

**Village of Valemount
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

Date: January 12, 2010
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Council Chambers

Those Present: Mayor Smith
Councillor Capstick
Councillor Piper
Councillor Roe
Councillor Tchir

Others: Lonny Miller, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Sandy Salt, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Media (2)
General Public (2)

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Adjourn for the Public Hearing** Mayor Smith adjourned the Regular Council meeting for the Public Hearing for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2009 (Mini-Storage)".
3. **Recall Meeting to Order** Mayor Smith recalled the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
4. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - a) **Regular Council Meeting December 08, 2009** **Res # 001/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Roe
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 08, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.
CARRIED.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Public Works
Committee Re:
Snow Removal
Policy Review And
Update**

Res # 002/10

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
THAT the report from the Public Works Committee regarding Snow Removal Policy Review and Update, be received;
AND THAT the following changes be made to the policy;

- 1) 5th Avenue from Dogwood Street to Birch Street becomes the third priority for Snow Removal
- 2) the Village is responsible for the snow removal on all the sidewalks on 5th Avenue from Dogwood to Birch streets;

AND THAT as of January 01, 2010 staff records all snow removal related costs expenses (wages, equipment and materials) to one expense line;

AND FURTHER THAT staff works with The Valley Sentinel newspaper to do a series of articles on the Village's snow removal policy and budget in an effort to better inform the public of our resources and capabilities.

CARRIED

Councillor Tchir referenced Res #528/09 and inquired if staff has a report regarding BC Building Codes versus Handicapped Accessibility Codes. The Deputy Director of Corporate Services responded that the Building Inspector did submit a memorandum to the Interim Chief Administrative Officer and herself, and indicated that the washrooms did meet code requirements except that the towel dispensers are too high, the coat hooks in the handicapped stalls are too high, and the handicapped stalls require a 6" door closure grab bar handle and recommended installing these required items in addition to what is currently in place in each washroom which the Deputy Director of Corporate Services reported is just waiting for Public Works to install them. Councillor Tchir then inquired if this would all be completed before the Visitor Centre opens for the Olympic Games Live Site. The Deputy Director of Corporate Services responded that it is the intention to have this all completed before the Centre opens, and that Public Works had been given notice of this already back in December so that they could plan it into their schedules once all of the snow removal issues have been handled.

6. **Petitions & Delegations**

Nil

7. **Correspondence**

- a) **Union of British Columbia Municipalities Re: Additional Hotel Room Tax** **Res # 003/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
THAT the correspondence from Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Additional Hotel Room Tax, be received; AND THAT this correspondence be forwarded to Tourism Valemount; AND FURTHER THAT provisions be made to send the new Chief Administrative Officer and the Marketing Coordinator to potential upcoming meetings in Golden.

CARRIED.
- b) **Tourism Valemount Re: Snowmobile Poker Run** **Res # 004/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the letter from Tourism Valemount regarding Request For Permission For Bylaw Exemption For Snowmobile Poker Run, be received; AND THAT Council grant a Bylaw Variance on January 31, 2010 for the Valemount Winter Festival Snowmobile Poker Run to allow the use of snowmobiles within the Village boundaries at the parking area of the Visitor Information Centre and also permit a bonfire at this site on this date.

CARRIED.
- c) **Pitch-In British Columbia Re: Thanks to Municipal Participants For 2009** **Res # 005/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT the letter from Pitch-In British Columbia regarding Thanks to Municipal Participants For 2009 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.
- d) **Valemount Curling Club Re: Financial Assistance** Mayor Smith deferred this item to New Business.
- e) **Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Re: Official Community Plan Greenhouse Gas Reduction Amendment** **Res # 006/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
THAT the letter from Regional District of Fraser-Fort George regarding Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 27, 2008) – Official Community Plan Greenhouse Gas Reduction Amendment, be received; AND THAT a copy of this correspondence be forwarded to the Valemount Air Quality Enhancement Committee.

CARRIED.

8. Bylaws

a) **Village of Valemount Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2009 (Mini-Storage), (3rd Reading)**

Res # 007/10

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Roe
THAT Bylaw No. 651, 2009 cited as "Village of Valemount Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 651, 2009 (Mini-Storage)" be given 3rd reading.

CARRIED.

9. General Correspondence

Res # 008/10

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the General Correspondence be received for consideration.

CARRIED.

Res # 009/10

MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT staff be instructed to follow up with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the traffic impact study and potential modifications to the pedestrian crosswalk at 5th Avenue and Highway 5, as well as the review of signing in the community.

CARRIED.

Res # 010/10

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the Village send a donation of \$50.00 to the North Central Local Government Association Diane's Ray of Hope Trust Fund in support of Diane Boudreau's fight against ALS.

CARRIED.

Councillor Piper noted the letter from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Province Announces New Management Framework For Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) and requested that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Valemount and Area Recreation Development Association (VARDA) for information purposes.

Councillor Piper noted the letter from Kinder Morgan Canada regarding Future Plans and requested that staff contact them to come and do a presentation to Council.

Councillor Piper noted the letter from Steelworkers, Local 1-424 regarding Forest Workers Take Up The Challenge and requested that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Valemount Learning Centre.

Councillor Roe noted the letter from Province of British Columbia Legislative Assembly regarding Living Water Smart and requested that a copy of this letter be forwarded to W.A.T.E.R.

10. Reports

- a) **Public Works Superintendent Re: November 2009 Report** **Res # 011/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Roe
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT the report from the Public Works Superintendent regarding November 2009 be received for consideration.
CARRIED.
- b) **Public Works Superintendent Re: December 2009 Report** **Res # 012/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Roe
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT the report from the Public Works Superintendent regarding December 2009 be received for consideration.
CARRIED.
- c) **Building Inspector Re: December 2009 Report** **Res # 013/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the report from the Building Inspector regarding December 2009 be received for consideration.
CARRIED.

11. New Business

- a) **Interim Chief Administrative Officer Re: Valemount Curling Club Assistance** **Res # 014/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Piper
SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir
THAT the report from the Interim Chief Administrative Officer regarding Valemount Curling Club Assistance, be received; AND THAT the Village add the Curling Rink building to its Insurance policy and provide the Valemount Curling Club with financial assistance to cover heat, light and minor repairs upon receipt of direct invoices up to a maximum of \$5,000.00; AND THAT a letter be sent to Area H – Rural Director Ken Starchuck, copy to Valemount Curling Club President G. Piper, requesting a meeting to discuss possible joint funding of the Valemount Curling Club; AND FURTHER THAT telephone calls be made in addition to the letter to expedite a meeting as soon as possible.
CARRIED.
- b) **Interim Chief Administrative Officer Re: Downtown Revitalization, Cedar Street and 5th Avenue Upgrades** **Res # 015/10**
MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT the report from the Interim Chief Administrative Officer regarding Downtown Revitalization, Cedar Street and 5th Avenue Upgrades be received for information and table the issue until the next meeting or possibly the first meeting in February for a further staff report and recommendation.
CARRIED.

**c) Interim Chief
Administrative
Officer Re: Strategic
Planning 2010**

Res # 016/10

MOVED BY Councillor Piper

SECONDED BY Councillor Tchir

THAT the report from the Interim Chief Administrative Officer regarding Strategic Planning 2010 be received for consideration.

CARRIED.

Res # 017/10

MOVED BY Councillor Tchir

SECONDED BY Councillor Piper

THAT Council meets Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Best Western to complete a Strategic Planning workshop with the new Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED.

Councillor Piper reported on attending a Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd. meeting on Monday, January 22, 2010 and presented a \$10,000.00 cheque to the Village of Valemount as another installment of repayment to the Village for funds loaned. She then mentioned the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd. on Monday, February 01, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Village Office.

Councillor Roe reported on attending the Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd. meeting on Monday, January 22, 2010.

Councillor Capstick reported on attending a Tourism Valemount meeting earlier today. He also reported on attending a Kinbasket Permanent Lake Committee meeting.

Councillor Tchir wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported on attending a Valemount Historic Society meeting on Tuesday, January 05, 2010, and mentioned that they will have a display set up at the Visitor Information Centre during the Olympic and Paralympic games, and that their upcoming Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, February 02, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Robson Valley Home Support. She also reported on attending a Valemount Children's Activity Society meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 and extended a thank you to the Village for giving them permission to paint a Canadian wildlife mural on the South exterior wall; they also extended a thank you to the Village staff and Public Works for being available whenever the need arose, and mentioned that the next meeting is Monday, February 08, 2010. Councillor Tchir mentioned the upcoming Valemount Public Library Board meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Councillor Tchir then inquired if anything has been done about installing reflectors on the new rock planter's downtown. The Interim Chief Administrative Officer responded that nothing has been done as of yet other than discuss it with the Public Works Superintendent and that something will need to be done. Councillor Tchir inquired if anything has been heard about our Olympic Torch Relay banners. The Deputy Director of Corporate Services responded that they are on the way and should be here next week. Councillor Tchir inquired if anything has been heard about the Village entrance signs that were to be refreshed and where they are in the process. The Interim Chief Administrative Officer responded that he was uncertain and would check into it.

Mayor Smith inquired if we know anything more about the Olympic Torch Relay in Valemount. The Deputy Director of Corporate Services responded that details are still being finalized on the celebration and advised people to watch the local paper for updates. She reported that the official route details for Valemount will be publicly announced by VANOC about ten days before the Torch arrives in Valemount, but did say that Valemount's celebrations are Friday, January 29, 2010 in the evening with a fireworks display, local artists, artisans on display, local musicians performing, a Valemount Historic Society display, free healthy refreshments and give-aways, and that the majority of the activities and celebrations will be at the Valemount Visitor Information Centre with the fireworks over at the Sportsplex grounds.

Mayor Smith announced that the Village has hired a New Chief Administrative Officer Mr. Tom Dall who officially starts February 01, 2010 but will be in Valemount the week before to get moved and settled in.

Mayor Smith reported on attending Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and Omineca Beetle Action Coalition Board meetings in Prince George.

12. In Camera Meeting

Res # 018/10

MOVED BY Councillor Tchir
SECONDED BY Councillor Piper
THAT the Regular Council meeting be closed to the public to permit consideration of one additional agenda item as In Camera item pursuant to Section 90.1 of the Community Charter and that members of the public be excluded from the In Camera session of Council.

CARRIED.

13. Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Piper
That the Regular Council meeting held January 12, 2010 be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL
AT A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON _____
RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer