

# VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING

September 20, 2011

Approved Minutes

*The Village of Hill Spring Council meeting was held at the Hill Spring Village Office on September 20, 2011 commencing at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Mayor Christensen, Councillors Griffiths, Gibb and Rowley. Also in attendance was Chief Administrative Officer Kurtis Pratt.*

2011-100

## CALLED TO ORDER

By Mayor Christensen at 7:00 pm.

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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Councillor Rowley **MOVED** to adopt the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

## DELEGATIONS

### Loretta Todd

Loretta was concerned about a letter she received from administration concerning her motor home that was parked on the boulevard. The motor home has sat on the boulevard since 2005 because there is not room on her property to park it. She has no room because of the ditch that goes through her yard. In 1995 there was a flood and the ditch overflowed and water was under her home (trailer). A 20' culvert has been replaced with a 13' culvert. The ditch is eroding. She informed council that the motor home has been moved temporarily. After discussion alternative parking solutions were offered.

### Peter VanDerKooy

Kurtis has been in touch with Alberta Environment about the drainage ditch issue and is waiting for a call back.

Peter is concerned about the lack of communication without a village newsletter.

He asked what the status is with the new water plant. He also expressed concern about the lower water pressure and that there is not enough pressure for fire usage and recommended that administration confirm with engineers that there will be enough water pressure once the new plant is operational.

Irrigation water – what is being done to rectify the problems at the pump house? He expressed appreciation for all the volunteer work that has been done on the irrigation system

What is happening with the water meters?

Kurtis informed him that administration has been working to get them operational. Billing cannot be done according to the way the accounting system & bylaw is set up. Employees were not trained on how to use the handheld but there will be training provided. Administration has tried for several months to get someone from the company to come but has not had success until last week.

### Brandon Wynder

Brandon would like to contact landowner by Dwight Davis to see if the Ag Society can put their cattle there next summer.

He asked if there is a plan in place with the drainage ditch that runs out toward his place for next year to ensure he will not get flooded through his yard again – the issue is that it fills up with snow and the cattails hold the water in and causes flooding.

Administration will address this concern and get back to Brandon.

Brandon expressed interest in possibly renting or purchasing village land (rail pasture) for pasture land.

### Dwight Davis

Dwight's water meter needs to be removed from the cabin to the house and he questioned whether the village is in charge of moving it or is it his responsibility. Administration informed him that it needed to be done by a plumber - a village concern.

Administration will make the initial call to a plumber to have it done at Dwight's convenience.

-Dwight expressed concern about the long grass in the field behind him and the fire hazard it causes. Administration will send landowner a letter concerning the tall grass and inform her that

2011-101	<u>Richard Hollinger</u>	<p>the grass needs to be mowed or allow animals in to eat it down. The irrigation box to Dwight and Tess Porter is in the rodeo grounds and the cows walk on it - it needs to be caged to prevent damage to it from the livestock. Administration will rectify the problem by spring 2012.</p> <p>Ditch drainage – problem with cattails holding the water in the ditch.</p>
		<p>Richard asked for permission to plant bushes and flowers in the boulevard to provide a windbreak to his property. Council discussed this request.</p>
		<p>Councillor Gibb <b>MOVED</b> that Richard Hollinger can plant his trees in the boulevard temporarily to be removed by May 2012. <b>Carried</b></p>
		<p>Richard asked if he could move his irrigation box to bring it up to ground level. Council will look into this possibility and administration will inform him of council decision.</p>
2011-102	<u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES ROR AUGUST 16, 2011</u>	<p>Councillor Gibb was not at August 16 council meeting. Councillor Rowley <b>MOVED</b> to adopt minutes as amended. <b>Carried</b></p>
	<u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	<p>A vehicle is not a derelict vehicle if it is registered and insured. By-law 2010-297 tabled to be discussed at a later meeting.</p>
	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	<p>Administration was advised that the new water plant needs to be operational before any more funds are released to MPE and Everest Construction.</p>
2011-103	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<p>Councillor Rowley <b>MOVED</b> to approve the accounts payable as presented. <b>Carried</b></p>
	<u>NEW BUSINESS Items for Discussion</u>	
	<u>Drainage Rehabilitation Project Update</u>	<p>Kurtis - CAO gave a presentation of flooding issues and proposed projects to be completed. Council had a copy of engineer drawings to follow. Proposed priorities: Priority 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> W, Priority 2 – 1 ave N by Ball Diamonds, and Priority 3 – 1 St E.</p>
2011-104		<p>Councillor Gibb <b>MOVED</b> to proceed with the drainage rehabilitation project immediately. <b>Carried</b></p>
	<u>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner</u>	<p>The date set for the volunteer appreciation dinner is November 17, 2011 @ 6:00pm</p>
	<u>Mormon Trail Initiative</u>	<p>Kurtis – CAO, reported on the Mormon Trail Initiative. If the Village decides to participate in this initiative then the stories must be submitted to Slat Lake, Utah by December 2011. It is hard for towns/villages to promote this project individually but could be accomplished by collaboration with other communities. This initiative could possibly be an opportunity to increase tourism to this area.</p> <p>Councillor Gibb <b>MOVED</b> to continue investigating the Mormon Trail Initiative.</p>
2011-105		

	<u>Regional Water Commission</u>	Tabled	<b>Carried</b>
2011-106	<u>Fortis Alberta Franchise Fee</u>	Councillor Rowley <b>MOVED</b> to keep the existing franchise fee percentage.	<b>Carried</b>
	<u>Cardston County Road Closure</u>	Tabled	
	<u>String Trimmer on Wheels</u>	Place on wish list for next years budget	
	<u>Janet Beck Letter</u>	Janet sent a letter informing counsel that she will not be able to continue as the Development Officer for the Village. She will continue until the Village is able to have something else in place. Council advised administration to come up with alternatives.	
2011-107		Councillor Griffiths <b>MOVED</b> to proceed with council meeting beyond 9:30 p.m.	
2011-108	<u>Budget/Planning Meeting</u>	Councillor Rowley <b>MOVED</b> to hold the Village budget/planning meeting December 10, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.	
	<u>Irrigation System</u>	Look over irrigation issues through the winter. Add to the March/April agenda for discussion. Upgrading possibilities for next year's budget.	
	<u>Water Treatment Plant</u>	A fence must be built around wells by the Highway. Letters need to be sent to Everest and MPE stating that there will not be any more progress payments made until the project is completed.	
2011-109	<u>CAO Report</u>	Councillor Griffiths <b>MOVED</b> to accept CAO report as presented.	<b>Carried</b>
	<u>Council Reports</u>		
2011-110	<u>Correspondence</u>	Councillor Gibb <b>MOVED</b> to accept correspondence as presented. Council advised administration to send letters of response to Lois Johnston and Debbie Bunnage.	
	<u>IN CAMERA SESSION</u>	NA	
2011-111	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Councillor Rowley <b>MOVED</b> to adjourn the meeting at 10:21pm.	<b>Carried</b>

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Mayor, Monte Christensen

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Chief Administrative Officer, Kurtis Pratt

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