

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Town of Killam, held in the Council Chambers of the Town Office, Killam, Alberta, on Thursday, April 19, 2007 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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| PRESENT | Bud James | Mayor |
| | Don Gay | Councillor |
| | Reg Grant | Councillor |
| | Darcy Eskra | Councillor |
| | Rick Krys | Councillor |
| | Wendy Ramberg | Chief Administrative Officer |
| | Kimberly Borgel | Recording Secretary |

Councillor Spiller was absent from the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor James called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA MOVED by Clr. Gay to accept the agenda and addendum with the following additions:

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. *Recycling Bins*
- 3. *Town of Killam Website*
- 4. *Sidewalks*
- 5. *Municipal Elections*

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

- 4. *Canada Day Celebrations*

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 2. *Councillor Gay-Veteran’s Memorial Highway Association*
- 3. *Mayor James – Small Communities Conference*

CARRIED

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MOVED by Clr. Grant to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2007.

CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

KILLAM KROSSING STREET LIGHTS Discussion ensued regarding the Killam Krossing Street Lights, a copy of the Request for Decision is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

- \$24,986.32 to have Fortis maintain the lights
- There is also a commercial building to the south, land east of the Krossing with development potential
- Could phase in the purchase of the lights – purchase 2 now, 2 in 2008 and so on
- Leave ownership to the Killam Krossing, but pay them an amount per year to help offset the costs

075.04.19.07 MOVED by Clr. Grant to offer to pay Killam Krossing 1/3 of the total cost of powering the lights upon receiving a copy of the invoices at the end every year. CARRIED

**SPECIAL
CONSTABLE
SERVICES
CONTRACT
MOTION**

Discussion ensued regarding the Special Constable Services Contract, a copy of the Request for Decision and the proposed contract is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

MOVED by Clr. Kryss to sign the attached contract for a term of two years.

More discussion took place:

- \$60/month increase from 2006 is unreasonable – 17% increase
- 120 hours/year were contracted in 2006

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN**

Clr. Kryss withdrew motion.

076.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Grant to sign a Special Constable Services Contract with a two year term at a cost equal to the 2006 contract (\$4,440.00 per year). **CARRIED**

**NEW PHASE
GAUME
SUBDIVISION**

This item of business is deferred to the next council meeting.

**CANADA DAY
CELEBRATIONS**

Ag Society members have approached some council members regarding the date of the fireworks. The current scheduled date is June 23, 2007. The Ag. Society would like the fireworks to take place on Friday, June 15, 2007 in conjunction with the Rodeo. Friday night is kids night and the rodeo will be over by 10 p.m. The Canada Day birthday cake could be served at the Street Fair on Saturday.

077.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Eskra that the date of the Canada Day Celebrations be changed from June 23, 2007 to June 15 and 16th, 2007. Fireworks will be held on Friday night and the cake will be served on Saturday. **CARRIED**

**GRAINLINE
SERVICE
CHARGES**

Mayor James stated that he spoke with Terry Hamilton at Grainline Implements regarding the service charges, Mr. Hamilton stated that Grainline provided the following to Town of Killam:

- Free use of a loaner tractor during the time that our tractor was in the shop
- When the service manager at Grainline was approached with questions on the invoice, he responded in a timely manner
- Zero-forgiveness policy on service changes
- Enjoy a very good working relationship

**INDUSTRIAL
SUBDIVISION**

Clr. Grant stated that a Real Property Report shall be done for all of the lots in the Industrial Subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS

**LAPTOP
PURCHASE**

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of laptops for Town of Killam staff, a copy of the Request for Decision is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

Administration has ordered laptops for Council, the question is if the staff could also purchase the laptops by a loan and deduct the payments through the Town Payroll System.

078.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Grant that council allow staff who are interested in purchasing a laptop to do so by an interest free loan over a 18 month term, payments will be deducted from the payroll system and that if the employee quits before the loan is paid off, the employee must either pay the loan in full immediately or give the computer back.

CARRIED

**RECYCLING
BINS**

Concerns about the condition of the area surrounding the recycling bins were discussed.

- Water sitting and needs to be drained to a ditch
- Public Works Foreman has found a grant to apply for in order to do a permanent fix
- Need something done in the short term
- The composting bin area needs to be fixed up as well

**TOWN OF
KILLAM
WEBSITE**

Council would like to see some information on the fire department and local ambulance service added to the website. Pictures should also be included.

SIDEWALKS

Discussion ensued regarding the condition and replacement of sidewalks.

- Crosswalk in the school zone is not wheelchair accessible on one end
- CAOs will put together a list to tender as a region
- Bill Weeks could be hired to work with PW to do the curb work
- Curb work is needed across from Reg Grant residence
- Manholes are becoming exposed and need to be attended to

**MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS**

Council asked administration to put together an information package to give out with nomination forms.

The FIP Committee will be organizing a seminar for newly elected officials.

079.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Kryss that administration develops a policy that is it mandatory for all councilors (old and new) to attend the seminar for elected officials. CARRIED

GRASS BURNING

Council feels that the ditches and grasses need to burn by the fire department this year. Administration will notify the fire chief and this burning shall be done the 1st part of May. Administration asked that Council let them know if they have a spot they would like to see burned.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence items as listed below were accepted by Council for information:

1. **FCM – Annual General Meeting**– The Annual General Meeting will be held in Calgary at the annual conference on Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, there is a consent form to be completed.
2. **2007 Canada Post Community Literacy Awards**– These awards are dedicated to recognizing literacy initiatives and to celebrate the achievements of adult learners along with those who have helped them learn to read and write.
3. **Killam & District Health Care Foundation – Trip Lottery**– A pamphlet offering tickets for sale for a “Trip Lottery”. One trip per month or cash option will be given away. Tickets are \$25 each or 3 for \$60.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLR. SPILLER

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1. Killam Cemetery Report – A copy of the report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

080.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Eskra that the Town of Killam Cemetery Committee Board Members consist of Al Wallace, Meta Lindseth and Gordon Dammann for a two year term and Reg Fee, Shirley Dammann and Tony Schnettler for a three year term. CARRIED

2. Communities in Bloom - A copy of the report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

081.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Grant that the Town of Killam terminate their membership in Communities in Bloom and not enroll for 2007. CARRIED

Clr. Spiller also reported on the possibility of a Community Garden again this year. A copy of a Request for Decision is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

082.04.19.07

MOVED by Clr. Krys that the Town of Killam allow Dara Tomasson to run a Community Garden at 5211-50th Street and that the Town of Killam give her a budget of \$250 and further that PW will rototill the area at the beginning and the end of the season. If the weeds get carried away PW will go in and rototill the garden.

CLR. GAY

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1. Veteran’s Memorial Highway Committee – There is a meeting Lac La Biche on May4th and Clr. Gay is unable to attend. He has asked if anyone else would like to attend to let CAO Ramberg know.

MAYOR JAMES

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1. Small Communities Conference – A copy of the report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ACTION ITEM LIST** A copy of the action item list is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.
- ACAO REPORT** A copy of the Assistant CAO Report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.
- PW REPORT** A copy of the PW Report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.
- RECREATION REPORT** A copy of the Recreation Report is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.
- ALLEYWAYS** MOVED by Clr. Grant to have the commercial alleys graded and repaired as needed by
083.04.19.07 May 1st. CARRIED
- ADJOURNMENT** MOVED by Clr. Gay to adjourn at 8:30 pm. CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer