

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, May 24, 2016
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Mayor Robb Stuart remarks that Council & Administration welcome Councillor Lloyd Lane back and are so glad to have him return.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney
	Councillor	Paul Webb
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Earl Wilson
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Lloyd Lane

ABSENT None

DELEGATIONS None

STAFF	James Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Development Officer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Robb Stuart adds Agenda Item 8.f. 211 Service Announcement.

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council approves the May 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council approves the May 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the May 16, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegations

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 6.a Bowden Community Garden The Bowden Community Garden has been in Centennial Park for 4 years now. The Community Garden Committee is hoping to have a small storage shed placed near the Olde Library for garden tool storage. They are seeking approval from Council to place the shed on Town/public property. Accessory buildings smaller than 100 square feet do not require a Development Permit according to the Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw 08-2012).

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves a small garden shed to accommodate tool storage in Centennial Park. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.b Central Waste Management Commission A motion to pay remaining assets of the Commission to Red Deer County is required from member municipalities to finalize disestablishment of the Commission.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council moves that, upon the approved disestablishment of the Central Waste Management Commission the Town of Bowden agrees that any remaining assets of the Central Waste Management Commission be paid to Red Deer County. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.c Bowden Lions' Club Town Cleanup Bowden Lions Club is requesting support for a Town cleanup June 4th, 2016. In years past the Town has contributed to this effort with money, supplies and assistance.

Motion 6.c Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council instructs Administration to ensure the Town supplies some garbage bags, gloves, use of the Garbage Truck and a monetary donation of \$200 to the Bowden Lions Club for the June 4th, 2016 Town Cleanup. In addition to the Lions Club request, Administration will contact CP Rail to request the removal of a fallen tree on their property. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.d Friendship Centre Request Administration has been approached by a representative from the Bowden Friendship Centre with a request for assistance with lawn maintenance. Currently the Friendship Centre mows the area nearest the building and the Town mows the park area farther away, the representative has asked if the Town would consider mowing the lawns up to the Friendship Centre. The representative suggested the Friendship Centre is willing to make a donation to the Town of \$100 per year to offset the additional cost.

Motion 6.d Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council approves the request for assistance with lawn maintenance as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Financial Statements

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council receives the Cheque Listing for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a Grants In Place of Taxes At the March 28, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, Council received information that the Provincial Government would be eliminating grants in place of taxes for Provincially owned social housing in Alberta. In Bowden this amounted to 32 Units that had previously generated approximately \$17,000 in municipal tax revenue. In light of this information Council and local residents were encouraged to write letters to the Minister of Seniors and Housing and the local MLA. The Mayor and Councillor Sheila Church sent letters to voice their concern and to request the reversal the decision made by the Provincial Government to eliminate grants in place of taxes for provincially owned social housing. Reply letters were sent from Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing.

(Information)

Item 8.b Update on recent developments related to asset management and planning for future infrastructure needs Deputy Minister, Brad Pickering has sent correspondence to the Town of Bowden in regards to investing in municipal infrastructure and improving the quality of asset management in Canadian municipalities.

(Information)

Item 8.c Rural Cemetery Operational Assistance Grant Sylvia Bolkowy, Community Services Assistant of Red Deer County is advising that The Town of Bowden has received \$2,500 for the Town of Bowden Cemetery.

(Information)

Item 8.d Rail Crossing Improvement Transport Canada has identified to Bowden & Canadian Pacific Railway that Mile 66.94 Red Deer Su/17th Ave (west of 20th) rail crossing in our jurisdiction may need improvements to the level of protection it currently offers. Transport Canada would consider funding improvements at the location, including upgrading to an active warning system.

Motion 8.d Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council directs Administration to research the potential rail crossing upgrade and report back to Council. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 8.e Council Committee Reports Council members share highlights of their Committee meetings with the other Council members.

(Information)

Item 8.f 211 Service Announcement Due to the extra resources needed to assist those in Fort Mac Murray, the 211 Phone Service "First Call" that was to take place on May 31 will be cancelled and re-scheduled at a later date.

(Information)

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a brief recess at 7:55p.m.

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

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble 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 8:02p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council return to open meeting at 9:02p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.ii. Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council directs Administration to have a meeting with the Rest Stop contractor to address Rest Stop Maintenance and to record and document the items discussed.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.iii Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Grayson Excavating be contacted regarding the replacement of the water line under the 17th Avenue rail crossing and upon receiving the invoice from Grayson, the amount not greater than \$32,500 including GST will be paid.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the May 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Robb Stuart, Mayor

James Mason, Chief Administrative Officer