

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Russell, held in the Council Chambers, Russell, Manitoba on Tuesday, March 13th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

Delegations:

- Mark Keating and Joan Clement from the Chamber of Commerce met with Council to discuss funding and hiring of a Festival and Events Coordinator.
- Ken Magnowski met with Council to discuss the Highway #16 project. Ken is to provide contacts regarding contractors and costs for the construction of a sound and visual barrier.

Hearing:

Resolution #43/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Russell has scheduled to sit for a Public Hearing regarding Local Improvement Plan #01/07;

AND WHEREAS the time being 8:00 p.m.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell sit for a Public Hearing regarding Local Improvement Plan #01/07.

Carried.

There were no objections or presentations regarding Local Improvement Plan #01/07.

Resolution #44/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That the Public Meeting regarding the proposed Local Improvement Plan #01/07 be adjourned and that Council return to regular session.

Carried.

Resolution #45/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular meeting dated February 27th, 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 February 27th, 2007 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #46/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

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 #15947 to Cheque #16000 inclusive in the amount of \$106,881.68 and General Account, at the Royal Bank, Russell Branch of Cheque #16001 inclusive in the amount of \$9,405.47 for a total of \$116,287.15.

Carried.

Resolution #47/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That By-law No. 1470/13/06 of the Town of Russell to establish sewer and water rates within the Town as read a second time be passed.

Carried.

Resolution #48/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

That By-law No. 1470/13/06 of the Town of Russell to establish sewer and water rates within the Town as read a third time be passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and CAO.

Carried.

IN FAVOUR: Kiliwnik, Pushka, Radford
OPPOSED: None

Resolution #49/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That By-law No. 1474/01/07 of the Town of Russell to authorize the upgrade and expansion of the Town of Russell Wastewater Treatment facility and the borrowing of money to complete the project as a local improvement be introduced and read a first time.

Carried.

Resolution #50/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the council of the Town of Russell has been approached by Murray Melnyk of Homelife Realty with a alternative regarding the establishment of residential multiple housing;

AND WHEREAS the Council believes that there is a need for increased housing construction, multiple and otherwise within the Town;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell commit the following property for the period March 1st, 2007 to June 30th, 2007:

- Lots 11-13, Block 1, Plan 705 for the construction of a duplex or fourplex type facility
- Lot 2, Plan 34905 for the construction of a multi-storey residential multiple facility

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that any transfer of title to the property will only occur subject to Council's final approval of the proposed project on one or both of the above noted project.

Carried.

Resolution #51/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

That the Council of the Town of Russell approve Plan CD 15851 dated January 24th, 2007 covering extensions and improvements to the gas distribution system as follows:

- Abandonment of a 60.3 STL pipe along Memorial Avenue from Point #13 south of Highway #16 to Point #13 north of Highway #16 as identified on Page 2 of Plan CD 15851 to be replaced by a 2 inch steel natural gas main
- Abandonment of a 42.2 STL pipe along Highway #16 from the Town limits north to Point #15 as identified on Page 3 of Plan CD 15851 to be replaced by a 2 inch steel natural gas main

in the Town of Russell subject to the gas line being installed no closer than 1 metre off of property line and that the trench be compacted by a jumping jack tamper to the satisfaction of the Town Foreman;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and C.A.O. be authorized to sign Plan CD 15851.

Carried.

Resolution #52/07

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has initiated the tax sale process with regards to Roll No. 25900;

AND WHEREAS the owner located on Roll No. 25900 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 March 1st, 2007 between the Town of Russell and the owner of the property identified in Roll No. 25900 for the payment of tax arrears for 2005;

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

Carried.

Resolution #53/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Russell has received an application from Cliff & Judy Davidson for a subdivision application including the extension and opening of Grange Road on Lot 1, Plan 39041;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Act requires subdivision approvals involving road openings to be subject to a public hearing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell agree to hear the said application in the Council Chambers on March 27th, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #54/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has received a request from the Russell & Area Lions Club for the closure of streets in conjunction with hosting of a parade as part of the Prairie Classic Walleye Tournament ;

AND WHEREAS the Russell & Area Lions Club has identified a route for the parade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the request the Russell & Area Lions Club and the Town agree to close all street intersections identified on the attached map between 4:45 p.m. and 6 p.m., Friday, June 1st, 2007 subject to the following;

1. That the Russell & District Lions Club provide for an attendant at each identified barricade during the time of the parade to assist with traffic control.
2. That the Russell & District Lions Club inform all emergency services of the date and timing of the street closings;
3. That the Russell & District Lions Club cause to be published in the Russell Banner an advertisement, pre-approved by the Town, identifying the route for the race and that the advertisement include dates and timing of the street closures.

Carried.

Resolution #55/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has passed Resolution No. 135/06 providing for Brad Thom to operate a taxicab in the Town of Russell from August 1st, 2006 to July 31st, 2007;

AND WHEREAS Brad Thom is in the process of selling his business Russell Taxi;

AND WHEREAS Michael William Corbett is prepared to purchase Russell Taxi and operate as a taxi operation effective April 1st, 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the application of Michael William Corbett to operate 1 taxicab in the Town of Russell under the name Russell Taxi commencing April 1st, 2007 and ending July 31st, 2007.

Carried.

Resolution #56/07

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has an agreement with Henry William Snitynsky for the purchase of a portion of the NE ¼ 4-21-28W;

AND WHEREAS transfer of the property under the initial agreement is only to occur upon the completion of a subdivision;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell will require access to the property owned by Mr. Snitynsky prior to the completion of the subdivision and transfer of the said property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell enter into an amending agreement dated March 13th, 2007 with Henry William Snitynsky providing the town with access to the property subject to the conditions identified in the agreement.

Carried.

Correspondence was then read and considered.

Council adjourned.

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

Mayor, Town of Russell

C.A.O., Town of Russell