

**THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER BEACH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008
AT THE EDMONTON OILERS' BOARD ROOM
EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

Present:

Council:	Staff:
Allan Watt	Wendy Nickel, CAO
James Irving (arrived 5:20 p.m.)	Ron Smith, Chief Peace Officer
Larry Hill	

A. Call to Order

Mayor Watt called the Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday, April 23, 2008 to order at 5:00 P.M.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Hill moved to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of Wednesday, April 23, 2008 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C. Delegations

Note: Council Irving was absent for the discussion regarding the Christman subdivision issue.

1. Ernie Christman

Mr. Christman was present to address Council regarding his outstanding subdivision application. He understood that there is an issue with compliance of his development with the Land Use Bylaw, which is causing a delay in the subdivision application process. The dwelling is situated closer to the side yard than was stated in the development application and in contravention to the Land Use bylaw. The development officer noted that the effective date of the development application was August 15, 2007, but the footings were poured prior to that. Mr. Christman noted that it was an honest mistake, and that the variance is minimal. He noted that there was a delay in the 2007 Annual General Meeting where changes to the Land Use bylaw regarding height restrictions was to be addressed, and he did not want to lose a construction season by delaying the construction any further. The development officer mentioned issues related to blind driveway approaches, and Mr. Christman noted that there are other blind approaches on Silver Beach Road, and that he did not see this as

an issue. The development officer also noted that there could be potential problems with utility easements across both driveways, but that the utility companies would deal with any potential issues. Mr. Christman noted that there were concerns about water wells, but that there are already two existing wells on the property. He also noted that because the land was previously subdivided, the land could again be subdivided regardless of lot sizes created. The development officer noted that variances on setbacks can be granted, and the first step would be to request a letter from the neighbour (in this case, the neighbour would be the Summer Village of Silver Beach) stating that it has no issues with the setback variance. Mr. Christman will also be required to apply for an "as-built" development permit before the setback variance would be granted. The development officer will then deal with the permit application and consult with West Central Planning Agency. Mr. Christman noted that he plans to install a fence between his property and the public park, and asked if the village of Silver Beach would share the cost since it is the abutting neighbour. Council said it believed there would be nothing to prevent the installation of a fence, and council would consider the request. Council thanked Mr. Christman for his attendance.

Councilor Irving arrived. As the second delegation was not yet present, Mayor Watt directed Council to continue on with the agenda items.

D. Adoption of Minutes

1. Regular Council Meeting of March 13, 2008

Councilor Hill moved to adopt the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 13, 2008 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

E. Financial Reports

1. Monthly Cash Statement – Month Ended March 31, 2008

Councilor Irving moved to accept the Cash Statement for the month ended March 31, 2008 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

F. Accounts Payable

Councilor Hill moved to pay cheques numbered 2412 to 2435 for the period ended April 23, 2008 in the amount of \$90,388.93. The amount payable includes payments made on-line or by direct debit in the amount

of \$77,106.26, which included payroll direct deposit transfers for March and April 2008 and the 2008 first quarter school tax requisition.

Carried Unanimously

G. Old Business

1. Encroachment Agreement – Pending

H. New Business

1. Peace Officer Service

The administrator presented the summary notes from the annual Peace Officer Service meeting with the participating villages. The administrator also reported that one employee is requesting a leave of absence and a second employee is actively seeking other employment. Council directed the administrator to advertise for employees with the intent of expanding the operations and replacing any employees that may find other employment. The extent to which operations can be expanded will depend on the number of suitable applications received. Council had asked that the peace officer wages be reviewed to ensure that the village is keeping up to industry standards so that it will keep and attract employees. The administrator presented some figures from other employers of peace officers and a proposed wage grid. Council provided starting numbers for the grids and asked that the administrator work with those numbers to construct a new grid.

Councilor Irving moved to approve the summary notes from the annual meeting and to adopt a new grid with a starting wage for the peace officers of \$53,469 and with a starting wage for the chief peace officer of \$86,000.

Carried Unanimously

2. 2007 Assessment (2008 Taxes)

The administrator provided the assessment figures for 2007 for the 2008 taxes. Councilor Irving requested that the administrator contact the assessor for a comparative report and sales data on which the assessments were based.

Councilor Hill moved to adopt the 2007 assessment roll as presented.

Carried Unanimously

I. Council Reports

1. Mayor Watt – No report.
2. Councilor Hill –No report
3. Councilor Irving – No report

J. Information Items

1. Pigeon Lake Protective Services Monthly Report – March 2008
2. Letter dated February 29, 2008 from Canada-Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Fund re: grant application
3. Ambulance Authority Report and Budget

Councilor Irving moved to accept the above items for Council's Information.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor Watt called a recess at 6:20 P.M.

Mayor Watt reconvened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

As the Schwindt delegation had arrived, Councilor Watt directed Council to address Item C.2.

C. Delegations

2. George Schwindt et al

The Schwindt delegation and Council reviewed the draft Area Structure Plan jointly. Council had several suggested changes and the development officer will outline Council's concerns via letter. The Schwindts may then revise the ASP to be submitted to Council for approval. Council thanked the delegation for its attendance.

K. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at the Edmonton Oilers Boardroom commencing at 5:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment

Mayor Watt moved that the meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

Time of adjournment 7:45 P.M.

Allan Watt – Mayor

Wendy Nickel – CAO