

The Regular Meeting of Sedgewick Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Sedgewick Town Office, Sedgewick, Alberta on Thursday August 18th, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Present	Helen Whitten Tom Chaisson Clem St. Pierre Barbara McArthur David Wylie Pat Whitehead	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
Absent	Cory Gagnon	Councillor
Present	Thelma Rogers Amanda Davis Sarah Zimmer	Chief Administrative Officer Recording Secretary Municipal Intern

Call to Order Mayor Whitten called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Agenda

2011.08.546 MOTION by Clr. D. Wylie that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

Correspondence:

5. Traffic Complaint

Business:

9. Councillor Absence

CARRIED.

Correspondence:

**Resident
Complaint**

Council reviewed a written complaint regarding the use of town land. Council directed Administration to advise the Sedgewick Agricultural Society of complaints received regarding the storage of horses on municipal land north of Bluejay Crescent. The complainant to be advised that notice has been sent to the Sedgewick Agricultural Society.

**Resident
Complaint**

Council reviewed a written complaint regarding the removal of speed traffic devices on MacKenzie Drive.

2011.08.547

MOTION by Clr. D. Wylie that the 50 km/h speed limit on MacKenzie Drive be revised to 30 km/h. CARRIED.

Council directed Administration to advertize the traffic sign change in the next edition of the Sedgewick Scoop and confirm that enforcement will begin. Also, that Administration sends a letter to the complainant advising Council's decision regarding the traffic complaint.

AUMA Convention

The Annual AUMA Convention and AMSC Tradeshow will be held at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre from September 28-30th, 2011; Clr. C. St. Pierre confirmed attendance.

City of Calgary

The City of Calgary sought support for a resolution on a request for a municipal share of provincial oil sands royalties.

2011.08.548

MOTION by Clr. P. Whitehead that:

WHERE AS a June 2011 independent study entitled *Economic Impact of Staged Development of Oil Sands Production in Alberta (2010-2035)* by the Canadian Energy Research Institute shows the Government of Alberta will see oil sands royalties increase 5-fold in the next 6-years. During the entire 25-year period, the overall investments, reinvestments, and revenues from operation of the existing and under construction oil sands projects are estimated at \$2.1 trillion. Should there be additional pipelines constructed, Alberta would see an estimated increase of \$4.7 trillion to the provincial economy;

AND WHEREAS the study states that the oil sands impact Alberta more than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Alberta oil sands are at the heart of most of the growing pressures on municipalities across the province; these pressures are causing most of the issues with regard to growth in every Alberta municipality;

AND WHEREAS: the tax base local governments have is always a reactive tax as to what the property values are worth, with municipalities always having to play catch up; and these cash strapped municipalities in Alberta have regularly seen higher than normal property tax increases;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Alberta who are the most impacted by the oil sands should all share equally in the benefits of the oil sands royalties. A small percentage of these oil sands royalties distributed to each of the municipalities would greatly ease the growing strain and the tax burden felt by individual taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS even if 10% of the annual oil sands royalties, which are currently being paid to the provincial government were transferred to Alberta municipalities, the Government of Alberta would still earn a compounding annual increase of 30% in their revenues over the next 6 years;

AND WHEREAS the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministries are currently creating a national energy strategy;

AND WHEREAS the governing Progressive Conservative Party in Alberta is in the midst of a pivotal leadership race, which will be followed by an equally pivotal Provincial election, municipalities can be leaders in magnifying the potential opportunity to distribute a share of the royalties given to the provincial government from the oil sands to Alberta municipalities;


NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sedgewick engage the leadership candidates, and subsequently the new Premier, in a discussion to garner at least 10% of oil sands royalties from the provincial government for distribution to Alberta municipalities on a per capita basis. CARRIED.

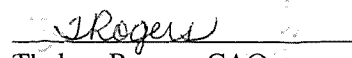
- Traffic Complaint** Council received a written complaint pertaining to the 3-way STOP sign at the east end of 53rd Street and the speed limit on MacKenzie Drive. Council directed Administration to inform the complainant of the new traffic amendments.
- 2011.08.549** MOTION by Clr. T. Chaisson to accept all correspondence items and file as information. CARRIED.
- Financial Statement**
2011.08.550 Council reviewed the Financial Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2011.
MOTION by Clr. C. St. Pierre to approve the Financial Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2011. CARRIED.
- Accounts** Council reviewed the issuance of general cheques and payroll cheques for the month ending July 31st, 2011.
- 2011.08.551** MOTION by Clr. P. Whitehead to approve issuance of General Cheques #1335-1394 totaling \$95,656.04 and Payroll Cheques #4763-4783 totaling \$32,874.75 for the month ending July 31st, 2011 as attached to and forming part of these minutes. CARRIED.
- Committee Reports** Council provided written reports to August 18th, 2011 as attached to and forming part of these minutes.
- FFCS** Clr. D. Wylie reported on Flagstaff Family & Community Services (FFCS) activities up to August 18th, 2011:
- A new FFCS Director has been hired
 - Three \$500 scholarships will be presented to eligible high school students in honor of retiring FFCS Manager G. Watt
- SGC** Clr. D. Wylie reported on Sedgewick Golf Club activities up to August 18th, 2011:
- The Golf Club sought approval to use the dirt pile west of the golf course to bury peat moss until the product can be utilized on the golf greens.
There were no Council objections to this request.
- FRHG** Mayor Whitten reported on the August 23rd, 2011 Special Flagstaff Regional Housing Group Meeting:
- FRHG is advertizing for a new Administrator. Discussion was held that the FRHG should consider partnering with another Regional Housing group for Administration services. Bethany Group, Covenant Health and the Wainwright housing area groups were sent notice of FRHG's inquiries for administration services.
- Sedgewick Lake** Clr. T. Chaisson reported on the July 28th, 2011 Sedgewick Lake Park Committee Meeting:
- The board requested clarification where the Town's current dump pile will be relocated to.

Council directed Administration to arrange a Public Works Committee Meeting to discuss the dump site.

- FRSWMA** Clr. C. St. Pierre reported on Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association (FRSWMA) activities up to August 18th, 2011:
- A new FRSWMA manager was hired
- 2011.08.552** MOTION by Clr. B. McArthur to accept Committee Reports with the following amendments:
- Clr. T. Chaisson report – Sedgewick Lake Park should state...future plans of the ‘SE’ spill pile...not ‘NE’. CARRIED.
- CAO Report** CAO Rogers provided a written Administration Report to August 18th, 2011 as attached to and forming part of these minutes.
- 2011.08.553** MOTION by Clr. D. Wylie to accept the CAO Report as presented. CARRIED.
- Minutes:**
Council Meeting Council reviewed the minutes of the July 21st, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.
- 2011.08.554** MOTION by Clr. P. Whitehead that the minutes of the July 21st, 2011 Council meeting be approved with the following amendments:
- Page 2 - July 12th Storm* - should state ‘...from the July 12th, ‘2010 storm,’ not ...from July 12th ‘2011 storm.’
- MOTION 2011.07.532 should state, by ‘*Clr. C. St. Pierre,*’ not ‘Clr. P. Whitehead.’ CARRIED.
- 2011.08.555** MOTION by Clr. D. Wylie to amend Motion 2011.07.530 to state that the Town of Sedgewick waives all utility fees on Plan 3916 TR, Block 23, Lot 2 and Plan 3916 TR, Block 23, Lot 3 until services are required. CARRIED.
- Matters Arising**
2011.08.556 MOTION by Clr. T. Chaisson that a meeting be arranged with Morrison Hershfield and Border Paving to address the 49A Street paving near the intersection of 51st Avenue. CARRIED.
- Council directed Administration to request a breakdown of costs for the Border Paving Payment Certificate#1 for the patch paving repairs.
- Business:**
H&P Bylaw #484 Hawkers and Peddlers License Bylaw #484 was presented for Council approval.
- 2011.08.557** MOTION by Clr. P. Whitehead to give first reading of Bylaw #484. CARRIED.
- 2011.08.558** MOTION by Clr. T. Chaisson to give second reading of Bylaw #484. CARRIED.
- 2011.08.559** MOTION by Clr. C. St. Pierre to have third reading of Bylaw #484 at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2011.08.560** MOTION by Clr. B. McArthur to give third and final reading of Bylaw #484. CARRIED
- MSP – Tax Incentives** Discussion held regarding the implementation of a Tax Incentive Program for the Town of Sedgewick pursuant to the Municipal Sustainability Plan; policy development was deferred to Policy Review Committee.
- MSP - Housing** Discussion was held regarding a nearly vacant 8-suite apartment building on 51st Avenue. Council directed Administration to send a letter of inquiry to the property owner expressing Council concern regarding the property vacancy as this negatively impacts the pursuit of additional seniors’ housing options within the Town of Sedgewick.
- Main Street Park** Rockwater Landscapes provided a proposal and design plan for the Main Street Park.
- 2011.08.561** MOTION by Clr. D. Wylie that the Beatification Committee meet with Rockwater Landscapes to discuss the Main Street Park design and work plan. CARRIED.
- AB Transportation** Alberta Transportation, in partnership with industry and municipal governments, developed a multi-jurisdiction permitting system for oversize and overweight vehicles. The initiative and the software system has been announced as, TRAVIS Multi-Jurisdiction.

- 2011.08.562** MOTION by Clr. P. Whitehead to file the TRAVIS MJ Initiative as information. CARRIED.
- 2012 Budget** First draft of the 2012 Municipal Operating Budget was presented for review. Discussion was held regarding several budget line items. Council directed Administration to provide a revised budget to the September meeting.
- Rec Roof** Council reviewed tenders for the Sedgewick Arena Roof Replacement Project:
1. Acron Roofing System Inc. \$271,117
 2. Christensen & McLean Roofing Co. \$240,115
 3. Flynn Canada Ltd. \$216,370
 4. Fraser Bros. Roofing Ltd. \$215,789
 5. Western Weather Protector Ltd. \$188,071
- 2011.08.563** MOTION by Clr. C. St. Pierre to award the Sedgewick Arena Roof Replacement Project to Western Weather Protector Ltd. with a bid of \$188,071. CARRIED.
- Former Grocery Store Demolition Scope of Work** JADA Solutions Scope of Work for a tender package for the demolition of the old store on 47th Street was presented for Council review.
- 2011.08.564** MOTION by Clr. C. St. Pierre that the Town of Sedgewick approve the JADA Solutions Scope of Work as presented. CARRIED.
- Extended Absence** MOTION by Clr. D. Wylie to authorize Clr. C. Gagnon's absence pursuant to the Municipal Government Act Section 174. CARRIED.
- 2011.08.565**
- Adjournment** MOTION by Clr. B. McArthur for adjournment at 10:00 pm. CARRIED.
- 2011.08.566**


Helen Whitten, Mayor


Thelma Rogers, CAO