

Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting held in the Town of Killam Council Chambers, Killam, Alberta, on Thursday, August 18, 2016 commencing at 6:00pm.

PRESENT	Brenda McDermott	Deputy Mayor, Meeting Chairperson
	Darcy Eskra	Councillor
	Brenda Grove	Councillor
	Rick Krys	Councillor
	Carol Kinzer	Councillor
	Kimberly Borgel	Chief Administrative Officer/Recording Secretary
	Dean Berrecloth	Public Work Superintendent

ABSENT Mayor James and Clr. Gordon were absent with regret.

CALL TO ORDER Deputy Mayor McDermott called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

AGENDA **MOVED** by Clr. Krys to adopt the Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

OPENING Deputy Mayor McDermott declared the Public Hearing open and welcomed everyone.

The public meeting is being heard **THAT** under authority of Sections 22, 24, 230 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26.1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 and amendments thereto, it is the intention of the Town of Killam to seek input regarding the introduction of Bylaw 840 whereby the 58th Street from 50 Avenue to 51A Avenue for the purpose of closing and consolidating all that portion of the road allowance with the property to the west.

PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTION OF BYLAW

BYLAW 840: CAO Borgel introduced the bylaw and explained the process of closing the road should that be decided.

**ROAD CLOSURE –
58 ST FROM 50
AVE TO 51A AVE**

A draft copy of Bylaw No. 840, road closure of 58 Street in the Town of Killam from 50 Avenue to 51A Avenue, is hereto attached and forms a part of the minutes.

BYLAW NO. 840, BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF KILLAM IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, CANADA TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL AND DISPOSING OF PORTIONS OF A PUBLIC ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, CHAPTER M-26, STATUTES OF ALBERTA, 2000, AS AMENDED.

Should the Town of Killam Council choose to give second and third reading to this road closure bylaw, a copy of the approved bylaw, all written submissions and all presentations (in favor and in opposition) will be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, Province of Alberta to determine final approval.

1st READING
BYLAW NO. 840
156.06.27.16

First Reading of Bylaw No. 840, road closure of 58 Street in the Town of Killam from 50 Avenue to 51A Avenue was given on June 27, 2016.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

1. Alberta Transportation – A copy of the written submission from Alberta Transportation was read aloud at the meeting and is hereto attached and forms a part of the minutes.
2. Fortis Alberta – A copy of the written submission from Fortis Alberta was read aloud at the meeting and is hereto attached and forms a part of the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

IN FAVOUR

Aaron Lassu was present on behalf of Battle River Implements (BRI) to speak in favor of the Bylaw 840.

- BRI is the current owner of the properties on both the east and west side of the road in question. The west side property was just recently purchased in the Spring of 2016 from Killam Transit Mix.
- The intent is to expand their equipment sales lot onto the property to the west of the road. They would like to join all of the lots and create one large parcel.
- They feel that the majority of travel from Monday to Friday during business hours is from BRI and Killam Transit Mix employees.
- They would like to re-slope the lots and do a proper drainage plan. The Town would no longer be required to maintain the road.
- They feel that closing the road will be safer than leaving it open because farm equipment will be moving between the east and west properties continuously. Keeping other vehicles off will better ensure no incidents happen with the public.

QUESTIONS

Clr. Eskra requested clarification regarding the drainage plan.

Mr. Lassu stated that when they built their new building a few years ago they had the area surveyed. All the water goes to the north ditch west into the ditch on the west side of their building. They will ensure that when the area is landscaped the slope will accommodate that. They also plan to clean out the ditch on the property to ensure flow is adequate.

IN OPPOSITION

D. McRae

Dan McRae was present to speak in opposition of the Bylaw 840.

- He doesn't use it that often but sometimes he has to when he is driving his Tridem truck and trailer hauling his excavator. Coming into town from the west on Highway 13, he cannot make the corner at 51A Avenue and 57th Street because the unit is too long. He must go to 50 Avenue to make the corner and then turns north down 58th Street (the road requested to be closed) and then off 58th Street onto 51A Avenue west to his property.

- If this road was closed, he would be forced to go south on Range Road 140 to Township Road 442 east to 57th Street and north on 57th Street to 51A Ave. which would take him through residential and playground zones.

Clr. Eskra requested Mr. McRae to clarify his first statement.

Mr. McRae clarified that it was when he is coming into town driving east along Highway 13 and trying to get to his property on the west end of 51A Avenue that he cannot make the corner because his truck and trailer are too long.

IN OPPOSITION

B. Barland

Bruce Barland was present to speak in opposition of the Bylaw 840.

- He had concerns about access for fire and ambulance. The more accesses they have, the better chance of a quick response.
- He asked how large the piece of road is and how much it would be worth.

Administration had this information on hand from the Town Assessor, Gary Barber. The land area is 66 feet x 353 feet or 23,298 sq.ft. or .53 acres. The land assessment rate is \$25,250/acre, so the assessment of that piece would be \$13,380.

IN OPPOSITION

Robert Bible was present to speak in opposition of the Bylaw 840.

- He had concerns about the equipment being parked on the boulevard.
- He was also curious about what the Town would receive for the purchase of the road and how much the Town would receive for taxes.
- He had concerns about access for fire and ambulance. The more accesses they have, the better chance of a quick response.

QUESTIONS

Deputy Mayor McDermott asked Council if they had any questions of those who were in opposition. There were none.

**ADDITIONAL
QUESTIONS**

Deputy Mayor McDermott asked Council if they had any additional questions for anyone present.

Clr. Kinzer asked Public Works Superintendent Dean Berrecloth about the condition of the road and if it has been a problem road in the past and if it is costing the Town money to keep it maintained.

Mr. Berrecloth stated that this year has been a bad year with all of the moisture. The road has been under water a few times and has had to be closed. It has not cost the Town much for maintenance in the past. Dust control has been done on it for the last 2 years. He believes that the ditches in the area should be dredged in 2017 and that this should help with drainage on the road.

ADJOURNMNT

Deputy Mayor McDermott thanked everyone for coming and declared the Public Hearing closed and meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Deputy Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Date

Date