

**VILLAGE OF LINDEN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm
LINDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT	Annon Hovde	Mayor
	Darwyn Moon	Deputy Mayor
	Les Hibbs	Councillor
	Florence Robinson	Councillor
	Vanessa Van der Meer	Councillor
	Joanne Weller	Chief Administrative Officer

ORDER The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hovde at 7:00 pm.

1.1 AGENDA #001-10M Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the following be added to the agenda: 5.4 Emergency Management Courses and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2.1 CONFIRM MINUTES #002-10M Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 14th, 2009 and the minutes of the Budget Meeting held December 14th, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.1 DELEGATE Chris Peters, Pastor of the Mennonite Brethern Church entered the meeting to discuss the possibility of attracting Belizian Mennonites to locate to Linden. A discussion followed. Pastor Peters advised that he is looking for two things:

- a) forming a committee consisting people Dr Elliot School, Linden Council, MB Church, Church of God and members of the general public.
- b) Gathering a group of people to go to Grassy Lake to see the town, school, talk to the principal, mental health and police chief and any other organization that may be able to provide information

Other discussion:

- a) housing (new or rental)
- b) timeline
- c) Social issues
- d) buy in from churches
- e) committee would find out as much information as possible
- f) community involvement

Mayor Hovde thanked Pastor Peters for attending and presenting his idea to Council.

3.2 Encana Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon a letter be written to Encana stating that although the Village of Linden Council is concerned about the location of Sweet Gas Wells and Coal Bed Methane drilling and sites close to the Village of Linden Boundaries, Council has decided to relax the restriction in regards to drilling within a 1.5 km radius of the Village of Linden boundary on the condition that there is no drilling or well sites placed within the current Village of Linden boundary and that the Village of Linden be included in the decision of drilling location and placement of well sites within the 1.5 km radius between the land owner and Encana and that no flaring of wells take place North West of the Village.

CARRIED

3.3 ATCO Electric – 2008 Annual Report #003-10M Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the 2008 Annual report provided by ATCO Electric be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**3.4 Kneehill Ambulance –
sale of surplus equipment
#004-10M**

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the policy of Kneehill Ambulance whereby equipment is offered to member municipalities prior to being offered to the general public be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**3.5 PRMS – Joint
Assessment Review Board**

#005-10M

The CAO advised that a Joint Assessment Review Board is also being discussed at the Joint Community Summit table.

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that Councillor Van der Meer be registered to attend the Board member training program being held by the Province.

CARRIED

**3.6 Personnel – in camera
#006-10M**

#007-10M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the meeting move in camera at 8:12 pm.

CARRIED

#008-10M

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the regular meeting resume at 8:47 pm.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the starting wage for the Public Works Assistant position be set at \$33,000 and increased to \$34,000 after a successful 3 month probation period.

CARRIED

The CAO will investigate why the probation period for benefits is 6 months versus 3 months and provide the information to council.

REPORTS

4.1 Accounts Payable

009-10M

Invoice from S&G Bobcat charged to the Fire Department – who's responsible for clearing snow at the Emergency Services Building. The CAO will contact Kneehill Ambulance to inquire if snow clearing is an Ambulance cost.

Moved by Mayor Hovde that the Fire Department Chief and Deputy be invited to the January 25th, 2010 meeting to present their budget and to discuss overages for the 2009 budget.

CARRIED

#010-10M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the Accounts Payable Cheque #'s 20091043 – 20091104 dated December 11th, 2009 to December 31, 2009 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**4.2 December Bank
Reconciliation**

#011-10M

Moved by Councillor Robinson that the bank reconciliation report for the month of December be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Other Reports

4.3 Action List

#012-10M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the Action List be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**4.4 Council and Committee
Reports**

#013-10M

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the Council and Committee reports for the month of December be accepted as information.

CARRIED

4.5 CAO Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the CAO report for the months of November/December be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE,
COURSES AND
MEETINGS**

5.1 Council Meetings

5.2 Other Meetings

5.3 Correspondence File

**5.4 Emergency
Management Courses**

January Council Meetings – 25th
February Council Meetings – 8th and 22nd
Emerging Trends Seminar – hosted by Brownlee LLP on February 4th, 2010 in Calgary at the Carriage House Inn.
Miscellaneous correspondence for council review

Courses sponsored by Emergency Management Alberta aimed at key people

that have a role during a disaster situation.

#014-10M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that correspondence presented and material in the Correspondence file be accepted as information.

ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

Mayor Hovde adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

MAYOR

CAO

APPROVED