.b.iii Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Administration invests \$1,000,000.00 reserves into 1, 2 & 3 year GIC's to be split equally in thirds. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.c. Volunteer Application Ms. Jackie Richards has put her name forward as a potential member of the Recreation & Culture Board.

Motion 6. Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council appoints Ms. Jackie Richards to the Bowden Recreation & Culture Board for a 3 year term. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 7 Financial Statements

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

Item 8 Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a. Donation Request from Alberta Women's Institutes Ms. Bernice Willsie (Innisfail/Olds/Sundre Constituency) of the Alberta Women's Institutes has sent a letter requesting that Council consider helping to financially support the 2013 Handicraft Competitions that will be held at the Cottonwood Gordon Hall on April 12, 2013. Her letter outlines that the Alberta Women's Institutes is an organization that promotes education for the betterment of Home and Country.

Motion 8.a Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council accepts this item for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 9 Committee of the Whole

None

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the February 25, 2013 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer