



Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2018

A special meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Council Present:

Mayor Blair Painter, Councillors: Marlene Anctil, Dave Filipuzzi, Doreen Glavin, Lisa Sygutek, Gordon Lundy, Dean Ward

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Ola Oladele, Director of Finance
Joey O'Brien, Manager of Community Services
Wayne Robutka, Manager of Operations
Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

Administration Absent:

Kristin Ivey, Manager of Corporate Services
Jesse Fox, Manager of Protective Services
Mel Bohmer, Director of Development, Engineering and Operations

Crowsnest Historical Society:

Chris Matthews, Executive Director
Lori Prentice
Fred Bradley
Gail Williams
Glen Girhiny

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blair Painter called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

01-2018-08-20: Councillor Ward moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Chris Matthews, Executive Director of the Crowsnest Historical Society/Crowsnest Museum, and board members of the Crowsnest Historical Society were in attendance for a discussion with Council concerning the proposed culvert construction on Museum lands.

Chris Matthews summarized the recent events and the position of the Crowsnest Historical Society as per the correspondence provided at the July 10, 2018 Council Meeting.

- Appreciates that Council was open to points one through five of the letter that was presented at the July 10, 2018 Council Meeting.
- Provided an explanation as to how the Crowsnest Historical Society arrived at the compensation figures requested for the four lots.
- Advised that most of one or two lots will become unusable
- Chris advised that they are appreciative of the annual financial support provided, however the letter was written with the ask based on the project before them. Reiterated that the Crowsnest Historical Society is not looking for a financial gain, however to be reimbursed for the loss of land.
- Fred Bradley commented that in any other situation a private land owner would be compensated for an infrastructure project resulting in loss of land as a perspective on the letter. The Historical Society was also offered replacement of the retaining wall but were advised that this was a much more expensive option. The Museum did have plans for the property in question in terms of exhibits and a parking lot.
- Fred Bradley advised that when the Seniors Center built the addition, permission was granted from the Historical Society and Agreed to an easement based on the assumption that the road allowance was owned by the Historical Society. They have a copy of the bylaw which was going to close the road allowance, however after completion of title searches it appears that the closure was not completed by the Town of Coleman. Glen Snelgrove, Land Administration Consultant has been working on the research and provided information that the land is in fact owned by the Municipality.
- Chris Matthews advised that they were under the impression that there was a time crunch based on application of a grant. Chris advised that this was the best course of action for all parties involved.
- Chris Matthews is hoping to come to an agreement and would appreciate guidance as to whom they would work with to proceed with the matter.
- Fred Bradley explained that the original intent was in-kind compensation but had to identify a value of the lots in question.

Council requested clarification on the following:

- Asked if the lots will become completely unusable.
- Asked about the slopes of the lots after the proposed installation of culverts
- Commented on the fact that Council supports points one to five, but is shocked with the request for the \$20,000, based on what the Municipality has provided to the Museum in kind, in addition to the annual financial support provided.
- Commented that the project is for the betterment of the tax payer and would not support paying \$20,000 for the land.

- Indicated that perhaps a land swap could be negotiated.
- Council asked for clarification of the lots in question on the map.
- Council indicated that they felt that Administration had done the due diligence and that the Historical Society has a good working relationship with Administration.
- Asked what the difference in cost would be to install the retaining wall.
- Asked if a different option had been looked at based on the location of the culvert.
- Stated that the Municipality looked at the request in terms of a non-profit organization as opposed to a private land owner and feels that the ask of the taxpayer dollars is unreasonable.
- Council advised the Historical Society that all communications should flow through the Chief Administrative Officer
- Noted that additional costs would be incurred to get the road allowance closed and further costs regarding subdivision etc.
- Council would like to see the positive relationship continued.
- Reiterated that Council is not happy about the \$20,000 ask for the lots, however all of the in-kind things that are done need to be considered.
- The proposed project is for the betterment of the property to prevent overland flooding.
- Suggested that the Historical Society work with the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a better plan.
- Council would like to see the road allowance issue come to completion.

Administration provided clarification on the following:

- Advised that the water passes through a manmade waterway, and that it passes through private property preventing access.
- Advised that the slope of the lots will be 4 to 1.
- The map showing the affected areas was put on the projector for clarification of the boundaries of the Museum property.

PUBLIC INPUT

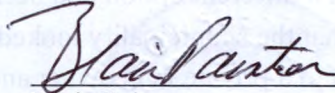
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MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

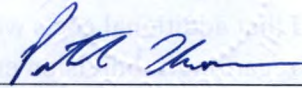
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ADJOURN

02-2018-08-20: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 pm.
Carried



Blair Painter
Mayor



Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer