

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF
BLACK DIAMOND, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD
FEBRUARY 17, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE**

- PRESENT** Mayor Sharlene Brown
Councillors Bill Price, Michel Jackson, Sharon Hart, Mike Ross and Judy Thomson
Town Manager Joanne Irwin and Public Works Manager Andy Pfeifer
- ABSENT** Councillor Tyler Bray was out of town and sent his regrets.
- ORDER** Mayor Sharlene Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.
- 15-MINUTE QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD** Mayor Sharlene Brown declared the 15-minute question & answer period open at 7:31p.m. Gordon Tomte, a resident of Black Diamond, stated that he wanted to have the letter from the Town of Turner Valley regarding the Sheep River Library Project Update read out and he wanted to know what position Council is going to take on that issue. He then stated that regarding the proposed Community Centre, it is time the electorate was informed on behalf of this Council, as there is a lack of information coming forth from the project. Mayor Sharlene Brown responded that this Council is not taking any position until after the discussions occur (during this meeting), and when a decision is reached by this Council, the community will then be informed. Diane Osberg, a resident of Black Diamond, stated that a “lake” had formed in the Willow Ridge area, and that she had notified Town Manager Joanne Irwin about this. She was very pleased to find that the very next morning, corrective action had been taken. Ms. Osberg then spoke about the Sheep River Library. She informed Council that the volunteers are filling out grant applications for furnishings, etc. as well as approaching various foundations for funding. She noted that these activities are taking place to assist in facilitating the much needed move to a larger venue, as they are bursting at the seams. Patron usage has increased and their seminars and programs are very well attended. Ms. Osberg asked for Council’s continued support of the Inter-Municipal Library’s grant applications and fundraising. As there were no further questions forthcoming, Mayor Sharlene Brown declared the 15-minute question & answer period closed at 7:40 p.m.

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AGENDA

Res. 2010-053

Moved by Councillor Bill Price that Council agree to accept the agenda, with the addition of; Item 7c)(i) Proposed Community Centre, Item 7d)(i) additional information provided regarding Policy 12-24, and an In Camera session to discuss a land use and legal issue.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

MINUTES

Res. 2010-054

Moved by Councillor Michel Jackson that Council agree to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 3, 2010, as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Core Strategy: Provide Safe and Effective Service** - no items to discuss

- b) **Core Strategy: Partnerships**

- (i) **Letter from Town of Turner Valley re: Sheep River Library Project Update**

Mayor Sharlene Brown read the letter from the Town of Turner Valley re: Sheep River Library Project Update, as per the request during the Question & Answer period.

Discussion followed, and it was noted that Council for the Town of Black Diamond has requested three pieces of information from the Town of Turner Valley; Environmental Impact Assessment information, projected capital and operating plans, and confirmation of timelines for the project. To date, this information has not yet been received. Mayor Sharlene Brown stated that there has been a lack of public consultation and citizen engagement in this process, and that Council should discover what the residents of Black Diamond want prior to making any decisions.

Res. 2010-055

Moved by Mayor Sharlene Brown that Council agree to hold an open house regarding the library project on March 31, 2010 at a location other than the Town Office.

MOTION DEFEATED

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c) Core Strategy: Improve Communication

(i) Proposed Community Centre

Res. 2010-056

Moved by Councillor Mike Ross that Council agree to hold an Open House on April 14, 2010 to determine if the community is in support of a community centre project.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Councillor Sharon Hart will request the relevant information from the Centre 78 Advisory Board regarding finances, updated business plan, etc. to present to the community during the Open House.

d) Core Strategy: Positive Leadership

(i) Policy 12-24 Employee Leave and Leave of Absence amendment

Res. 2010-057

Moved by Councillor Mike Ross that Council agree to accept the amended Policy 12-24 Employee Leave and Leave of Absence, as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

(ii) AUMA Resolution regarding Notification of Public Hearing

Res. 2010-058

Moved by Councillor Michel Jackson that Council agree to accept the AUMA resolution as presented and attached, and instruct Administration to send the resolution out to other Alberta municipalities asking for their support, and then to submit the resolution to the AUMA prior to the May 31, 2010 deadline.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Councillor Michel Jackson requested that Administrative Assistant Verna Staples be thanked for all her hard work and research regarding this topic.

e) Miscellaneous Items

(i) Town Manager Report Decisions (as required)

None required.

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**(ii) Scott Seaman Sports Rink Project 75 transfers to/from
reserves for 2008/2009**

Res. 2010-059

Moved by Councillor Judy Thomson that Council agree to: a) rescind resolution 2009-280, b) transfer the unexpended amount of \$37,926.91 from Scott Seaman Sports Rink/Project 75 into reserves in 2008, c) transfer \$46,422.25 from reserves to cover the expenditures related to Scott Seaman Sports Rink/Project 75 for 2009, and d) accept the audited Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the period ended October 31, 2009 for the Scott Seaman Sports Rink as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

(iii) Approved capital projects not yet expended

Res. 2010-060

Moved by Councillor Sharon Hart that Council agree to: a) transfer \$6,168.50 from capital reserves to account for the amount expended on the well exploration project in 2009, b) transfer \$6,168.50 back into capital reserves in 2010 to allow for the accrual of total expenses related to the well exploration project in 2010, c) transfer \$1,078.06 from the MSI capital reserve to account for the amount expended on the ISF project but not claimed in 2009 for reimbursement due to claim deadlines, and d) transfer \$1,078.06 back into the MSI capital reserve to allow for the accrual and submission of further expenses related to this project in 2010.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

(iv) Freedom to Read Week proclamation

Mayor Sharlene Brown read a Freedom to Read Week proclamation, declaring the week of February 21-27, 2010 as Freedom to Read Week.

(v) Committee of the Whole decisions (as required)

None required.

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**CORRESPONDENCE
AND INFORMATION**

Res. 2010-061

Moved by Councillor Judy Thomson that Council agree to accept the following correspondence for information purposes only:

- a) Town Manager's Report
- b) Public Works Report
- c) Letter from MD of Foothills No. 31 regarding Foothills Cemetery Board
- d) Thank you letter from the Town of Turner Valley
- e) Letter from C. Dobbyn regarding the new High Country SPCA
- f) Alberta Small Communities Conference: May 28-30, 2010
- g) Letter from Town of Turner Valley regarding their appointment of a Director of Emergency Management

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Sharon Hart: written report attached
Councillor Michel Jackson: verbal report
Councillor Judy Thomson: written report attached
Councillor Mike Ross: verbal report – no meetings
Councillor Bill Price: written report attached
Mayor Sharlene Brown: written report attached
Committee of the Whole Minutes, February 1, 2010: attached

RECESS

Res. 2010-062

Moved by Councillor Sharon Hart that Council agree to recess the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECONVENE

Res. 2010-063

Moved by Mayor Sharlene Brown that Council agree to reconvene the meeting at 9:18p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Res. 2010-064

Moved by Mayor Sharlene Brown that Council agree to go In Camera at 9:18p.m. to discuss a land use and a legal matter.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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IN CAMERA

Res. 2010-065

Moved by Councillor Mike Ross that Council agree to re-open the meeting to the public at 9:46p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Res. 2010-066

Moved by Mayor Sharlene Brown that Council agree to rescind resolution 2010-055 (defeated) to hold an Open House regarding the Library project on March 31, 2010, at a location other than the Town Office.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Res. 2010-067

Moved by Councillor Mike Ross that Council agree to hold an Open House regarding the Sheep River Inter-Municipal Library project on March 31, 2010 at a location other than the Town Office, to present all information we are able to obtain by that date, and to post a questionnaire on the Town of Black Diamond's website (which will also be available at the Open House), in an effort to collect the residents of Black Diamond's feedback regarding the proposed Library project.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Res. 2010-068

Moved by Councillor Judy Thomson that Council agree to adjourn the meeting at 9:51p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

MAYOR

TOWN MANAGER