

NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2011

In Attendance: Mayor Steve Christie, Chairperson, City of Lacombe
Mayor Larry Henkelman, Vice Chairperson, Town of Ponoka
Mayor Melodie Stol, Town of Blackfalds
Deputy Reeve, Doug Sproule, Lacombe County
Michael Minchin, Administrator
Kim Sharyk, Administrator Assistant, City of Lacombe

Others Present: Brad Watson, CAO, Town of Ponoka
Corrine Newman, CAO, Town of Blackfalds
Matthew Goudy, Engineering Services, Lacombe, NRDRWSC Engineering
Chris Huston, Infrastructure Services, Lacombe, NRDRWSC Operations

Regrets: Reeve Gord Svenningsen, Ponoka County

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson Christie called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sproule that the agenda for February 28, 2011 be adopted as amended; addition of 5 b) Discussion on Fluoridation.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

MOVED by Mayor Henkelman that the minutes for January 31, 2011 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Reports

There were no reports presented.

5. New Business:

2011 Operating Budget

Mr. Minchin presented the final revised rates from the City of Red Deer and discussed the 2011 Operating Budget with the Commission Members.

In summary:

- Final rates are \$1.13 per cubic meter of water.
- Estimated sales are around 2.5 million and if we stay in this range then the Commission will not have to worry about true up at the end of the year.

- A recommended rate for the municipalities is a change from \$1.70 per cubic meter to \$1.92 per cubic meter.
- An adjustment to the Operating Budget to include the replacement valve in 2011 rather than 2010; delivery of valve was February 2011.
- Reducing transfer to reserves by \$100,000.
- Recommend an interim budget be approved by the Commission while the municipalities have a chance to review the 2011 Operating Budget; this is to cover expenditures in the interim.

Discussions followed to obtain clarity on the information provided to the Commission by Mr. Minchin.

MOVED by Mayor Henkelman to approve the 2011 Operating Budget subject to any feedback from Commission Members during the next 30 days of review.

CARRIED

Fluoridation Discussion

Mayor Stol brought to the attention of the Commission that the a member of Council for City of Red Deer had put forth a notice of motion for the citizens of Red Deer to vote on whether or not to continue the fluoridation of the City's water at the 2013 municipal election. This notice of motion does not include the North Red Deer River Water Services Commission even though we are a large customer of this water supply.

Information on the City of Red Deer's motion was reported in the Red Deer Advocate on February 22, 2011.

A discussion continued on this topic to express concerns, options and scenarios as to what the Commission may do with this information. It was agreed to monitor the situation and wait until the issue was discussed by Red Deer City Council.

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Sproule to accept this discussion of fluoridation as information.

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting:

April 18, 2011 at 9:00 am.

7. Adjournment:

MOVED by Mayor Stol to adjourn this February 28, 2011 NRDRWSC Meeting at 9:40 am.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Administrator