

Town of Lamont

April 28, 2015
Regular Meeting of Council

Town Council Chambers

PRESENT:	Bill Skinner	Mayor
	Gail Hrehorets	Councillor
	Debra Dunsmore	Councillor
	Wayne Field	Councillor
	Dave Taylor	Councillor
	Steven Sharun	Councillor
	Doug Pewarchuk	Councillor
	Sandi Maschmeyer	Chief Administrative Officer
	Betty Malica	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Skinner: called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA:**

MOTION: 76/15 Councillor Sharun: that the agenda be accepted as amended:
In-Camera - Legal
Business – RFD – Tax Sale

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DECLARATION OF
PECUNIARY**

INTEREST: None

IN-CAMERA:

MOTION: 77/15 Councillor Hrehorets: that Council goes into Committee of the Whole In-Camera regarding legal and land at 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: 78/15 Councillor Pewarchuk: that Council returns from Committee of the Whole In-Camera at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

DELEGATION: a) **Beaver Hills Initiative**

MOTION: 79/15 Councillor Hrehorets: that council accepts the delegation presentation of the Beaver Hills Initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present were Mr. Glen Lawrence, Chair and Jocelyn Thrasher-Haug, Acting Executive Director of the Beaver Hills Initiative. The objectives of the Beaver Hills Initiative are to bring a greater understanding of the ecological and cultural significance of the Beaver Hills Moraine. Its activities and benefits to the communities within the moraine and establishing the foundation for on-going support. Town of Lamont borders the northerly portion of Elk Island National Park which encompasses the Beaver Hills Initiative.

Beaver Hills Initiative is seeking a letter of support from surrounding communities in order to receive Biosphere designation. Mayor Skinner thanked them for their presentation and will discuss request later in the meeting.

Councillor Pewarchuk left chambers at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: 80/15 Councillor Taylor: that council send a letter of support to Beaver Hills Initiative for the Unesco Biosphere Nomination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Pewarchuk returned to chambers at 8:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a) Council Minutes - April 14, 2015

MOTION: 81/15 Councillor Sharun: that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 14, 2015 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Town Wide Cleanup – April 10, 2015

MOTION: 82/15 Councillor Hrehorets: that the minutes of the Town Wide Cleanup held April 10, 2015 be accepted as amended:
Supplies: remove \$300 and insert 300

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Park Planning Committee – April 21, 2015

MOTION: 83/15 Councillor Pewarchuk: that the minutes of the Park Planning Committee held April 21, 2015 be accepted as amended:
New Business item b): remove request and letter of support

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE: None

BYLAWS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) RCMP 4th Quarter Report

Council information

b) Economic Development for Elected Officials

Council information

c) Bylaw Officer Report

Council information

BUSINESS: **a) RFD – Tax Sale**

The tax sale is proceeding on May 26, 2015 and we require a motion of Council for the reserved bids on each of the properties.

MOTION: 84/15 Councillor Hrehorets: Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Lamont, having considered the report of the Chief Administrative Officer regarding unpaid tax arrears, hereby approves proceeding with the Tax Sale pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* for the following properties subject to the conditions described below:

LINC Number	Legal Description	Title Number	Reserve Bid
0010345016	Plan RN75, Block 6, Lots 6, 7 and 8	062 519 816	\$168,600.00
0030114409	Plan 6700U, Block 4, Lot 13	032 361 642 +2	\$ 80,300.00
0020323788	Plan 1708KS, Block B, Lot 6	962 063 752	\$ 31,400.00
0019105403	Plan 3429RS, Block 4, Lot 13	072 222 026	\$ 84,400.00
0013731609	Plan 7821637, Block 3, Lot 15	062 555 775	\$222,500.00
0012326237	Plan 8020903, Block 4, Lot 23	142 220 954	\$211,100.00
0012325016	Plan 8020903, Block 7, Lot 18	012 041 391	\$ 51,000.00
0026811753	Plan 9623213, Lot L	072 670 624	\$162,200.00

1. The tax sale shall proceed by auction at the Lamont Town Office, Lamont, Alberta on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.
2. The properties shall be offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and the Town of Lamont makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever including as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the develop ability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Town of Lamont.
3. All properties listed above shall be subject to the tax sale if the total outstanding property taxes remain outstanding prior to the tax sale.
4. Each parcel will be offered for sale by auction, subject to a reserve bid and to certain registrations shown on the existing certificate of title as described in section 423(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*.
5. A non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of purchase price, by bank draft or by lawyer's trust cheque shall be due on sale date, with the balance of the purchase price due on closing.
6. Successful bidders agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Town of Lamont's standard Tax Sale Agreement, a copy of which shall be made available to prospective bidders at the Lamont Town Office prior to the tax sale.

CARRIED UNAINMOUSLY

**OUT OF CAMERA
MOTION:**

None

**STAFF AND COUNCIL
REPORTS:**

Councillor Hrehorets

Attended Park Planning meeting
 Attended Town Wide Cleanup Committee meeting
 Campbell greenbelt along 50A Ave. people are parking boats, trailers etc.
 please contact them and ask that they remove the items

Councillor Dunsmore

Email sent to Website Committee
 1) Regarding our website there are some housekeeping decisions that we need to make.
 2) Who will keep the website up to date and will make changes to the pages.

- 3) We need to contact our provider to inform them that certain browsers are not working on our website. ie: goggle chrome
- 4) Home page needs to be changed, history taken down and town events and notices put up in its place.
- 5) Facebook and twitter need to be setup, who will do this and be responsible for updating

Scrolling pictures at the top of the home page need to be edited. They are stretched and not attractive. We considered having still shots up instead of scrolling to stop this effect. We would have to remember to change them periodically.

I am waiting to hear back from administration so we can have a meeting to discuss.

April 22, 2015 –attended LES advisory council meeting. Two of the student council presented their speeches that they presented in the public speaking contest at the school. The school will have 255 students participating on May 8 in the Town Wide Cleanup.

There are huge cuts to the education budgets. Go to Elk Island School District website for information. The Districts have been advised not to touch their reserves without consent from the province.

The principal asked SAC for a commitment of donation of funds to provide bussing in the 2015/2016 year. SAC agreed to donate \$3500.00. LES is having a school picnic on May 28. Tickets are \$6.00 each or \$30.00 family. There are many activities at the school from now to the end of the year. Go to their website to view calendar.

Councillor Field

Public Works is grading alleys, good to see
 Attended Bull-a-rama, very good turn out
 Upcoming Catering Club meeting April 30

Councillor Taylor

April 21: attended Lamont High School Foundation / Advisory meeting: Budget indicates a \$200K reduction for LHS; they will work with EIPS Finance for a balanced budget (special needs funding not yet allocated), possible staff cuts. Education week May 4-8, Student Council will host a BBQ on May 7. New curtains for the stage have been purchased; they will be installed in time for Graduation. \$20K CIP grant received, this will be used to purchase additional equipment and accessories for the weight room. Italy trip was successful and provided an amazing educational and cultural experience. For next year, school is working on a Japanese exchange trip. Student Council is providing great leadership development and experience.

April 21: chaired Parks Planning Committee meeting; as per minutes submitted to Council. Purchase of picnic site fixture will proceed; finish landscaping and rails for bridge replacement; Perma Potty's will be complete soon.

Thanks to Admin and Council for attention to the issue of quads in Town. I have not observed a recurrence of the mini-quad & dog in Hillside Park.

Councillor Sharun

Nothing to report

Councillor Pewarchuk

Apologized for missing last council meeting at such short notice

Mayor Skinner

Attended Park Planning meeting
Attended Fair meeting
Attended Alberta Seniors Citizens Housing Convention

Chief Administrative Officer

May 6, 7 & 8 will be at court regarding our legal proceedings with Tom.

Action Register

Council information

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer