



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor David Moore

PRESENT: Mayor David Moore; Councillors: Betty Fieguth, David Hubka, Doug MacPherson, Connie Quayle, Daryl Sutter and Judy Van Amerongen; Chief Administrative Officer: Kris Holbeck; Secretary-Treasurer: Karine Wilhauk

ABSENT: None

AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Sutter that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES: **REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Van Amerongen that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCES: **JANUARY 2011 BANK STATEMENT**

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to accept the January 2011 bank statement as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: 1. **BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT CONSULTANTS – Stewart Dalrymple**
RE: Update to Council

Mr. Stewart Dalrymple presented Council with a spreadsheet with 2008, 2009 and 2010 figures on it for comparison purposes for the assessment roll. The figure for residential improved decreased from 2008 to 2009 by 7.5%, and then another 0.1%, just for an example. They are trying to reflect market activity, therefore what the purchase price was will not be the assessed value. The assessed value may be higher or lower depending on what the market is actually doing. The greatest inventory in Claresholm is of older homes, so that is where the best information lies. Stewart is always willing to speak to anyone who may have questions regarding assessment.

2. **MS. RAE TRIMBLE**
RE: Museum

Ms. Rae Trimble spoke to Council regarding the need of qualified staff at the Claresholm & District Museum, however she does not agree with the current Museum Board of an individual being needed year round. There is not many people seeking access to the Museum in the winter, and having a staff may also cause an increase in the utilities as well. The primary task is cataloging items, which she feels are up to date. Ms. Trimble feels that all work that needs to be done can be completed in the summer months when the traffic is the greatest, and with the help of volunteers. She feels that having the Museum open year round is not cost effective. Ms. Trimble would like to be considered for the Museum position as the duties required actually fall along the same lines as what she has been doing for the last several years as the Museum Board Chair, plus she has also extensive career experience to draw upon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **CORRES: Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs**
RE: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)

Received for information.

2. **CORRES: Southern Alberta Waste from Energy Alliance**
RE: Project Update & Draft Bylaws.

Moved by Councillor Sutter for the Town of Claresholm to continue being a member of the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Alliance for the 2011 year at a cost of \$0.37 per capita for a total \$1,369.00.

CARRIED

3. **ALBERTA RECYCLING SPRING SEMINAR**

Received for information.

**4. CORRES: Alberta Health Services
RE: Ambulance Services**

Received for information.

5. 2011 AUMA CONVENTION

Received for information.

**6. CORRES: Cicon Engineering
RE: 2011 Infrastructure**

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to award the 2011 Infrastructure Contract to McNally Contractors of Lethbridge, Alberta as recommended by Cicon Engineering for \$516,063.10 plus GST.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to approve the additional cost of \$45,000 for the lanes that tie into the downtown parking lot to be regraded and paved as recommended by Cicon Engineering.

CARRIED

7. 2011 OPERATING BUDGET (For Discussion Only)

Received for information.

8. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Quayle to accept the information items as presented.

CARRIED

9. IN CAMERA: PERSONNEL

Moved by Councillor Sutter that this meeting go In Camera.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fieguth that this meeting come out of In Camera.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor MacPherson that this meeting adjourn at 9:12pm.

CARRIED

Mayor – David Moore

Chief Administrative Officer – Kris Holbeck, CA