



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

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 Hubka that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES: **REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Moved by Councillor Van Amerongen that the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

1. FORTIS ALBERTA – Merlin McNaughton
RE: Investment Buyout

Merlin McNaughton, Supervisor of Stakeholder Relations with Fortis Alberta, was present to speak to Council regarding the proposed investment buyout of streetlights in Claresholm. Fortis would like to buy 42 lights that are on the no-investment rate. For the past 25 years, lights have been installed under the investment rate, which means Fortis puts the light in and they do all the repairs on that light. No-investment rates are no longer available. Fortis owns the light, but the municipality must do all maintenance on that light. It's not a big deal early on, but it can get to be substantial as the lights get older. The majority of the lights are really quite old, which means that they are older than 22 years old. If the investment is sold to Fortis, the lights would be switched to the investment rate. If the lights are properly maintained, the useful life can be much longer. Fortis gets back their investment over time depending on the rates that they are allowed through regulation. They would like to have all the lights in town under the same rate, as administratively it is easier to manage.

2. CLARESHOLM RCMP – Sergeant Terry Wickett

Sergeant Terry Wickett of the Claresholm RCMP Detachment updated Council. The spray park toilet damage was helped by the surveillance cameras and the youths are being dealt with. Numerous incidents occurred in the parks this summer. Charges were laid in several categories, adults as well as youths. There has been an increase in domestic violence and several sexual assaults in our area. Zero tolerance regarding domestic violence. New impaired driving laws have been implemented and they have a new device which is very small and accurate and gives a digital reading. Had three cases just this past weekend with two license suspensions and one 24 hour suspension. One initiative of the detachment was for running red lights and an increase has been noticed in the large trucks running those lights. A countdown for how long before the light changes would be very helpful at the lights. Crime rates are basically staying the same, unfortunately the staffing at the detachment is ever changing. A new recruit will be coming directly from depot in November to Claresholm. Council suggested that more could be done in the schools with drug awareness. Also, some police presence during the school's lunch hour would be beneficial.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. DELEGATION RESPONSE: Claresholm & District FCSS
RE: Teen Centre

Received for information.

2. CORRES: Hon. Doug Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs
RE: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital Funding

Received for information.

3. CORRES: Kinsmen Club of Claresholm
RE: Annual Mixed Open Scramble

Received for information.

**4. CORRES: Masterpiece Cottonwood Village
RE: Fundraiser**

Received for information.

**5. CORRES: Continental Realty & Management Ltd.
RE: Multi-Residential Recycling Charge**

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to maintain the current recycling billing method on the utility invoices.

CARRIED

**6. CORRES: Fortis Alberta
RE: Franchise Fee Documents / Changes**

Moved by Councillor Fieguth to keep the electric distribution franchise fee from Fortis Alberta the same at 2% for 2013.

CARRIED

7. Recycling Open House Results

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to start the process to make the recycling charges equal across all users at \$5.16 per user per month, and to maintain the charges through to the end of 2013.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

CARRIED

9. IN CAMERA: LEGAL

Moved by Councillor Sutter that this meeting go In Camera.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Fieguth that this meeting adjourn at 9:17pm.

CARRIED

Mayor – David Moore

Chief Administrative Officer – Kris Holbeck