

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at the
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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| PRESENT | Mayor | Robb Stuart |
| | Councillor | Sheila Church |
| | Councillor | Sandy Gamble |
| | Councillor | Earl Wilson |
| | Councillor | Paul Webb |
| | Councillor | Wayne Milaney |

ABSENT Councillor Lloyd Lane

DELEGATIONS Ryan Watcher & Dan Luymes (BDO Canada LLP) for Agenda Item 4.a
Keith Bailey & Julie Brewster (Bowden Ag. Society) for Agenda Item 4.b

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| STAFF | Andy Weiss | Chief Administrative Officer |
| | Jade Prefontaine | Development Officer |

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council approves the March 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the March 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegations

Item 4.a Ryan Wachter, BBA (BDO Canada LLP) 2014 Audited Financial Statements Ryan Wachter, BBA, and Dan Luymes (BDO Canada LLP) are on hand to present the 2014 Town of Bowden Audited Financial Statements and to answer any questions related to the audit.

Motion 4.a Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council approves the 2014 Audited Financial Statements as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4.b Keith Bailey (Bowden Ag. Society) are on hand to report to Council on the Bowden Ag. Society's existing and upcoming plans for the Bowden Ag. Society. He will also address any questions or concerns that Council members may have regarding Ag. Society operations.

Motion 4.b Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Town of Bowden will contribute \$5000 for a Major Sponsorship program at the July 2015 Bowden Daze Rodeo. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 6.a Bowden Rest Stop Requests Joe & Marie Foster, current maintenance contractors for the Bowden Rest Stop are asking that Council consider two requests.

First, they are asking for permission to open the camping area of the Rest Stop on April 2, 2015. Traditionally, we have opened this camping area on the May long weekend. However, due to the mild spring, they are getting numerous requests for access to the camping areas from passing motorists. Starting with last weekend, they have begun interior concession operations and have reported good customer traffic. Financially, there is minimal impact to the municipality with an early campground opening. The only issue that I see is that we would not yet turn on the water as the risk of freezing is still there. The date for turning on the water is always dependent on weather.

Secondly, they are asking for permission to sell advertising on the existing cement picnic tables at the Rest Stop. This would be at no cost to the municipality and they are requesting that two of the picnic tables be for their own uses and any revenue generated from potential advertising on the other tables would be put back into the Rest Stop for things like new picnic tables and fire pits.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council grants permission for both proposed actions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.b Natural Gas Service Request 1309497 Alberta Ltd. O/A W.A. Grain & Pulse Solutions currently leases land from the Town of Bowden for their grain plant operations located west of the tracks on the south end of Bowden. (Some people may still call this operation Parkland Commodities). As a part of their continuing operational upgrades, they have requested that Natural Gas Service be provided to the lands from Foothills Natural Gas.

As is the case with more and more utility service providers, renters cannot get natural gas services in their own names. The Land Owner must be the applicant and will ultimately be the ones responsible for the monthly costs associated with this service. A copy of their standard agreement is attached.

1309497 Alberta Ltd. has already paid the connection fees to Foothills Natural Gas. They have provided Administration with a binder letter from their insurer which lists the Town of Bowden as an additional named insured for potential future liability claims – a copy of which is attached to this agenda. They are also proposing to pre-pay yearly for the monthly gas service by providing the municipality with \$5,000.00 which will be used solely to pay for the monthly gas service to the parcel. This number can be adjusted in the future should it be deemed necessary.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that authorizes Administration to enter into the attached Natural Gas Service Contract with Foothills Natural Gas for the provision of natural gas to 1309497 Alberta Ltd. O/A W.A. Grain & Pulse Solutions on Town owned lands.

Financial Statements

Motion 7.c Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the attached Cheque Listing for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a Council Committee Reports Council members share highlights of their Committee meetings with the other Council members.

Motion 8.a Council accepts the Council Committee Reports for information.

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss a legal issue at 8:25 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Council meeting come out of camera at 8:48p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that the March 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:50 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Robb Stuart

Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer