

**TOWN OF NIVERVILLE**

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of the Town of Niverville held on May 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Greg Fehr and Councillors Helen Sparrow, David Braun, John Funk and Kevin Stott.

Res#144 D. Braun – K. Stott  
In Camera BE IT RESOLVED that Council meet as committee of the whole in camera.  
“Carried”

Res#145 J. Funk – H. Sparrow  
Resume BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting of the committee of the whole be adjourned and that Council resume its former order of business.  
“Carried”

Res#146 D. Braun – J. Funk  
Minutes BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 6, 2008 regular council meeting be approved as presented, all statutory requirements having been met.  
“Carried”

Res#147 J. Funk – K. Stott  
Agenda BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted subject to the following additions:  
Seminars and Meetings – Eastman Education  
Reports – Movement to paperless council meeting  
- Showcasing rural Manitoba to medical students  
“Carried”

Res#148 J. Funk – D. Braun  
Funeral Aid Grant WHEREAS the Town has been requested to provide an operational grant to assist the Niverville Funeral Aid society to maintain Niverville’s cemeteries;  
  
AND WHEREAS the Town wishes to support this valued community organization in its mandate especially since concerns regarding maintenance standards at the cemetery have been raised with Council;  
  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a \$1000 operational grant be provided to the Niverville Funeral Aid society.  
“Carried”

Res#149 K. Stott – D. Braun  
Laptop Purchase WHEREAS Council in its desire to become more environmentally responsible wishes to move to a paperless council meeting;  
  
AND WHEREAS historically, significant supporting documents are provided to members of Council during the course of a meeting;  
  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the purchase of 6 laptop computers, projector and supporting technology for \$8500.00.  
“Carried”

Council concurred to the following:

1. That a campground for trailers be developed at the south limits of the fairgrounds with current fairground infrastructure being maintained. Plans for the campground will be drafted and presented to the W&Op committee.
2. That a request by Niverville Autobody to enter into an easement agreement be tabled to allow for further consideration.

3. That the Council of the Town of Niverville will give consideration to making a presentation on Bill 17 regarding a permanent ban on building or expanding hog barns in significant portions of Manitoba. Council's position is that any decision to address environmental concerns must be science based and address all sectors contributing to any environmental challenges.
4. That recognizing the town now has 4 cell phones in operation, a comprehensive package for services with MTS be considered.
5. That to assist W&Op in its task during clean-up week, consideration be given to dividing the town into three sectors, each sector receiving clean-up services on a designated day and that only email contact addresses be utilized. A comprehensive list of hazardous materials is to be developed.
6. That the centre island of Park Drive be raised and landscaped to meet both expectations of the W&Op department and the historical commission.
7. That the CAO be authorized to replace flooring in the office with tile and laminate as may be required.
8. That the Town of Niverville will be participating in only one golf tournament per year, that being the Niverville Chamber of Commerce event.
9. That should surplus dirt be made available by developers, that same be placed in Hespeler Park and incorporated into berms and other attractive recreational opportunities.

Res#150  
NHCM  
Grant

H. Sparrow – K. Stott

BE IT RESOLVED that a grant of \$1960.00 be provided to the Niverville Heritage Centre Mgt. Co. for the purchase of cleaning equipment.

“Carried”

Res#151  
Summer  
Schedule

D. Braun – H. Sparrow

BE IT RESOLVED that the summer and fall regular scheduled meetings of Council be amended and advertised as follows:

1. That the regular meetings of July and August be cancelled and that special meetings of Council be held on July 22, 2008 and August 26, 2008; and
2. That the regular meetings of September 2008 be postponed one week and held on September 9, 2008 and September 23, 2008.

“Carried”

Res#152  
Advertising  
Signs

K. Stott – D. Braun

WHEREAS Council receives numerous requests for advertising and promotion services for the community;

AND WHEREAS Council has set its promotion priorities for 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in 2008, the Town is committed to the promotion of the community utilizing the following three approaches:

- a. The construction of two new town identification signs to be located at the east and west town boundaries, including appropriate landscaping to provide an inviting professional appearance, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00; and
- b. To participate in two radio advertising blitzes which will only be conducted in partnership with the promotion of local businesses who must use the phrase “Niverville – where you belong” in the advertising; and
- c. Finances permitting, the purchase of street banners, the design thereof to be researched.

“Carried”

- Res#153  
Boulevard  
Signs
- J. Funk – K. Stott  
WHEREAS requests from businesses are received from time to time for the placement of temporary advertising signs on Town boulevards;
- AND WHEREAS Council wishes to promote local businesses in a manner that does not detract from the visual appearance of the community’s Main Street;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that temporary advertising signs will be permitted to be placed on town boulevards subject to the following conditions:
- a. Temporary signs are for special events only with a maximum of two events per year per applicant;
  - b. Temporary signs can only be placed on town boulevards for a maximum of three days;
  - c. A damage deposit of \$250.00 shall be placed with the Town;
  - d. Works & Operations manager’s approval of sign location is required prior to the placement of the sign on the boulevard;
  - e. A permit fee of \$20.00 shall be assessed.
- “Carried”
- Res#154  
Agricultural  
Boundaries
- K. Stott – H. Sparrow  
WHEREAS from time to time questions arise as to Council’s position of the expansion of agricultural enterprises within a specific distance of the Town’s boundaries;
- AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance that agri-business, including livestock and poultry producers, perform within the community;
- AND WHEREAS Council is committed to working with existing agri-business, both within the town’s boundaries and within close proximity thereto ensuring continued good working relationships are maintained, and where differences in competing land uses do occur, to work with existing agri-producers to resolve these matters;
- AND WHEREAS Council, following the examples of neighbouring municipalities, deems it expedient to not support any further agri-business expansion or building within one mile of the Town’s boundaries;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council recognizing the potential for non-compatible land uses, is opposed to any new livestock or poultry operations within one mile of its municipal boundary.
- “Carried”
- Res#155  
Eastman Ed.  
Meeting
- K. Stott – D. Braun  
BE IT RESOLVED that members of Council be authorized to attend a special meeting of the Eastman Education Centre in Steinbach, on May 28, 2008.
- “Carried”
- Res#156  
Cheques
- H. Sparrow – J. Funk  
BE IT RESOLVED that cheques nos. 22641 to 22674 totaling \$78,439.47 be hereby approved for payment.
- “Carried”
- Res#157  
Financial
- J. Funk – H. Sparrow  
BE IT RESOLVED that the April 30, 2008 financial statement be accepted as presented.
- “Carried”

Res#158  
Adjourn

H. Sparrow – J. Funk

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned. (9:20 p.m.)

“Carried”

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Mayor

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