Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Emergency Services Building Meeting Room

Present Richard Ireland, Gilbert Wall, Dwain Wacko, Rico Damota, Vonna Arsenault, Mark

Fercho, Christine Nadon, Nicole Veerman (The Fitzhugh)

Absent Helen Kelleher-Empey, Brian Nesbitt

Call to Order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Additions & Additions:

Approval of 6.2 Letter of Support to Museum – Councillor Arsenault

Agenda 7.2 FCM Updates – Mayor Ireland

MOTION by Councillor Wall to approve today's agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Councillor Arsenault to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Committee meeting as presented. CARRIED

Business Arising In response to a question from Mayor Ireland, Mark Fercho confirmed that the

Mayor's Night for the Arts discussion would come back to Council at a later date.

Request for Support – Jasper Folk & Blues Society The Jasper Folk & Blues Society is seeking financial support for the 2015 Jasper Folk Festival. The group was unsuccessful in securing funding from the Economic Development Fund, as recurring operating expenses are not eligible for funding. The group also asked for a waiver of the Centennial Park field rental fee, valued at \$4600; at the last regular meeting, Council voted in favour of following the Culture & Recreation Department procedure and wait until after the event to see whether it was profitable or not before granting the fee waiver.

The idea of sponsoring the event at the Bronze Guitar level (\$3000) has some appeal, but Council has limited funds available and the proposed source of funding, Council Projects, was established for a different purpose. The sponsorship topic should be reviewed as part of updating the Community and Economic Development Funds administrative procedures.

To consider this funding request through official procedures, Council could preapprove a conditional rental fee waiver in the amount of \$2100, allowing the Culture & Recreation Board to handle the fee waiver request themselves if the event is not profitable. The other option would be for the Jasper Folk and Blues Society to reapply for the Economic or Community Development Fund with eligible expenses in the next round of applications this fall.

Letter of Support to Museum

Councillor Arsenault inquired about process regarding letters of support from the Municipality. Mayor Ireland indicated that requests should be directed to the Office of the Mayor and coordinated through the Administrative Officer.

Brief Updates Library CAO Mark Fercho presented an updated project schedule, which now shows an October 2, 2015 completion date. Remediation work on the concrete floors and walls as well as stucco removal work generated additional delays, mostly linked to subcontractor availability and scheduling. More information will become available in the coming weeks as focused conversations are held with the parties involved. Councillor Wall inquired about the inspection and commissioning process, reiterating the importance of obtaining a quality building for the community.

FCM

Mayor Ireland, Deputy Mayor Wacko, Councillor Arsenault and Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended the FCM conference in Edmonton last week, and attended sessions on advocacy, asset management and disaster social services; met with CN representatives; and listened to addresses by Justin Trudeau, Thomas Mulcair and Elizabeth May.

Meanwhile, Councillor Wall, Chairman of the Community Futures West Yellowhead board, attended the national conference with Nancy Robbins in La Malbaie, QC.

Correspondence/ Information Items Council received, for information, a letter from the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association.

Council received, for information, an invitation to attend the Communities in Bloom National Symposium in Kamloops in late September.

Council received, for information, a request to organize a ceremony to mark the Queen's reign from the Monarchist League of Canada. If Parks Canada is hosting an event, perhaps the Municipality of Jasper can join in.

Council Representation on Various Boards, etc. Councillor Arsenault will be attending a Yellowhead Regional Library meeting in Spruce Grove on Monday, June 15, and will be away for the June 16 regular meeting.

Councillor Wall will be attending the Community Futures West Yellowhead AGM in Hinton on Thursday, June 18 at 2:30 p.m. at 221 Pembina Avenue. All members of Council are invited to attend.

Mayor Ireland will be attending the AUMA Municipal Government Standing Committee meeting on Thursday, June 11, and will also attend the Mayors' Caucus in Strathmore the following week.

Upcoming Events

Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce AGM, June 9, 6:00 p.m. at Jasper Inn

Adjournment

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Wacko to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. CARRIED