

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, December 13, 2010 at the
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Steve Blamire
	Councillor	Cory Jasper
	Councillor	Pat Doll
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney

ABSENT Lori Conkin, Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF Andy Weiss, Manager of Administrative Services

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

- Mayor Robb Stuart adds Agenda Item 5.b Town Christmas Party
- Andy Weiss, Manager of Administrative Services adds Agenda Item 6.b Community Bus

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the December 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council approves the November 29, 2010 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 5 Old Business

Item 5.a Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Business Plan

Council members requested that more information be provided on this item prior to any decision being rendered.

Motion 5.a Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council defers this request until such time as a representative from Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission can attend a future Council meeting to discuss the proposed Business Plan in greater detail. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 5.b Town Christmas Party

Motion 5.b.i Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that Council authorizes Administration to reimburse staff and Council members for purchases incurred for the pot luck 2010 Town of Bowden Christmas Party. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 5.b.ii Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council directs Administration to book a venue and a caterer for the 2011 Town of Bowden Christmas Party which is to be held on December 9, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6 New Business

Item 6.a Bowden Public Library request

Councillor Sheila Church outlined to Council that the Bowden Public Library Board has been deliberating possible solutions to ongoing issues facing the existing Bowden Public Library building itself. Issues facing the board are:

- A severe lack of space – Put simply, the building is too small to meet our current needs. As the focus of the library continues to evolve, more of the new services and programs that may be offered are simply not possible in this building. The traditional use of a library, as a distribution centre for printed materials is now changing and the new direction is that of expanded cultural, social and recreational programs and services to the community.
- Inability to configure the existing space to accommodate necessary changes for programs and groups attending the library. Due to the present configuration and space constraints, the facility cannot be “shuffled” around when the need arises. (For example, movable book cases and displays are not possible in the Bowden Public Library due to lack of available floor space for any configuration. i.e.: meetings, workshops or classes)
- Because of space constraints, the library is unable to expand the stock of in-house books, movies and reference materials. Limited selection means that patrons must utilize inter-library loans and as such, instant access is not possible.

Faced with these critical challenges, the Bowden Public Library Board has come up with a potential solution that is intended to serve the needs of the facility patrons for the next 5 – 10 years. The Board is looking to Council for support in principle in order to investigate this possibility further. It is proposed that the library be moved into Bays 2 & 3 of the Town Office building. This would gain approximately 400 square feet of space and with some renovations, will serve as a more usable space for existing and proposed library programs. Renovations, as may be required, would be funded through existing building reserve funds at the library and other existing funding sources.

It is important to note that the Board is only looking for support for this proposal in principle at this point in time. If this support is given by Council, more detailed investigations would be enacted. This would involve bringing in experts from the Parkland Regional Library for input into the viability of this move. If deemed viable, detailed costs would be sought for renovations and a decision would then be rendered by the Board.

This move, if supported by Council and deemed viable, will serve the citizens of Bowden and surrounding areas with library programs and services for the short-term (5 – 10 years). A longer-term and permanent solution is that a significantly larger facility be constructed at some point in the future.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council gives their support in principle to the proposal from the Bowden Public Library Board to begin investigating the feasibility of moving the Bowden Public Library into bays 2 & 3 of the Town Office Building. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.b Community Bus

Andy Weiss, Manager of Administrative Services reported to Council that the Bowden Community Bus is now at the end of its useful service life. A recent mechanical inspection has identified a number of significant mechanical issues and given the age of this bus (1988) and the ongoing difficulty of obtaining repair parts, it is no longer financially viable to continue to attempting repairs on the bus.

Councillor Pat Doll will begin investigating costs associated with a potential replacement unit.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Pat Doll that Council directs Administration to include costs for a replacement Community Bus in the 2011 Town of Bowden Capital Budget deliberations. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 7 Financial Statements

The following financial documents were presented to Council for information:

- a) Cheque Listing to December 9, 2010 (Cheque #'s 8629 – 8704 totaling \$681,378.55)

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Steve Blamire that Council receives the attached Financial Statements for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion 10 Moved by Councillor Cory Jasper that the December 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:55 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart

Lori Conkin, Chief Administrative Officer