

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.  
Summer Villages Office Council Chambers  
Ma-Me-O Beach, AB**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Walter Schlese, Mayor  
Doris Bell, Deputy Mayor  
Kevin Pratt, Councillor

Sylvia Roy, CAO  
Terri Wiebe, ACAO

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Schlese called the Meeting to Order at 10:10 a.m.

**B. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Michelle Bacon – Living By Water Project, Nature Alberta

Living by Water (LbyW) is an initiative developed under the direction of Nature Alberta - a non-profit, non-governmental organization. This program is designed to help lake residents employ environmentally-friendly practices on their property to help maintain shoreline and water health.

When everyone's property and water-based activities are combined, the result is called a *cumulative effect*. Cumulative negative effects help to accelerate the deterioration of the lake, whereas, the cumulative adoption of beneficial practices could go a long way to improve conditions of lakes.

The Homesite Consultation Program is a core program of the LbyW project. LbyW focuses on the relationship between natural shorelines and shoreline communities by ensuring that permanent or seasonal residents have the knowledge and tools necessary to understand their effect on fisheries, habitat or wildlife resources and water quality in their communities.

Together with residents, *LbyW's* Homesite Technicians evaluate residential properties on issues pertaining to lakeshore property activities. The information and recommendations offered as part of the free, confidential consultation will help residents make their homes and properties more environment-friendly and wildlife-habitat friendly. The evaluation addresses five aspects of shoreline living including: 1) buffer zone; 2) built structures; 3) yard; 4) house; and 5) boating.

Nature Alberta is hoping to receive more requests for consultations as well as a brief speaking engagement at the 2012 Annual Information Meeting.

**C. ADOPTION / ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Res. #11-88**

**Moved by Mayor Schlese to adopt the Council Meeting agenda as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING(S)**

1. Organizational Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011

**Res. #11-89**

**Moved by Mayor Schlese that the Organizational Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011

**Res. #11-90**

**Moved by Mayor Schlese that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**E. READING OF BYLAWS & POLICIES**

1. Policy # 12-2011, Bylaw Enforcement

**Res. #11-91**

**Moved by Mayor Schlese to approve Policy #12-2011 Bylaw Enforcement Policy, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

2. Policy # 13-2011, Council Code of Ethics

**Res. #11-92**

**Moved by Mayor Schlese to approve Policy #13-2011 Council Code of Ethics Policy, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**F. COUNCIL & CAO REPORTS**

Follow-Up Report

Council inquired of the status of Administration's request for information from the County of Wetaskiwin's grading of Norris Beach road. Administration has nothing to report as a response has not yet been received from the County. This item will be further discussed as part of the IDP concerns with the County.

Deputy Mayor Bell was commended for the Recreation Committee's work in organizing a very successful Boat Rally; Deputy Mayor Bell advised that \$700 from the event will be applied towards the Recreation Committee for 2012 events.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Joint Service Committee

Maintenance contracts for snow removal and grass cutting will be revised to a multi-year format rather than annual tenders.

2. Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Committee  
Nothing to report.

3. Public Works

- i. Tree Maintenance

Administration will obtain estimates on tree maintenance to be performed on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

4. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association Funding Request

**Res. #11-93**

**Moved by Councillor Pratt to provide the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association with \$2000 for each of the four projects identified in their letter of July 8, 2011, and that the PLWA be requested to provide detailed budget information prior to Council consideration for further funding.**

**CARRIED**

Mayor called recess at 12:05 pm  
Mayor called meeting back to order at 12:38 pm

5. Playground Liability

Council reviewed and discussed a notice regarding reducing liability by using playground signage.

6. PLPS Update on Dog Attack

Pigeon Lake Protective Services Cst. Marty McKinney provided Council with an update on a recent dog attack on a child. The existing dog bylaw penalty amounts were reviewed for applicability. Council thanked Cst. McKinney and he departed from Council Chambers at 11:03 pm.

7. Alberta Agriculture Letter re: Weed Inspectors

Council reviewed a letter from Alberta Agriculture Minister Hayden, with respect to the Weed Control Act and the authority granted to appointed weed inspectors.

8. Crystal Springs Land Use Bylaw

Council and Administration reviewed various Land Use Bylaws in comparison to the Crystal Springs LUB. Council may suggest revisions to the Land Use Bylaw at a future meeting.

**H. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Alta Gas Franchise Fee

Council discussed the Alta Gas Franchise Fee correspondence. The Summer Village of Crystal Springs must decide whether to leave the current fee at 0% or, if an increase is requested, AltaGas must be notified by November 15, 2011.

Deputy Mayor Bell requested a recorded vote.

**Res. #11-94**

**Moved by Councillor Pratt that the Summer Village of Crystal Springs increase the AltaGas franchise fee from 0% to 5%.**

**In Favour: Councillor Pratt, Mayor Schlese  
Against: Deputy Mayor Doris Bell**

**CARRIED**


**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. # 11-95**

**Moved by Mayor Schlese that the meeting be adjourned at 1:55 pm.**

**CARRIED**

  
**Walter Schlese, Mayor  
Summer Village of Crystal Springs**

  
**Sylvia Roy, C.A.O.  
Summer Village of Crystal Springs**