

**VILLAGE OF LINDEN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2009 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
	Dale Johnson	Public Works Foreman

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

1.1 AGENDA #323-09M Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the following be added to the agenda: 3.5) Advertising in the Canadian Badlands Travel Map Guide; 3.6) Bylaw Enforcement Officer; 3.7) Fall Fair; 3.8) 1A Street maintenance and that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

2.1 CONFIRM MINUTES #324-09M Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 26th, 2009 and the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held October 26th, 2009 be adopted. CARRIED

3.1 DELEGATE

3.1.1 7:30 pm – Arts Alive representative Shirley Adam attended to let Council know what they are doing. Arts Alive gained society status, has 6 board members and one on-call staff member. Arts Alive believe that Kneehill County is rich in culture and the purpose of Arts Alive is to promote all areas of culture. Arts Alive coordinates, informs and integrates various artists around the region. Ms Adams stated that they encourage community involvement by participating or encouraging attendance at the various events. Council invited Ms. Adams to post Arts Alive information on the various community boards around the Village.

3.1.2 8:05 pm – Randy Reimer entered the meeting to discuss the following:
a) Imported Fill Material
b) 2009 Water Break

Imported Fill Material
Details: The 6th Street construction contract called for 3700 cubic meters of imported structural fill. Randy Reimer in preparing for construction used his own land and stripped the required fill to be used later during construction to fill the 10 lots adjoining 6th street. As it turned out the fill was not required to complete the project. Randy is requesting that the Village purchase the fill which is stockpiled at his farm. The contract states that SP-29, The contractor will only be paid for materials supplied and installed. There will be no interim payments for aggregate production or the supply of any other material.

Discussion:

- a) price to purchase fill \$10 per cubic meter (Randy Reimer Construction). Randy advised that he had the fill available on his land, so he stripped it to make it available when needed
- b) The Public Works Foreman advised that normally a contractor would make sure they have the availability of the product, a source and a price, but would not purchase the material until it was needed.
- c) Phil Moore's email of October 29th, 2008 states that originally the fill was required to properly grade the site and ensure sufficient drainage, however, since the lots are not being graded and the design has changed the fill is not required. It is specified in the original contract that the contractor must find their own fill source.
- d) Phil Moore's email of November 12, 2008 states that "We do not have any records of the preparation of the fill source as this material was to be paid on a per cubic meter basis once installed"

2009 Water Break

Details: Dale Johnson advised that within 2-3 weeks after the waterline to Picci Court was put into use, Linden's water consumption went to the highest water user of the municipalities on the Kneehill regional water system from the number 3 spot. It was realized that we were using more water, but had no way of checking until the water surfaced. During construction Sid Johnson witnessed the tie in and advised that the thrust block was pulled from the stub before cutting the water line. What that happens it increases the possibility of breaking the pipe. Dale stated that the method chosen was the highest risk by pulling apart the connection and not properly pushing the pipe back in during construction. We are barely using 200 cubic meters per day now, versus 300 cubic meters per day during the time frame from construction until the leak was detected. Both Sid Johnson and the engineer have verified that the work crew attempted first to pull off the thrust block using the bucket of the hoe and when that didn't work, cut the pipe. This method put a tremendous amount of strain on the piping. Dale also mentioned that three connections were installed on top of the pipe versus the side of the pipe (incorrect installation). It was agreed that the connections would be left as is and markers placed to warn other contractors of the problem. If the Village was to use data from the same period in prior years the excess cost would be \$27,000 for water use. In addition to the water use, the cost to repair the water break was \$3,863. Being conservative the Public Works Foreman estimated the water loss based on the previous two months prior to the high usage and the post two months after the repair to be \$9,960.

#325-09M

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the CAO be authorized to present the following offer to Randy Reimer Construction "that the Village of Linden is willing to consume the costs associated with repairing the water break and the loss of water and that Randy Reimer Construction take ownership and responsibility for the fill material stockpiled on his property.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

3.2 FCSS 2010 Budget and Allocation

#326-09M

Moved by Councillor Robinson that the 2010 Family and Community Support Services Budget and municipal allocation in the amount of \$5110.20 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Paving quote – 6th Street Intersection, 1st St NW patch, and 1st St SW patch

#327-09M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the quote from Rubydale Contractors in the amount of \$11,135 to pave the 6th Street intersection, patch an areas on 1st Street NW and patch an area on 1st Street SW be approved as a 2009 project and funding be derived from the budget set up for Road Repair – repairs and asphalt.

CARRIED

3.4 Staff Christmas Bonus

#328-09M

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the CAO purchase prepaid Visa or MasterCard's in the amount of \$100.00 for each full time staff member and \$50.00 for part time staff members as an appreciation to staff and that the cards be issued prior to Christmas.

CARRIED

3.5 Advertising in the Canadian Badlands Travel Map Guide

#329-09M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the CAO be authorized to place the same advertisement as 2009 in the 2010 Canadian Badlands Travel Map Guide and that the businesses listed in the ad be requested to share in the cost and that an application be made to Travel Alberta for grant funding to help offset the cost.

CARRIED

3.6) Bylaw Enforcement Officer

#330-09M

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that the Village of Linden contract Bylaw Enforcement to Kneehill County as follows:

- a) a minimum of 4 hours per week
- b) Cost - approximately \$70 per hour
- c) that the Village of Linden receive all revenue from fines
- d) and that the Village understands that there is very little animal control due to being able to respond in a timely fashion and the lack of housing of animals.

CARRIED

3.7) Fall Fair
#331-09M

Council discussed whether Councillors working at the Fall Fair in some capacity should be paid or should it be considered volunteer.
Moved by Councillor Hibbs that Councillors time spent at the Fall Fair be considered volunteerism and that no payment be made for attendance at the Fall Fair event.

CARRIED

3.8) 1A Street maintenance
#332-09M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the CAO be authorized to obtain the best possible cost and availability to hire a grader to undertake maintenance of 1A Street immediately.

CARRIED

REPORTS

4.1 Accounts Payable
#333-09M

Moved by Councillor Robinson that the accounts payable report dated October 29th to November 5th be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Other Reports

4.1 CAO Report
#334-09M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the CAO Report for the month of October be accepted as information.

CARRIED

4.2 Action List
#335-09M

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that the Action List be accepted as information.

CARRIED

4.3 Council and Committee Reports
#336-09M

Moved by Councillor Hibbs that the Council and Committee reports for the month of October be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE,
COURSES AND
MEETINGS**

5.1 Council Meetings

November 23rd
December 14th

Budget Meeting
#337-09M

Moved by Councillor Van der Meer that a committee of the whole meeting be held December 1st, 2009 at 12:00 pm to start discussion on the 2010 budget.

CARRIED

Councillors and Public Works Foreman required to provide the CAO with a wish list for the 2010 budget.

5.2 Other

#338-09M

Encana Leadership Presentation – November 16th, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Linden Cultural Centre

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moon that information in the Correspondence file be accepted as information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hovde adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

MAYOR

CAO

Approved