

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, March 11, 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 Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor	Robb Stuart Sheila Church Sandy Gamble Cory Jasper Wayne Milaney
ABSENT	Councillor	Pat Doll
DELEGATIONS	Stan Orlesky (Fortis Alberta) for Agenda Item # 6.b	
STAFF	Andy Weiss Jade Prefontaine	Chief Administrative Officer Administrative Assistant

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

CAO Andy Weiss requests that the order of the Agenda be changed to have Agenda #5.a Bylaw #02 – 2013 Animal Control Bylaw moved to be prior to Agenda Item #4.a Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement and that Agenda Item # 8.a (Igloo Arena re-naming Request) be moved to Committee of the Whole.

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the March 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the February 25, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4 Delegations

Item 4.a Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement Stan Orlesky, Senior Stakeholder Relations Manager for Fortis Alberta presents the new Franchise Agreement Template, decision # 2012 – 255. Fortis Alberta has recently been given approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for the application of the new Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement Template. This Franchise Agreement Template was negotiated between the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, ATCO and Fortis Alberta over the past few years. Fortis would like to start negotiations with the Town of Bowden to enter into this newly approved agreement. Fortis Alberta would like to have this new agreement in place by spring of 2013 if possible.

Motion 4.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council supports the Electric Distribution Franchise Agreement in principal and directs Administration to give a Bylaw number to Stan Orlesky to start the Municipal personalization of the Agreement. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a short recess at 8:17p.m.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 8:24p.m.

Item 5 Old Business

Item 5.a Bylaw 02 – 2013 Animal Control Bylaw. This bylaw is being presented to Council after first draft revisions were completed. Les Krause, Bowden resident, is present with questions regarding the Restricted Breeds and licencing fees that accompany them. Mr. Krause is an owner of a Pit Bull, which is listed as a Restricted Breed in the draft bylaw. Les has concern that the fees don't reflect the gentle nature of his dog. Mr. Krause felt that individual dogs rather than entire breeds should be targeted as necessary.

Motion 5.a. Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the Bylaw 02 – 2013 for information until further research into the number of registered Restricted Breeds currently in our community can be completed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6 New Business

Item 6.a Community Bus Policy Revisions The Policy (#2011-02) addresses operating guidelines for the Community Bus. "Schedule A" of this policy currently shows "flat rate" for Major Destination Events. With the exception of Olds/Innisfail trips which are currently billed at \$5.00/person (minimum of 5 passengers per trip), the proposed new "Schedule A" as amended will allow any bus rental to be based on a per kilometer fee schedule of \$0.53/km no matter where in Alberta the Community Bus travels.

Motion 6.a Council received this item for information until further diagnosis of the fuel consumption of the Community Bus can be completed.

Item 6.b Fortis – Electrical Distribution System Franchise Agreement Please see Delegations Item #4.a.

Item 7 Financial Statements

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

Motion 7.b Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the attached Bank Reconciliation for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 8 Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a. Igloo Re-naming request Item moved to Committee of the Whole.

Item 8.b. Proposed Municipal Government Act revisions Recently, the Provincial Government announced that they would be undertaking a review of the Municipal Government Act. This is a multi-year process that will involve stakeholder consultation at numerous points along the way. As an impacted entity, Council members can choose to identify specific issues that can be forwarded to the AUMA for discussion. Although the AUMA is significantly involved in this process, it is important to note that this is a government-driven initiative and the comments are finally determined by the province prior to a new act being drafted.

Motion 8.b Council received this item for information.

Item 9 Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss legal issues at 8:53p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.ii Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that the Council meeting come out of camera at 9:25p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 10 Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the March 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:25p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer