

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Russell, held in the Council Chambers, Russell, Manitoba on Tuesday, February 13th, 2007

Mayor Merrill Kiliwnik presiding and Councillors Bonnie Bily, Willis Pushka and Chris Radford in attendance.

Committee reports started at 6:30 p.m.

Delegation:

- Andrea Heide and Geordie Daneliuk from Lake of the Prairies Conservation District met with council to discuss the 2007/08 Conservation District Operational Plan.

Call to Order – 8:30 p.m.

Resolution #23/07

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular meeting dated January 23rd, 2007 have been provided to each member of Council;

AND WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular meeting 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 January 23rd, 2007 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #24/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Bily

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 #15817 to Cheque #15896 inclusive in the amount of \$107,635.26.

Carried.

Resolution #25/07

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has a commitment with the Vanguard Credit Union for banking services which expires February 28th, 2007;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell has requested a response to Requests for Proposals from both Vanguard Credit Union Ltd. and the Royal Bank, Russell Branch;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the package provided by Royal Bank of Canada dated January 25th, 2007 for the provision of banking services to the Town of Russell for the period March 1st, 2007 to February 28th, 2011;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and C.A.O. be authorized to sign the necessary agreements to finalize contract obligations.

Carried.

Resolution #26/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Bily

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Russell propose a Local Improvement Plan for the upgrade and expansion of the Russell Lagoon as identified in Local Improvement Plan 01/07;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hold a hearing regarding Plan 01/07 at their regular meeting on March 13th, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #27/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has been in the process of expanding and upgrading its lagoon since 2000;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell received its environmental license in December 2006 and is prepared to proceed with construction in the summer of 2007;

AND WHEREAS the Town has received a commitment of \$660,000 from senior governments through the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Program;

AND WHEREAS the project is now projected to cost \$1.7 million leaving the Town to fund over \$1 million or 61% of the project;

AND WHEREAS debt financing of \$1 million will place other capital projects such as street paving and a water treatment plant upgrade in jeopardy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell request the assistance of the federal and provincial governments including the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Program and the Manitoba Water Services Board to assist the Town with the Russell Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade and expansion project.

Carried.

Resolution #28/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has invited responses to a request for proposals for the provision of a photocopier;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell accept the proposal submitted by Keltly Marketing to supply a Xerox Pro 55 w/HCF Workcentre on a 60 month lease at a rate of \$302 per month and maintenance costs including toner at a rate of \$0.009 per copy, plus GST and PST as identified in their quote of January 15th, 2007;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the C.A.O. be authorized to sign all necessary documents regarding the lease and maintenance agreements.

Carried.

Resolution #29/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS the Russell Curling Club has been designated as a facility for which may receive donations from the Living Legacy Community Foundation;

AND WHEREAS the Foundation must provide funds to municipal corporations or other charitable entities;

AND WHEREAS the Russell Curling Club is not an approved organization for receipt of funds from a foundation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell agree to accept funds from the Living Legacy Community Foundation on behalf of the Russell Curling Club;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell agree to forward all funds received from the Living Legacy Community Foundation on behalf of the Russell Curling Club to the Russell Curling Club.

Carried.

Resolution #30/07

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Russell Memorial Arena has been designated as a facility for which may receive donations from the Living Legacy Community Foundation;

AND WHEREAS the Foundation must provide funds to municipal corporations or other charitable entities;

AND WHEREAS the Russell Memorial Arena is not an approved organization for receipt of funds from a foundation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell agree to accept funds from the Living Legacy Community Foundation on behalf of the Russell Memorial Arena;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell agree to forward all funds received from the Living Legacy Community Foundation on behalf of the Russell Memorial Arena to the Russell Memorial Arena.

Carried.

Resolution #31/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Bily

That Mervin Cherowka be appointed to the position of Recycling Co-ordinator at a rate of \$1,851.88 per month effective January 1st, 2007.

Carried.

Resolution #32/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

That the Town of Russell apply for 3 positions under the Green Team Youth Employment Program and that the C.A.O. be authorized to sign the application on behalf of the Town of Russell.

Carried.

Resolution #33/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Bily

That the Town of Russell apply for 3 positions under the Summer Placement Program for a maximum of 640 hours for each position and that the C.A.O. of the Town of Russell be authorized to sign the application on behalf of the Town of Russell.

Carried.

Resolution #34/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS Subsection 8.5 of the Town of Russell Procedural By-law No. 1471/14/06 states in part that

“ the item on the agenda under discussion at 10 p.m. will be the last item dealt with on that day. . . . ”

AND WHEREAS Section 8.5 of Town of Russell Procedural By-law No. 1471/14/06 permits for the extension for the time of adjournment for a maximum of ½ hour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes and that the Council be permitted to sit and complete the current meeting agenda.

Carried.

Resolution #35/07

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Radford

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

Carried.

Correspondence was then read and considered.

Council adjourned.

Adopted this 27th day of February A.D., 2007.

Mayor, Town of Russell

C.A.O., Town of Russell