

**THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2006  
AT THE CEDAR CREST RESTAURANT  
MULHURST BAY, ALBERTA**

**Present:**

Council:  
Alan Watt  
Norm Majeski  
James Irving

Staff:  
Wendy Nickel, CAO  
Ron Smith, Chief Special Constable

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Watt called the Regular Meeting of Council of Saturday, July 8, 2006 to order at 8:30 A.M.

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

Administration requested the addition of the following: Subdivision Application, and Notice of Decision – Notice to Adjacent Landowners – County of Wetaskiwin (New Business), and the deletion of Development Officer's Report (Staff Reports).

Councilor Irving moved that the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of July 8, 2006 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

**C. Adoption of Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting of May 3, 2006

Councilor Majeski noted that the time of the next meeting of Council should be noted in the minutes as 8:00 A.M., not 10:00 A.M.

Councilor Majeski moved that the minutes of the Council meeting held May 3, 2006 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

**D. Staff Reports**

1. Administrator's Report

a) The Statistical Information Return has been submitted to Municipal Affairs. b) The Combined Tax and Assessment notices were sent on May 15, 2006. Reminder notices were sent on June 27, 2006 to those with taxes still outstanding. Two assessment

appeals were received and forwarded to Mike Krim. Neither actually related to assessment values, but were complaints related to the Provincial School Requisition and the method in which the Province allocates education costs based on property assessment. c) A WCB special dividend rebate was received in the amount of \$741.60. The rebate was provided due to better than expected return on investments and strong corporate performance. The cheque has been applied towards the Village's accumulated WCB expense. d) A reminder that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta will be holding its Annual Conference on October 20 and 21, 2006. A registration form is included under Council Information Items. e) The Payroll Account has now been closed in accordance with the Auditor's recommendation. The funds were transferred to the General Account. f) Two complaints have been received from residents related to garbage. Both were photocopied and distributed to Council. g) Kevin Dodds of the Yellowhead Regional Library has contacted the Village to advise that there was a delay in getting our application to the Minister of Community Development for approval due to the sudden passing of the Executive Assistant. It has now been forwarded for approval. Mr. Dodds advises that user stats will be available to Council as per Council's request. h) The Solicitor General is asking for feedback from stakeholders concerning the Draft Policy and Regulation Document related to the Peace Officer Act. The letter regarding the feedback process is included under Council Information Items, and the documents can be reviewed on the Internet at <http://www.assembly.ab.ca./default.htm> and feedback can be submitted by email to [specialconstable.review@gove.ab.ca](mailto:specialconstable.review@gove.ab.ca). Hard copies of the documentation is available from the Administrator on request. Feedback must be provided no later than July 14, 2006.

Councilor Irving moved to accept the Administrator's Report for Council's information.

Carried Unanimously

**E. Financial Reports**

1. Monthly Cash Statement – May 2006
2. Monthly Cash Statement – June 2006
3. Quarterly Budget Report, June 30, 2006

Councilor Majeski moved that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**F. Accounts Payable**

Councilor Irving noted that cheque number 2058 was listed in the amount of \$632.17. The cheque was printed in the amount of \$622.17. The cheque should have been printed in the amount of \$622.14. Both the cheque and the Accounts Payable list were corrected.

Councilor Irving moved to pay cheques numbered 2013 to 2060 for the period ended July 8, 2006 in the amount of \$125,749.33. Cheques 2013 to 2042, 2047, and cheques 2055 to 2057, and 2059 to 2060 were prepaid and had already been released. Cheques 2019, 2013, and 2046 were voided. Cheques numbered 2048 to 2054 were unused, and will be used in the next cheque run. The amount payable includes payments made on-line in the amount of \$25,385.13, including funds transferred to Telpay to cover payroll direct deposits for May and June 2006.

Carried Unanimously

**G. Old Business**

1. Draft Agreement for Pigeon Lake Special Constable Service - Pending

Copies of the correspondence dated May 3, 2006 sent to the participating villages were provided for Council. The letter outlines the changes in insurance effective January 1, 2007 and also requests that all villages commit to summer hours year-round in order to support the hiring of a third Special Constable. To date, no participating village has responded to the letter. The hiring process is on hold until the issue is addressed, and it is imperative that the Summer Village of Silver Beach is aware of the intent of the other villages in order to proceed. Councilor Irving suggested that a special meeting of Council be called to deal with the issues related to the Pigeon Lake Special Constable Service, including a review of the wages presently paid to the Special Constables. Special Constable Smith advises that the Pigeon Lake Special Constable Service wage scale is lagging behind what other Special Constable Services pay. Councilor Majeski noted that the villages were advised that a new contract would be offered in January 2007, and he asked Constable Smith if the Special Constable Service would be able to function with the staffing levels as is until then. Constable Smith advised that he believed it could continue to function for the time being as currently staffed. Council will set a special meeting date, and Council requested that Special Constable Smith and the Administrator prepare a report on wages and other relevant issues for discussion. Once Council has met and discussed the issues, it will call a meeting with the other participating villages to address the changes and new proposed contract.

2. Designation of Environment Reserve - Pending
3. Encroachment Agreement - Pending
4. Landfill Monitoring / Closure - Pending

#### **H. New Business**

1. Canada – Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund

At the last meeting, the Administrator had advised that she would be reviewing the information received regarding the recently announced CAMRIF grant program. It would appear that both the landfill closure and the road rebuild project would be eligible for funding, and both projects can be submitted for consideration. Grant approval is based solely on the merit of the project, and Silver Beach would be competing for funds against other municipalities. The deadline for the first intake is July 31, 2006 with a second intake in July 2007. The program is aimed specifically at the infrastructure needs of smaller municipalities.

Councilor Irving moved to submit applications for funding to the Canada- Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the Road Rebuild Project and the Landfill Closure Project.

Carried Unanimously

2. Subdivision Application

Elizabeth Olsen had submitted an application for a subdivision of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 175 KS. West Central Planning Agency has recommended approval, with several conditions. A letter from the Development Officer to West Central Planning Agency advised that the recommended approval raises concerns for the Summer Village of Silver Beach, one of which is the minimum rear yard width of 15.24 metres (50 feet). The subdivision will result in one lot with a rear width of less than the required width as per the Summer Village of Silver Beach Land Use Bylaw.

Councilor Irving moved to deny approval of the subdivision application, as it does not conform to the requirements of the Summer Village of Silver Beach Land Use Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

3. Notice of Decision – Notice to Adjacent Property Owners (County of Wetaskiwin)

The County of Wetaskiwin has sent a notice with regards to a development of a 36' x 32' garage located at SE 14-47-28-W4M, Lot 6, Block 4, Plan 1462TR. Council instructed Administration to find out exactly where the lot is located and whether the garage is for residential or commercial purposes. Mrs. Nickel will contact the County of Wetaskiwin for the information and will pass it on to Council so that it can be determined whether the Summer Village of Silver Beach will be affected by the development. The Administrator can then respond to the County accordingly.

**I. Council Reports**

Mayor Watt – no report

Councilor Majeski – no report

Councilor Irving – Council Irving would like the Summer Village of Silver Beach website accessible through a Google search, as it is still not being found when a search for “Summer Village of Silver Beach” is entered into the Google search engine. Mayor Watt offered to speak to his contacts regarding maximizing “ Summer Village of Silver Beach” on the Google Search engine, so that it will find the Summer Village of Silver Beach website.

**J. Information Items**

1. Pigeon Lake Special Constable Service Report – May, 2006
2. Letter from Tony Abbot dated May 16, 2006 re: Provincial Education Property Tax
3. Letter dated May 4, 2006 from Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation re: 2006 Infrastructure grant eligibility for Silver Beach
4. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta 2006 Conference Registration Form
5. Letter dated May 15, 2006 from Art Johnson, MLA re: Peace Officer Act
6. Letter dated May 25, 2006 from MLA Harvey Cenaiko re: Public Security Peace Officer Program (formerly Special Constable Program)
7. Letter from County of Wetaskiwin dated May 19, 2006 re: Proposal to develop NE 14-47-28 W4M (Originally distributed to Council via email)
8. Association of Summer Villages of Alberta Summer Newsletter
9. Pigeon Lake Constable Service Report – June 2006

10. Letter dated June 23, 2006 from Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security re: Call for proposals under the Alberta Community Crime Prevention grant program

Councilor Majeski moved to accept the above items for Council's information.

Carried Unanimously

**K. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Council will be held on August 9, 2006 commencing at 2:00 P.M. at the Edmonton Oiler's office in Edmonton, to be followed immediately by the 2006 Organizational Meeting of Council.

**L. Adjournment**

Mayor Watt moved that the meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

Time of adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

---

Allan Watt – Mayor

---

Wendy Nickel – CAO