

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, July 9, 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 Sandy Gamble Wayne Milaney Cory Jasper
ABSENT	Councillor Councillor Andy Weiss	Steve Blamire Pat Doll Chief Administrative Officer
DELEGATIONS	None	
STAFF	Jacqui Molyneux	Municipal Clerk

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Councillor Wayne Milaney adds Agenda Item 6.c Cremation Burials
Councillor Cory Jasper adds Agenda Item 6.d Business at Rest Stop
Mayor Robb Stuart adds Agenda Item 9.a In-Camera Legal Issue

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the July 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council approves the June 25, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 6.a Councillor resignation Councillor Steve Blamire has recently purchased an acreage east of Bowden and has relocated his family there. As such, as per the Municipal Government Act, this means that he no longer meets the municipal residency requirements to be a Town of Bowden Elected Official. Council can now choose to hold a municipal by-election to fill this vacancy, but is not specifically obligated to do so. Also, given that Mr. Blamire was appointed as the Deputy Mayor, this position must be re-appointed.

Motion 6.a.i Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council accepts the resignation from Steve Blamire as a Town of Bowden Elected Official. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 6.a.ii Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council will not hold a by-election to fill the vacancy left by Steve Blamire as a Town of Bowden Elected Official. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 6.a.iii Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council appoints Councillor Cory Jasper as Deputy Mayor for the Town of Bowden for a term ending on February 25, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.b Fire Safety Codes Accreditation The Town of Bowden is currently accredited through the Alberta Safety Codes Council in the Fire Safety Codes division. For the Bowden Volunteer Fire Department, the means that a specific member must successfully go through all of the required training to obtain a Fire Safety Codes Officer certification. In a small community, this is an expensive and time-consuming process that must be repeated each time that qualified fire fighter leaves our organisation. Over and above the specific training requirements there are specific reporting and tracking processes that are mandated in order to keep our accreditation that require time to complete.

Given that we have struggled as a Fire Department to meet the staffing and reporting requirements, the typical process that happens now is that a Provincial Fire Inspector will attend when necessary to investigate and report as may be required by the Safety Codes Council.

As such, it is the recommendation of the Bowden Fire Chief and Administration that effective immediately, the Town of Bowden will relinquish accreditation in Fire Safety Codes through the Alberta Safety Codes Council. Levels of protection for our areas of responsibility will not be negatively impacted by this action.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council directs Administration to send notice to the Alberta Safety Codes Council that effective immediately; the Town of Bowden will relinquish accreditation in Fire Safety Codes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.c Cremation Burials At the Town of Bowden Cemetery, there are burial plots that are specifically designated as being for cremains only. These plots are significantly smaller than the regular burial plots. Council discussed the potential for changing plot pricing for these areas but it was determined that the pricing as outlined in the current Town of Bowden Cemetery Bylaw (Bylaw 10-2012) are adequate and are not in need of any changes at this time.

Item 6.d Business at Rest Stop Ms. Tammy Ryrie contacted Councillor Cory Jasper to inquire about the potential to obtain a temporary Business License. She intends to set up a temporary shelter to sell RV mats to potential customers who may be stopping at our facility.

Motion 6.d Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council approves the request from Ms. Tammy Ryrie for a temporary Town of Bowden Business License at the Town of Bowden Rest Stop subject to all applicable bylaw provisions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 7 Financial Statements

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

Item 8 Correspondence & Information

- a) **2015 Alberta 55 Plus Summer Games** . The Honorable Christine Cusanelle, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation is asking that interested communities consider submitting a bid for the right to host the 2015 Alberta 55 plus Summer Games in our municipality. Communities

with populations of less than 10,000 are encouraged to join together with neighboring communities to submit a joint bid.

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

Item 9 Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss a legal issue at 7:32 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 9.a.ii Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the Council meeting come out of camera at 7:39 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the July 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 7:40 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer