

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, August 24, 2015 at the
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney
	Councillor	Lloyd Lane
	Councillor	Paul Webb
	Councillor	Earl Wilson

ABSENT	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
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DELEGATIONS Mabel Hamilton (President), Julie Brewster (Secretary), Stan Mills (Hall Project), Sena Urichuck (Treasurer) for Expanding Horizons Bowden Community Hall Agenda Item #5a.

STAFF	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Development Officer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council approves the August 24, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council approves the August 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegations

Mabel Hamilton (President), Julie Brewster (Secretary), Stan Mills (Hall Project), Sena Urichuch (Treasurer) for Expanding Horizons Bowden Community Hall, Agenda Item #5a.

Old Business

Item 5.a Expanding Horizons Bowden Community Hall Representatives from the Bowden Expanding Horizons Group will be attending Council to discuss the attached Business Plan. As well, they will be asking for the following contributions:

- A financial capital contribution of \$150,000.00 to be used towards the community hall project
- A yearly operational grant of \$10,000.00 to be used for yearly operational expenses. They are suggesting that the yearly grant currently paid to the Bowden Lions Club can be utilized for this purpose.
- All taxation and operational exemptions currently given to the Bowden Lions Club be extended towards the new hall also. Currently, the Lions Club is taxation exempt and does not pay any municipal utilities.

Motion 5.a Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Expanding Horizons Bowden Community Hall request discussion be tabled until the next Council Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.a.i Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Council Open House be moved from September 15, 2015 to September 8, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 5.b At the August 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, Council members asked for additional information regarding the following three account codes:

2-69-230-02 (CONTRACTED SERV – WEED CONTROL) CAMPGROUND

2-41-510-00 GOODS & SUPPLIES – WATER

2-71-510-01 GOODS & SUPPLIES – CANADA DAY

Motion 5.b Council receives this item for information.

New Business

Item 6.a Atco Gas Franchise Agreement Pursuant to the terms of our existing Atco Gas Franchise Agreement, the Town of Bowden has the potential ability to increase the franchise fee percentage currently collected from customers. The franchise fee is collected from customers in the community and is based on a percentage of the Delivery Tariff. Currently in the Town of Bowden, this percentage is 22 %. If desired, Council can choose to increase the percentage (up to a maximum of 35%). To do so, notice must be formally served to Atco and then community advertising in the appropriate format must also be conducted.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Atco Gas franchise fee stay at 22%. **MOTION CARRIED**

Financial Statements

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council receives the attached Cheque Listing for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 7.b Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council receives the attached Bank Reconciliation for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a Seniors Mixed Golf Day Thank You Letter Council provided a donation of \$200.00 towards the Bowden Hiway Senior Mixed Golf Day held on July 14, 2015. The attached letter is a thank you for that donation.

Motion 8.a Council accepts this item for information.

Item 8.b 2015 Gas Tax Fund Allocation: The attached letter from Minister Deron Bilous (Alberta Municipal Affairs) identifies that the 2015 Gas Tax Fund allocation for the Town of Bowden is \$65,057.00.

The 2013 allocation was \$68,882.00

The 2014 allocation was \$67,443.00

The 2015 allocation is \$65,057.00

Motion 8.b Council accepts this item for information.

Item 8.c Council Committee Reports Council members share highlights of their Committee meetings with the other Council members.

Motion 8.c Council accepts the Council Committee Reports for information.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a brief recess at 8:42pm

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 8:45pm

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss a legal issue at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that the Council meeting come out of camera at 8:57p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that the August 24, 2015 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer