

TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE Special Council Meeting

November 19, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers
Smoky Lake, Alberta

PRESENT:

Therese Taschuk	Deputy Mayor
Nathan Taylor	Councilor
Dave Paches	Councilor

PUBLIC:

Marianne Price	Iron Horse Trail Org.
Walter Sadoway	Riverland Recreational Trail Society

ABSENT:

Dave Franchuk	Mayor
John Cherniwchan	Councilor

ADMINISTRATION:

Colum Mc Cready	CAO
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. WAIVER

Deputy Mayor Taylor asked each Councilor to sign a waiver putting aside the requirement to provide prior notice of this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION # 434/09

MOVED by Councilor Taschuk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. Delegation:

Marianne Price
Walter Sadoway

Muni-Corr.
Riverland Recreational
Trail Society

Deputy Mayor Taylor began the meeting by suggesting some cost-saving ways of reducing O&M at the proposed staging area building. Some of these included the installation of a special garbage disposal facility which would be buried to cut down on garbage removal costs. He also suggested the installation of automatic motion sensor taps in the washroom. Marianne Price then spoke in response to a question by Deputy Mayor Taylor said that she would bring the proposition of locating the Staging Area at area 11 (Muni-Corr property) rather than Area 8 (Town Property).

Councilor Taschuk said she had complaints from residents about the location of the Staging Area and concerns about noise etc. Some complaints by three residents (names omitted) was read out and that these would be addressed during the upcoming Appeal by the Town of Smoky Lake Subdivision Development Appeal Board which is due to meet on November 27.

Councilor Paches spoke of Councils plans to cut back on expenditure this year and said that the Town has budget limitations and could not commit to paying for the installation of services to the proposed facility. Councilor Paches also said that he was more in favour of locating the facility in Area 11 which is near the existing Fire Hall and Public Works facility as this would result in much cheaper installation costs.

Deputy Mayor Taylor said that there would be a possibility of closure should Riverland Recreational Trail Society no longer be in a position to operate the facility and this was acknowledged by Ms Price.

Ms Price said that Riverland and the other groups would consider taking care of utilities charges. She

said that the current Muni-Corr Master Agreement indicates that each member of Muni-Corr is responsible for their part of the Trail and buildings and that Muni-Corr would be responsible for major repairs. She also said that the construction costs for the building would be absorbed by National Trail Coalition and the Provincial government who would share the costs of paying for the erection of the building and site preparation etc.

Ms Price said that there would not be a lease in place between Muni-Corr and the Riverland. Muni-Corr could organize a surveyor to organize a full survey of the site and the cost of this would be absorbed by Muni-Corr. Two Agreements are to be drawn up: one for the land and one for the building. In conclusion it was provisionally agreed during the discussions that:

- The Town would not be responsible for the cost of installing all services (in house) to the facility but is accepting responsibility for paying indemnity insurance.
- Riverland would pay for site preparation, construction costs of the facility building; building security; operation and maintenance of the building and site and landscaping.

All of this however would be included in an agreement which would be drawn up between the Town and Muni-Corr. Finally, Ms Price confirmed that the building would always remain Town property. She said that she would speak with the Muni-Corr Board and bring back a response concerning the proposed land exchange mentioned above.

Walter Sadoway said that the choice of the second site (Area 11) would involve removing the existing gravel and this would need to be trucked out. Deputy Mayor Taylor asked the CAO if it was possible to begin work immediately. The CAO explained that the excavation work could begin as the development permit was approved but a stop-work order could be issued if current appeals were successful the excavated land would have to be

restored to its original condition. He also said that permission to proceed with the work during an appeal process would need to be given by Council. It is understood that there was urgency about the need to begin excavating as the ground was beginning to freeze and if the project was delayed any further it would need to be abandoned until next year.

MOTION #: 435/09

MOVED by Councilor Paches

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Smoky Lake proposes to allow Riverland access to Area 8 of CNR Plan 2562 B.S. to begin construction of a Staging Area pending the success of the current appeal process; that drainage is properly established that Muni-Corr agrees to exchange Area 11 for 1.5 acres of Area 8 which will be subdivided. This motion will also be subject garbage receptacles being installed on site.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 436/09

MOVED by Councillor Councilor Paches

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Nathan Taylor
Deputy Mayor

Colum Mc Cready
CAO