

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Russell, held in the Council Chambers, Russell, Manitoba on Tuesday, April 25th, 2006 at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Merril Kiliwnik presiding and Councillors Bonita Bily, Eldon Montgomery, Willis Pushka and Chris Radford in attendance.

R.A. Wheadon, Superintendent, District Commander, Manitoba West District of the RCMP and R.M. Crooks, Staff Sergeant, District N.C.O., Manitoba West District of the RCMP met with Council to discuss a variety of policing issues including administration of the Yellowhead Detachment, local staffing compliment and highway traffic patrol.

Resolution #69/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular meeting dated April 11th, 2006 have been provided to each member of Council;

AND WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular of the Town of Russell have been posted in the municipal office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the last regular meeting dated April 11th, 2006 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #70/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

The Council of the Town of Russell approves payment from the Town of Russell General Account, at the Vanguard Credit Union Ltd., Russell Branch, of Cheque #14585 to Cheque #14637 inclusive in the amount of \$47,704.08.

Carried.

Resolution #71/06

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

THAT By-law No. 1462/05/06 of the Town of Russell to repeal By-law 1012, 1374/03/99 and 1412/06/04 be introduced and read a first time.

Carried.

Resolution #72/06

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has initiated the tax sale process with regards to Roll No. 11800;

AND WHEREAS the owner located on Roll No. 11800 is interested in entering into an agreement for payment of tax arrears;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the agreement dated April 11th, 2006 between the Town of Russell and the owner of the property identified in Roll No. 11800 for the payment of tax arrears for 2004;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and C.A.O. be authorized to sign the said agreement.

Carried.

Resolution #73/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has initiated the tax sale process with regards to Roll No. 54900;

AND WHEREAS the owner located on Roll No. 54900 is interested in entering into an agreement for payment of tax arrears;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the agreement dated April 11th, 2006 between the Town of Russell and the owner of the property identified in Roll No. 54900 for the payment of tax arrears for 2004;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and C.A.O. be authorized to sign the said agreement.

Carried.

Resolution #74/06

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has initiated the tax sale process with regards to Roll No. 86400;

AND WHEREAS the owner located on Roll No. 86400 is interested in entering into an agreement for payment of tax arrears;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the agreement dated April 11th, 2006 between the Town of Russell and the owner of the property identified in Roll No. 86400 for the payment of tax arrears for 2004;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and C.A.O. be authorized to sign the said agreement.

Carried.

Resolution #75/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has initiated the tax sale process with regards to Roll No. 89800;

AND WHEREAS the owner located on Roll No. 89800 is interested in entering into an agreement for payment of tax arrears;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the agreement dated April 11th, 2006 between the Town of Russell and the owner of the property identified in Roll No. 89800 for the payment of tax arrears for 2004;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and C.A.O. be authorized to sign the said agreement.

Carried.

Resolution #76/06

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Montgomery

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has received a resignation from Mike Twardoski regarding the Grounds Maintenance and Courtyard upkeep contract for the Russell Civic Centre;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell has tendered the Grounds Maintenance and Courtyard Upkeep contract for the Russell Civic Centre;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed all applications received for the position;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell accept the tender of Ed Twardowski for the Grounds Maintenance and Courtyard Upkeep contract at the Russell Civic Centre at a rate of \$280 per month effective May 1st, 2006;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve a probationary period for the contract to end October 31st, 2006.

Carried.

Resolution #77/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell advise the Liquor Control Commission that they consider:

- The FLIPPR Trout Festival be held June 16th to 18th, 2006 sponsored by the Russell Game and Fish

to be a community event for the year 2006.

Carried.

Resolution #78/06

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Russell and District Community Centre needs to purchase new tables for the facility;

AND WHEREAS timing of the purchase is impacted by an outstanding grant application;

AND WHEREAS the granting agency has agreed to have a third party purchase the tables

On behalf of the Community Centre to be reimbursed after the grant application has been assessed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the purchase of 59 tables at a cost of \$10,775 including tax and delivery.

Carried.

Resolution #79/06

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Bily

That the financial statement for the month of March, 2006 as submitted to and examined by Council be approved.

Carried.

Resolution #80/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Montgomery

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Russell has passed By-Law No. 1398/10/00 regulating the use of firearms in the Town of Russell;

AND WHEREAS Section 3 of By-law No. 1398/10/00 allows Council to appoint individuals to discharge firearms to deal with pest control problems subject to approval by the RCMP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell provide authority to George Honey to discharge firearms for the purpose of dealing with the crow, grackle and gopher nuisance problem in the Town of Russell for the period April 25th, 2006 to June 30th, 2006;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the individuals be remunerated at the rate of \$200 per month plus out of pocket expenses for ammunition.

Carried.

Resolution #81/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has been working with Manitoba Housing Authority to improve the occupancy rate at the Banner County Court;

AND WHEREAS one of the first steps in attempting to improve occupancy is to establish ceiling rents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell accept MHA recommendation of ceiling rents at the Banner County Court as follows:

- \$600 for a 1 bedroom with 2 occupants
- \$450 for a 1 bedroom with 1 occupant
- \$350 for a studio suite

Carried.

Resolution #82/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

That the Council of the Town of Russell accept the December 31st, 2005 Audited Financial Report and Supplementary Report.

Carried.

Resolution #83/06

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Russell has scheduled to sit for a Public Hearing to present the 2006 Financial Plan;

AND WHEREAS the time being 7:30 p.m.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell sit for a Public Hearing to present the 2006 Financial Plan.

Carried.

The presentation with regard to the 2006 Financial Plan was made.

Resolution #84/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

That the Public Meeting re: Financial Plan be adjourned and that Council return to regular session.

Carried.

Resolution #85/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS, Subsection 162(1) of the Municipal Act states that every council must adopt a financial plan for each fiscal year in a form approved by the Minister and consisting of an operating budget, a capital budget, an estimate of operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year and a five year Capital expenditure program;

AND WHEREAS, Subsection 162(2) of the Municipal Act states that the council must give public notice and hold a public hearing before adopting the plan;

AND WHEREAS, the financial plan for 2006, as completed by the council of the Town of Russell was presented at a public hearing held April 25th, 2006;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial plan for the Town of Russell for the year 2006 as set out in a form approved by the Minister be and the same is hereby adopted:

OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

General Government Services	\$ 325,800.00
Protective Services	\$ 296,300.00
Transportation Services	\$ 378,250.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 143,990.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 63,800.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 9,500.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 130,600.00
Recreation and Cultural Services	\$ 115,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 402,290.17
Surplus Appropriations	Nil
Allowance for Tax Assets	<u>\$ 6,215.56</u>
	\$1,871,745.73

CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Borne by operating	\$ 29,000.00
Borne by reserves	\$ 65,000.00
Borne by debenture issue	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
	\$ 144,000.00

UTILITY OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Total	\$ 425,103.36
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UTILITY CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Borne by operating	\$ 15,000.00
Borne by reserves	\$ 10,000.00
Borne by debenture issue	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>
	\$ 150,000.00

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the said financial plan shall be incorporated and form part of the 2006 Levy By-Law #1461/04/06.

Carried.

Resolution #86/06

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That the Council of the Town of Russell adopt the Capital Expenditure Program for the years 2007 to 2011 inclusive in the amount of \$2,900,000 as detailed on the Capital Program form.

Carried.

Resolution #87/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Montgomery

BE IT RESOLVED that in the year 2006 there shall be levied upon the assessed value of all rateable property in the municipality liable therefore a special rate to produce the amount of \$40,000 which shall be deposited in and form part of the Public Works Reserve Fund.

Carried.

Resolution #88/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Bily

That By-law No. 1461/04/06 of the Town of Russell re: 2006 Tax Levies be introduced and read a first time.

Carried.

Correspondence was then read and considered.

Council adjourned.

Adopted this 9th day of May A.D., 2006.

Mayor, Town of Russell

C.A.O., Town of Russell