

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, February 27, 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 Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor	Robb Stuart Sheila Church Cory Jasper Pat Doll Wayne Milaney
ABSENT	Councillor Councillor	Steve Blamire Sandy Gamble
DELEGATIONS	Melanie Neale Justin Ouellette	Bowden Lions Club Bowden Lions Club
STAFF	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Andy Weiss adds:

Agenda Item 6.e Bowden Lions Club Facility Request

Mayor Robb Stuart adds:

Agenda Item 8.a Rick Hansen Relay

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the February 27, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council approves the February 13, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

ITEM 6.a Bowden Lions Club Donation Request Melanie Neale reported to Council that on May 5, 2012 the Bowden Lions Club is hosting a town clean-up. In addition to the clean-up, a BBQ is also planned to feed all of the hard working individuals involved. The Lions Club is looking for assistance from the municipality in the form of supplies and/ or a monetary donation.

Council members expressed that this was a very worthwhile project for the community and directed Administration to be in contact with the Lions Club organisers to provide available assistance for this event.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council directs Administration to assist the Lions Club for the May 5, 2012 Town clean-up project by providing supplies and available equipment as is deemed necessary. **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 6.b Alberta Women's Institutes Donation Request On April 13, 2012 the Innisfail/Olds/Sundre Constituency of the Alberta Women's Institutes will be hosting their Annual Handicraft Competition at the Cottonwood Gordon Hall. They are looking for monetary support from the municipality. The Alberta Women's Institutes is an organization that promotes education for Women of all ages for the betterment of Home and Country.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council receives the donation request from Alberta Women's Institutes for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 6.c James Cooke Memorial Tribute Request Councillor Cory Jasper reported that community members and friends of James Cooke have expressed a desire to place a framed memorial tribute inside the Igloo Arena.

Motion 6.c Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council directs Administration to work with community members and friends of James Cooke to place a framed memorial tribute in a suitable location inside the Bowden Igloo Arena. **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 6.d Garbage Truck Expenditures Chief Administrative Officer Andy Weiss requested permission to place the newest Town of Bowden Logo onto the new municipal garbage truck.

Motion 6.d Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council authorises Administration to utilize the newest Town of Bowden Logo on the municipal garbage truck. **MOTION CARRIED**

ITEM 6.e Bowden Lions Club Facility Request Chief Administrative Officer Andy Weiss reported to Council that the Bowden Lions Club has been facing significant financial challenges in recent years relating to operating the Bowden Lions Club Hall. In response to these challenges, in late December 2011 Mayor Robb Stuart, Councillor Wayne Milaney and CAO Andy Weiss met with Stan Mills from the Bowden Lions Club to discuss potential options for the future of the Hall. Mr. Mills then drafted a letter to Council with the following discussion items:

1. The town would give the Bowden Lions Club an operating grant of around \$10000.00 per year for up to five years.
2. The Town will replace the sidewalk on the south side of the Hall.
3. The Club is eager to work with the Town to resolve the ongoing problem of gophers on the property.
4. Due to a break-in at the Hall in December 2011, the Club is looking into the possibility of security cameras in the Hall. The Club would be willing to buy the cameras but would prefer to have an offsite location for the signal to be sent.

Elected Officials are all very concerned regarding the future of the Bowden Lions Club Hall as it is a community-based facility that would be deeply missed by all if it was to close up as there are no other facilities in Bowden large enough to accommodate groups that this hall can hold. Regarding item number 1, Council members felt that this was an investment in our community and a worthwhile investment. Regarding item number 2, the municipality is ultimately responsible for all sidewalks on public lands, so this item is fully supported. Regarding item number 3 and item number 4, Council members directed Administration to work with the Lions Club to find solutions that are mutually acceptable.

Motion 6.e Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council directs Administration to draft a letter to the Bowden Lions Club that outlines that:

1. Council will provide an annual operating contribution to the Bowden Lions Club of \$10,000.00 per year for the next five years as assistance towards the operation and maintenance of the Bowden Lions Club Hall.
2. Council will budget to replace the existing damaged sidewalks that are located on public lands on the south side of the Bowden Lions Club Hall in 2012.
3. The Town will work with the Bowden Lions Club to find solutions that are mutually acceptable for the ongoing problem of gophers on the property.
4. The Town will work with the Bowden Lions Club to find solutions that are mutually acceptable for the potential placement of security cameras on the property.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 7 Financial Statements

- a) Operating Revenue & Expenditures to February 24, 2012

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council receives the Operating Revenue & Expenditures to February 24, 2012 for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

- b) Cheque Listing to February 23, 2012 (Chq #'s 10278 – 10315 totalling \$ 73,567.80)

Motion 7.b Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council receives the Cheque Listing to February 23, 2012 for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 8 Correspondence & Information

Mayor Robb Stuart reported to Council that on March 1, 2012, the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay will be going through the Town of Bowden. The four medal bearers are: Don Stoesz, Jocelyn Dye, Aleah Pineau, and Mayor Robb Stuart. They will be carrying the medal from the Town Office, around Westview Crescent and back to the school. The relay will start at the Town Office at approx. 2:00 p.m. and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Motion 8 Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council receives the Rick Hansen Relay Report from Mayor Robb Stuart for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a short break at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 8:01 p.m.

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.i Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss legal and personnel issues at 8:05 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 9.b.ii Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that the Council meeting come out of camera at 8:48 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that the February 27, 2012 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:48 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer