



**Town of Hardisty
Regular Council Meeting**

A regular Council meeting was held in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 5, 2012.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mayor O'Grady, Deputy Mayor Piller, Councillor Buelow, Councillor Drozdowski, Councillor Ottenbreit and Councillor Welder.
Regrets Councillor Miller.

**OTHERS
PRESENT:**

CAO Alan Parkin and Lori Goodrich were also in attendance.

**CALL TO
ORDER:**

Mayor O'Grady called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**AGENDA
APPROVAL:**

001 /12 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Piller THAT the Agenda is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

The Minutes of the December 14, 2011 Regular Council Meeting were presented for Council's review.

002 /11 MOVED by Councillor Ottenbreit THAT the Minutes of the December 14, 2011 Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED


**PUBLIC
HEARINGS:**

No Public Hearing.

Councillor Buelow entered Council Chambers at 7:08 PM.

DELEGATIONS:

 CEO

 CAO

Hardisty and District Chamber of Commerce - Lori Goodrich.



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MOVED by Councillor Drozdowski THAT Council accept the presentation as information.

CARRIED

Lori Goodrich left Council Chambers at 7:17 PM.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

No Unfinished Business.

**NEW
BUSINESS:**

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MOVED by Councillor Welder THAT Council approves the revised Human Resources Management Policy 1960-02 as presented.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE
& INFORMATION:**

Choosewell - Letter received December 9, 2011. Letter was in regards to the Town of Hardisty's participation in the Choosewell program and a reminder that the 2012 registrations will take place beginning in January of 2012.

Government of Alberta - Letter received December 9, 2011. Letter was in regards to hours of work regulations for Fire Fighters. Letter stated that according to employment standards regulations an employee can only work 12 consecutive hours in a working day. The letter also went on to indicate that there could be potential changes to the Employment Standards Regulation. Also input was requested from any stakeholder.



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MOVED by Councillor Drozdowski THAT Council instructs the CAO to write a letter to Alberta Human Services in regards to Fire Fighters Hours and Employment Standards. The letter is to indicate that Town of Hardisty Council feels that an exemption for volunteer municipal fire services from existing hours of work and daily overtime provisions should be considered.

SECONDED by Councillor Welder.

CARRIED

Alberta One-Call - Letter received December 12, 2011. Letter was in regards to the changes in rates to Alberta One-Call. Cost will go from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for 1 to 100 notifications, \$3.00 for 101 to 10,000 notifications and \$2.50 to \$2.40 for more than 10,000 notifications.

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Gibson Energy - Letter received December 15, 2011. Letter was in was an Agreement for the Gibson Energy Trans-Loading Facility Operating. The agreement was for the continued use of the facility within Town Limits.

Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association - A disposal guide for all type of waste material has been supplied by Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association feedback requested.

Battle River School Division - New Release in regards to the 2011-2012 budget for the school year. The School Division is predicting a deficit free operating budget. This comes as a result of significant changes and reductions.

ATCO Gas - Letter received December 21, 2011. Letter was in regards to the implementation of automated meter readers in Hardisty. ATCO or representatives of ATCO will be installing small battery-powered transmitters on natural gas meters. This process will take approximately 10 minutes to do.

Flagstaff County - Letter received December 21, 2011. Letter was in regards to funding for municipal libraries. Letter stated funding from Flagstaff County will be available through the Regional Recreation Grant Program for libraries.

Flagstaff County - Letter received December 21, 2011. Letter was in regards to the Regional Fire Agreement. Letter stated that Flagstaff County made two resolutions. They are: To extend the current Fire Services Agreement until December 31, 2012 with any amendments retroactive to January 1, 2012. To fully endorse and support proposals identified from the report from the CAO group on the Fire Agreement review.

Town of Sedgewick - Letter dated December 16, 2011 was received. Letter was in regards to Regional Fire Chief. The Letter stated that the Town of Sedgewick was not in favour of the title change from Regional Emergency Service Coordinator to Regional Fire Chief.

Town of Sedgewick - Letter dated December 16, 2011 was received. Letter was in regards to FIP amended Terms of Reference. The letter stated that the Town of Sedgewick approves the amended Terms of Reference, after rescinding their previous motion.

Battle River Watershed Alliance - Letter received December 21, 2011. Letter was in regards to a Drought and Watershed Management workshop scheduled for February 29, 2012 in Forestburg.


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MOVED by Mayor O'Grady THAT Council send two Councillors and the CAO to the February 29, 2012 Drought and Watershed Management workshop.

SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Piller

CARRIED

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Government of Alberta - Letter received December 22, 2011. Letter was from Municipal Affairs. The letter spoke about Municipal Affairs working with Communities to strengthen them. Letter also stated the Minister Griffiths is planning on visiting many Communities within Alberta in the coming months.



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Flagstaff County - Letter received December 22, 2011. Letter is in regards to Flagstaff County Cemeteries Assistance Grant. Letter stated that there was a new grant approved by Flagstaff County for Cemeteries within the County.

**MAYOR'S & COUNCILLOR'S
REPORT(S):**

9.1 Mayor's & Councillor's Calendar - Mayor and Council have a copy of the list of meeting dates for them to attend for the months of January and February.

**COMMITTEE
REPORT(S):**

Hardisty Handi-Van Society - Meeting held November 21, 2011. Discussed was: Drivers abstracts are up to date and concern about the number of drivers. Treasurers Report was given. Letter sent to Crestline regarding the antifreeze leak. Driver's log books are in the process of being revised. Grant has been given by the MD of Provost (\$3,000). New brochures are in the works. Discussion had about possible purchasing or leasing a smaller handi-van. President Ralph Manning is retiring as President December 2011. Discussion had about recruiting new drivers.


Hardisty & District Chamber of Commerce - Meeting held December 13, 2011. Discussed was: Christmas Xtravaganza - very well attended. Ask to be a delegation at the next Town Council meeting to discuss fees. Chamber member would like to see a group representation from the Town of Hardisty Council, Administration and Chamber to discuss Town business development. What can be done to attract developers, core businesses. Also attending trade shows and basic promotion of the Town.

007 /12 MOVED by Mayor O'Grady THAT Council instructs the CAO to make a payment to the Hardisty and District Chamber of Commerce the amount of \$25.00 per Business License sold at the end of January, February and March based upon number of Town of Hardisty Business Licenses sold following submission by the Hardisty and District Chamber of Commerce of an approved budget outlining the projects and how the money will be spent.

SECONDED by Councillor Drozdowski.

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Parkland Regional Library - Meeting held November 17, 2011. Discussed was: PRL Board Orientation - cancelled due to inclement weather. Election of chair and executive committee. Board signing authorities - need two executives for signing. 2012 Alberta Library Conference - Board will pay for three trustees plus the chair to attend. 2011-2012 Community Access Program (CAP) funding has been approved. Planning to upgrade computers for libraries. Headquarters Functionality Study - will cost \$936,000 to upgrade current facility. 2012 tentative meeting dates - March 1, May 17, September 6 and November 8. Update on PRL budget - 2012-2014 budget was presented and passed. IT department - working on wireless network and desktop management projects. Consulting Services - summer reading club stats, writer in residence - PRL is participating once again, training is taking place in-house and in public libraries for VDX, websites and e-readers. Communications - presentation on new communication projects taking place. Technical Services/Systems - cataloguing of multi-media sets.

Battle River Alliance for Economic Development - Business Investment Attraction & Retention. Operations Plan - Ensure member businesses are aware of appropriate trade shows; develop a BRAED Ambassador program; Solicit interest in BRAED reverse Trade Show for next year. Year to Date Achievements: review of community specific efforts that are currently underway or contemplated in the Region. Report that will outline potential of increasing Chinese investment and trade opportunities. Business Link has agreed to extend three "Local Trade Show Selling" seminars.

Flagstaff Emergency Services - Meeting held December 6, 2011. Discussed was: Regional service report from September to November 2011 was reviewed. PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Fire Agreement was presented by a member of the CAO group, discussion had about development of mutual aid agreements, shared operating costs, consistent reimbursements for call-outs from Villages and Towns, operating funding caps for Level 1 and Level 2 services; Regional Fire Chief - not a new position just a title change.


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MOVED by Councillor Drozdowski THAT Council approve an extension of the current Flagstaff Regional Fire Services Agreement until December 31, 2012, and further that any amendments approved to the agreement be retroactive to January 1, 2012.

SECONDED by Councillor Welder.

CARRIED

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CAO REPORT:

Project Updates: Cliff Masse - Mr. Masse is not in position to move forward on purchase of Lot 6 from Mr. Sabeti at this time.

Upcoming Activities: January 9 - FIP Meeting; January 12 - Lougheed Regular Council Meeting; January 13 - Battle River Watershed Alliance; January 19 - Hardisty Regular Council Meeting; February 2 - Hardisty Regular Council Meeting; February 8 - Lougheed Regular Council Meeting; February 9 - Brownlee LLP Seminar; February 9 - FIP Networking Meeting; February 16 - Hardisty Regular Council Meeting; February 20 - Family Day; February 26 - Drought & Watershed Management workshop.

009 /12 MOVED by Mayor O'Grady THAT Council approves sending two Councillor's, CAO and FO to attend the Brownlee LLP Seminar February 9, 2012.
SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Piller.

CARRIED

**ACTION
MATRIX:**

No Report.


IN CAMERA:

- 13.1 No Matters to Discuss.
- 13.2 No Matters to Discuss.
- 13.3 No Matters to Discuss.

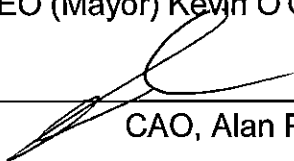
ADJOURNMENT:

010 /12 MOVED by Councillor Ottenbreit THAT Council adjourn at 9:05 PM.

CARRIED



 CEO (Mayor) Kevin O'Grady



 CAO, Alan Parkin