

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, January 10, 2011 at the
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Steve Blamire
	Councillor	Cory Jasper
	Councillor	Pat Doll
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney

ABSENT None

STAFF Lori Conkin, Chief Administrative Officer
 Andy Weiss, Manager of Administrative Services

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Wayne Milaney adds Agenda Item 6.a Cemetery Board discussions
Mayor Robb Stuart adds Agenda Item 6.b Community Bus

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council approves the January 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Council members pointed out that on Motion 5.b.ii, the date should read: December 9, 2011.

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Steve Blamire that Council approves the December 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6 New Business

Item 6.a Cemetery Board discussions

Councillor Wayne Milaney and Councillor Sheila Church discussed that the Cemetery Board is investigating the potential of installing a gate and sign and the cemetery. Councillor Wayne Milaney outlined that they would like to see pillars and an archway at the cemetery entrance. Councillor Sheila Church discussed that the Bowden Cemetery is a pioneer cemetery and that the board is looking into various entrance gate/signage styles. Once a style is chosen, there may be other funding options available that are also being looked into. This item will be brought forward to Council during 2011 Budget deliberations.

Council accepted the presentation from the Cemetery Board for information.

Item 6.b Community Bus

At the December 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting, Andy Weiss, Manager of Administrative Services reported to Council that the existing Bowden Community Bus is now at the end of its useful service life. A recent mechanical inspection has identified a number of significant mechanical issues and given the age of this bus (1988) and the ongoing difficulty of obtaining repair parts, it is no longer financially viable to continue to attempting repairs on the bus.

At that meeting, Councillor Pat Doll was tasked with investigating costs associated with a potential replacement unit. He contacted several municipalities and other potential sources for a replacement bus for the municipality. On January 10, 2011, Councillor Pat Doll and Mayor Robb Stuart met with officials from the City of Calgary to inspect a number of used community busses that may be available to the Town of Bowden. At the meeting with the Calgary Transit officials, it was suggested that the City of Calgary may be prepared to supply two 21-passenger mini-busses to our municipality at minimal costs. Councillor Pat Doll presented pictures to Council that showed these busses. The potential units are late model (2003 or newer) vehicles with 7.3 liter diesel engines with between 380,000 – 480,000 km usage. These busses are very well maintained and in excellent shape. Availability would be sometime in late March. Upon taking delivery, the municipality would be required to obtain all applicable safety inspections at their own expense.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council directs Councillor Pat Doll to enter into negotiations with the City of Calgary to obtain two used 21-passenger mini-busses for the Town of Bowden.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 7 Financial Statements

The following financial documents were presented to Council for information:

- a) Cheque Listing to January 5, 2011 (Cheque #'s 8721 – 8828 totaling \$164,864.10)

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the attached Financial Statements for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 10 Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the January 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Robb Stuart

Lori Conkin, Chief Administrative Officer