



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 – 5:30 PM
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT

Mayor	K. Craig
Councillors	J. Van Rijn, B. Martens, S. Duda, B. Chapman, R. Hohm, J. Abrey
Administration/Staff	K. Hastings, A. Saje, S. Wierl
Recording Secretary	J. Herbst

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 220 2.0 ADDITIONS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion 284.15 Councillor Van Rijn moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 221 3.1 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Aug. 31, 2015

Motion 285.15 Councillor Hohm moved to accept the minutes as presented.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 222 3.2 MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES-July 8, 2015

Motion 286.15 Councillor Martens moved to accept the minutes as presented.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 223 3.3 MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES-Aug.12, 2015

Motion 287.15 Councillor Van Rijn moved to accept the minutes as presented.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 224 4.1 Ice Allocation Policy

- Stephanie Wierl, Community Services manager, presented a draft of the proposed Ice Allocation Policy for Council to consider. The policy was drafted with the intent to provide a clear direction and policy surrounding decisions made regarding the ice allocation, fees and booking of ice for the Town of Coaldale. S. Wierl conducted interviews with 13 regular ice user groups in Coaldale. Research was also conducted by Wierl on best practices in regards to ice allocation policies with over 15 similar sizes communities across Canada including the City of Lethbridge, Taber and the Crowsnest Pass.
- Councillor Duda requested that the policy state ice users will not be charged if they cancel ice times due to “severe weather”.
- Councillor Chapman asked for consideration for those ice user groups that have a large number of attendees at their hockey games. Community benefit and spin offs are important factors.

ITEM 225 5.1 Coaldale Minor Hockey

- Neil Price; Vice President of Coaldale Minor Hockey spoke to the Mayor and Council with regard to the groups’ needs and concerns. Price asked “who determines which ice users get the prime time ice slots”. This past season, Coaldale Minor Hockey teams had to play 12 “home” games in Magrath, Lomond and Claresholm because of the lack of ice available in Coaldale. Price stated that Coaldale Minor Hockey is a non-profit organization and donated \$75,000 in the past to the Town for new dressing rooms in the arena. Coaldale Minor Hockey is a valuable partner in the community. CMHA kids demographically are made up of 88% Coaldale resident kids and 12% farm kids that attend school in Coaldale. Price asked why out of town, non-taxing paying individuals are on the ice during prime times. Price said Coaldale Minor Hockey is willing to run a non-profit Rec Hockey League for Coaldale kids. Price said the CMHA organization is here to develop and promote hockey with our youth within the Town of Coaldale.
- Adam Magarrell; President of Coaldale Minor Hockey brought up the subject of pond hockey. There is a big need for pond hockey. Pond hockey places more emphasis on skating and puck handling ability without contact. There are kids out there that want to play hockey

but maybe not at the Minor Hockey level. Pond Hockey is another alternative. Every child should get to experience playing hockey if they want to.

- Councillor Martens asked what the age groups are for Rec hockey. Neil Price said the kids would range from 6 years old to 14 years old.

ITEM 226 5.2 Coaldale Copperheads

- Kevin Wiebe, President of the Coaldale Copperheads, spoke on behalf of the Coaldale Copperheads Junior Hockey. The Copperheads have been in Coaldale for nine years. Wiebe said the Coaldale Copperheads are a non-profit society and are here to give back to the community. The board members and coaching staff are volunteers; they receive no wages. The Copperheads have and wish to continue bringing in money to the Town each year through their advertising agreement. After eight seasons they have raised \$53,900 for arena improvements, with \$24,250 being spent on the 2011 renovations. Wiebe said one of the major struggles they have is not enough practice ice as well as issues scheduling ice for our “home” games. The Copperheads practice on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10 p.m. Many times we have not taken a flood after figure skating, in order to get a full hour of practice. Every year we have been begging for more practice ice from the Town. Ice is scarce in Coaldale; we simply need another ice surface. Wiebe asked Council to revisit the method in which ice is allocated. Wiebe stated private groups like Coaldale Rec Hockey, who have a low percentage of Coaldale residents enrolled, receive more ice time on the weekdays than the Copperheads. Please ask yourselves what is best for the community. Is it private groups, not Coaldale residents, paying discounted youth rates and pocketing the money by not giving anything back to the community or arena? Is it a Junior B team that packs the arena, with up to 700 people at a community event weekly and raises money for the town plus pays higher ice rates? Our hockey games bring people out to the restaurants, bars, and gas stations in Coaldale. Wiebe said the Heritage Junior Hockey League holds their official league scheduling meeting in the middle of July and the Copperheads are required to have a minimum of 20 home ice dates/times confirmed, which we take to the meeting. Processing our ice slots and giving us confirmation at the beginning of September is too late for the Copperheads to participate in the HJHL. We need confirmation in writing by the end of June. Our regular home ice is Saturday nights with an 8:30 p.m. puck drop. It is

a mandatory rule in the Heritage Junior League for no game to start later than 8:30 p.m. or they will be ejected from the league. We have managed to start our games on time due to the co-operation of Coaldale Minor Hockey. Coaldale Minor Hockey has agreed to be off of the ice at 8:00 p.m. The Copperheads and their opponents warm up on dirty ice from 8:00 to 8:15 p.m. We then flood and the games begin at 8:30 p.m.

- Mayor Craig said he wanted to congratulate the Copperheads on last season's success and wished them well for the upcoming season.
- Wiebe said he asks Council to consider what each ice user group brings to the community, not-for-profit status of ice users and the fee structure, when finalizing the ice allocation policy. The Copperheads are willing to help and work with Coaldale Minor Hockey and Coaldale Figure Skating to try to get another practice time slot so the team doesn't have to go to Warner or Raymond.

ITEM 227 5.3 Hockey Kids Coaldale

- Wade Klippenstein presented on behalf of the Hockey Kids Coaldale. Hockey Kids Coaldale is a small ice user. We have two ice slots which are not "prime time". Klippenstein said he was attending the meeting as a parent and a community member and to talk about the community's needs. Klippenstein is a scout for the Brandon Wheat Kings and has been in a lot of ice arenas throughout Western Canada. Coaldale is growing and our facilities do not meet the needs of our kids. Klippenstein's issue is the usage of the ice. Outside user groups are using our facilities and that concerns me. Our Coaldale kids need access to our facility. I help kids with development; kids that want to get better and improve their skills. Kids shouldn't be held back due to a lack of facilities or lack of access to their own facilities. We need to upgrade our facilities and we need a second sheet of ice in Coaldale.
- Shelley Tilleman representing Coaldale Figure Skating said they are a prime time ice user group. Fifteen figure skaters are on the ice at one time receiving private ice skating lessons. We pay mileage to our skating coaches so it only makes sense to have the lessons all on the same day.
- Councillor Martens asked Tilleman if the figure skaters have sufficient ice time. Tilleman confirmed they do.

- Mayor Craig asked Tilleman if enrollment in figure skating is increasing. Tilleman said it has remained the same for the past couple of years. Tilleman felt residency should be considered when allocating ice time.
- Mayor Craig stated there was one more ice user group that was unable to attend this evening and asked Council if that group could speak tomorrow night before the Special Council meeting at 5:15 p.m.
- Roger Hohm said he couldn't arrive by 5:15 p.m. tomorrow to hear the other delegate that wants to speak.
- Councillor Abrey asked if this delegate is speaking about the policy or the ice use tomorrow night. Do we grant this ice user time to speak to Council tomorrow night?
- Councillor Van Rijn asked are we delaying any decision about the ice allocation policy tonight until this other ice user speaks.
- Mayor Craig decided to have this other ice user speak tomorrow at 5:30 prior to the Special Council meeting.

Motion 288.15

Councillor Van Rijn moved Council table making a decision regarding the Ice Allocation Policy until after September 15, 2015.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 228 8.1

COALDALE & DISTRICT EMERGENCY SERVICES STATISTICS

Motion 289.15

Councillor Chapman moved to receive the Coaldale and District Emergency Services report for information.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 290.15

Councillor Duda moved Council go In Camera at 6:51 p.m.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 291.15

Councillor Martens moved Council come out of the In Camera session at 8:09 p.m.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 229 11.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

Motion 292.15 Councillor Abrey moved Council receive the Operations report for information.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 293.15 Councillor Van Rijn moved Council temporarily allow a portable digital sign on the property of Coaldale McDonald's on the following conditions: That it stand for a maximum of 21 days or until the permanent free standing sign is erected, whichever is shorter; that it be situated in the approved location of the already approved and permanent free standing sign; and that the content be static only.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 230 11.2 CAO REPORT

Motion 294.15 Councillor Duda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

7-0 Carried.

Kim Craig, MAYOR

Kalen Hastings, CAO