



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

MAYOR K. Craig
COUNCILLORS J. Van Rijn, B. Chapman, B. Martens, J. Abrey, S. Duda, R. Hohm
ADMINISTRATION K. Hastings, S. Wierl, C. L'Hirondelle

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

ITEM 231 2.1 ADDITIONS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Additions:

- 5.1 Coaldale Rec Hockey

Motion 295.15 Councillor Martens moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

7-0 Carried.

ITEM 232 5.1 COALDALE REC HOCKEY

- Cheryl Neufeld, representative from Coaldale Rec Hockey spoke to the Mayor and Council with regards to the proposed Ice Allocation Policy. Neufeld said the group uses the ice two nights a week for a total of three hours. In Neufeld's opinion, there is a shortage of physical ice and availability in the community. Neufeld asked if only one Town of Coaldale employee will determine which group gets prime time ice. Neufeld also expressed concern about having to divulge information about team members' civic addresses as this information is not required by any other organization in nearby towns. Neufeld said it's a breach of privacy. Neufeld questioned whether all ice user groups were asked to provide the same information. Neufeld asked whether all the requests for information and numerous meetings that were held, were just an opportunity to create a job for someone at the Town of Coaldale.

- Councillor Van Rijn said he was disappointed that Neufeld only provided a written document to Council minutes before the meeting. Councillor Van Rijn said that doesn't provide Council enough time to thoroughly review it. Neufeld apologized for the late submission. Councillor Van Rijn also asked Neufeld if Coaldale Rec Hockey is a not-for-profit organization. Neufeld stated Coaldale Rec Hockey is a non-registered not-for-profit organization in which she does not receive a wage.
- Councillor Martens said it sounds as though Neufeld is not in favour of the Ice Allocation policy at all. Neufeld said there is a need for a formal policy and agreed upon by all the parties involved. Martens also noted Neufeld implied she is opposed to the residency requirement outlined in the policy. Councillor Martens pointed out the Coaldale tax payers subsidize the ice arena.
- Mayor Craig asked Neufeld to explain the business model of Coaldale Rec Hockey. It appears 160 players pay a hefty registration fee totalling \$60,000. although the ice rental would only cost \$4000 approximately. Neufeld said the fees cover some equipment, some clothing, a big year end event and a clinic registration for her to attend as a participant. Mayor Craig asked Neufeld if she would have financial statements available.
- Councillor Van Rijn also asked Neufeld if she would have an issue providing financial statements should the policy warrant that. Neufeld asked what would be the purpose of providing that information to the Town. Councillor Van Rijn advised Neufeld that information will be used to determine not-for-profit status.

Motion 296.15

Councillor Chapman moved Council go In Camera at 6:00 p.m.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 297.15

Councillor Abrey moved to come of the In Camera session at 7:25 p.m.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 298.15

Councillor Hohm moved to direct administration to investigate solutions for highway commercial free standing and LED signage in the Land Use Bylaw.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 299.15 Councillor Chapman moved to table approval of the ice user policy to a later date.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 300.15 Councillor Martens moved to receive the presentation from Rec Hockey for information.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 301.15 Councillor Chapman moved to receive the Operations report for information.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 302.15 Councillor Duda moved to receive the Infrastructure report for information.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 303.15 Councillor Van Rijn directed administration to retain an appraisal for the land area discussed.

7-0 Carried.

Motion 304.15 Councillor Hohm moved that Whereas the Town of Coaldale endeavors to take the steps necessary to create a permanent solution for storm water runoff in around Coaldale and surrounding area;

And whereas the Town of Coaldale endeavours to embark on storm water solutions that are environmentally sustainable;

And whereas the Town of Coaldale endeavours to steer future growth and development in areas not deemed to be at risk of flooding and conversely, to preserved areas suitable for wetland restoration and storm water purposes.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council direct administration to collaborate with Lethbridge County and relevant technical consultants to gather information required to create a draft policy framework that will guide the area or zones in which development, within jurisdictions, will be permitted to take place in the future.

Motion 305.15 Councillor Martens moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

7-0 Carried.

Kim Craig, MAYOR

Kalen Hastings, CAO