

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, October 22, 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	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Cory Jasper
	Councillor	Pat Doll
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney

ABSENT None

DELEGATIONS Amanda Ens & Trish Haggerty for CAPRA

STAFF	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Administrative Assistant

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble Council approves the October 22, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the October 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegations

Item 4.a. Amanda Ens and Trish Haggerty – CAPRA (Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance)

CAPRA is a group of agency, government and community representatives that are working together to host discussions on how to reduce poverty in Central Alberta. It is their vision to invest to eliminate poverty rather than pay to continue programs that “band-aid” the issue. B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan are the only Canadian provinces currently without a poverty reduction initiative.

It is CAPRA’s intent to spark the conversation that poverty is real in our community. CAPRA is currently looking for “Champions” in our community to host engagement sessions regarding Bowden and area poverty issues. Some of the topics they are looking to approach are: affordable housing, early childhood development, job skills, appropriate income supplement and appropriate income replacement. CAPRA would also like to determine what a “living wage” is for a Bowden resident, which simply means what is the basic amount that a person would need to maintain a household in Bowden.

Corrie Monk of Bowden FCSS shared some of her thoughts on poverty in Bowden. She comments that even though there might not be visible signs of poverty in Bowden, it definitely exists. There is a large single parent population in our town. Another alarming fact is that since the summer of 2012, there have

been no less than 5 women that have moved to our town to escape domestic violence. Perhaps small steps can be taken to help with those in need. Some examples of town assistance could be: providing the community bus for trips to the local food banks, town property donated for the purpose of a community garden and even starting a basic food storage/food bank of our own.

Mayor Robb Stuart expressed the need to set up a working group to address and discover the needs in our community regarding poverty issues.

Council thanks CAPRA for its presentation and for making Council more aware that poverty is an issue in our community.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a brief recess at 7:40pm

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 7:50pm

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 6.a. CAPRA Presentation Please see Delegations Item 4.a.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council appoints a member to be a representative for a CAPRA committee at the Organizational meeting, and that a meeting is hosted at the Olde Library in the near future to start discussions on what can be done to address the poverty issues in our community.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 6.b. CANCELLED

Item 6.c. RDRWA Funding Request The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) Society is asking that Council consider making an annual financial contribution of 50 cents per capita in 2013 to help fund their ongoing initiatives. 50 cents per capita times 1241 residents equals \$620.50. It is important to note that this membership is paid on behalf of all member municipalities by the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission.

Motion 6.c Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the Town of Bowden stays with RDRWA as funded.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 6.d. Community Bus Rate Schedule A of Town of Bowden Policy # 2011-02 outlines the approved rates charged for the use of our Community Bus. As the bus has been in use since this policy was drafted, a concern has arisen regarding the destination rates charged, specifically for school children.

Motion 6.c Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council maintains the existing Community Bus rental rates.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 7 Financial Statements

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council receives the attached Cheque Listing for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 7.b Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council receives the attached Operating Budget Revenue & Expenditures for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 7.c Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council receives the attached Capital Budget Revenue & Expenditures for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 8 Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a. Email Invitation from Kerry Towle An e-mailed invitation from Kerry Towle, MLA (Innisfail-Sylvan Lake Constituency). Mrs. Towle would like to receive a list of infrastructure projects that the Town would like to see put on the provincial budget 2013/14 "wish list".

Motion 8.a Council received this item for information.

Item 8.b. Email Invitation from Deputy Premier Thomas A. Lukaszuk An e-mailed invitation from Honourable Thomas A. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier. He will be in Sylvan Lake and is extending an invitation to attend an open discussion on any issues/concerns that Council may have.

Motion 8.b Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Mayor Robb Stuart and himself attend the open discussion and speak to Deputy Premier Thomas A. Lukaszuk regarding the Highway 2/Bowden overpass project and the high costs of power for community facilities in Alberta. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 9 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 8:50 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 9.ii Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that the Council meeting come out of camera at 9:15 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 9.c.i. Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council authorizes the Mayor and Administration to enter into a 5 year lease with Parkland (Alberta) Commodities to establish a seed and grain handling facility on town-owned land, west of the tracks. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that the October 22, 2012 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:15 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer