

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 24, 2016

The regular meeting of Improvement District No. 4 Council was held at the Waterton Community Centre in Waterton Lakes National Park on Friday, June 24, 2016.

Those in Attendance:

Chair Brian Reeves, Councillors: Brian Baker, Dennis Pollock, Jody Thael and Ken Black
CAO Scott Barton
Parks Canada: Robert Elliot, Town Site Manager.

Call to Order: Chair Brian Reeves called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:30 pm.

Adoption of Agenda

01-06-24-16 MOVED by Councillor Ken Black that the agenda be adopted as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Delegation: Garry Ursenbach

Councillor Jody Thael responded to the questions asked by Garry Ursenbach in his email sent on June 23, 2016 (attached to the Minutes is a copy of the email). She provided an overview of the role and responsibilities of ID council members. Councillor Thael further indicated that Council try to reflect the general interests of residents and leaseholders. That Council is an advisory council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and not an official advisory council to the Superintendent and that the ID is involved in Parks Canada's matters at the discretion of the Superintendent. Each Councillor has their own opinion and this should not be considered the opinion of the Council.

The Chair allowed discussion and questions from the floor.

Council Minutes – May 20, 2016

02-06-24-16 MOVED by Councillor Jody Thael that the Minutes of the April 29, 2016 meeting of Improvement District No. 4 Council be approved as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Financial Report

03-06-24-16 MOVED by Councillor Brian Baker that the Financial Reports be approved as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Parks Canada Report – Robert Elliot

Parks Canada Town Site Manager Robert Elliot reported for clarification purposes that he is an invitee to ID Meetings not a representative. Elliot provided an overview of the North Evergreen project and explained why Parks Canada is not doing the infrastructure improvement projects only in the Park's shoulder season.

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Councillor Dennis Pollock expressed a concern he received from a visitor to Waterton regarding be required to pay an entrance fee but not being informed that most areas of the Park are closed and not accessible. Access within the Parks was discussed as well as providing information to visitors as they enter the Park. Elliot also reported that horse use in construction areas is being restricted and that Red Rock Canyon parking areas both upper and lower have functioning washrooms. Traffic congestion was also discussed.

Town of Taber – Motion of Support for ACP Application

04-06-24-16 **MOVED** by Councillor Ken Black that Improvement District No. 4 supports the Town of Taber's application for funding from the Alberta Community Partnership, Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant to study the feasibility of a Materials Recovery Facility in Southern Alberta to be located in the Town of Taber, and supports the Town of Taber as applicant and managing partner for this initiative.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Municipal Government Act Amendments

CAO Scott Barton provided Council with information regarding the changes to the Municipal Government Act.

Correspondence

05-06-24-16 **MOVED** by Chair Brian Reeves that the Correspondence be accepted as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED


Next Council Meeting


The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for July 22, 2016 in the Community Centre at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

06-06-24-16 **MOVED** by Councillor Brian Baker adjournment at 8:04 pm.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED



Chair Brian Reeves

CAO Scott Barton

2016 June 23

To: Members of the ID#4 Council and Interested Parties

From: Garry Ursenbach , Leaseholder

**Subject: Parks Canada Engagement Sessions June 18 and 19
Statements made by Mary Ann Reeves and Brian Baker.**

Background:

Saturday June 18th: Facilitator Tom Nesbitt was asked to recuse himself for he obvious bias as a close friend of the superintendent. Tom was defended by Pat Thomson and the meeting proceeded - Tom being very careful. Those attending the meeting were, by large majority, opposed to the location of the VRC on Block 39. There were comments made by many professional and competent people in opposition to the location. The superintendent stated that he would not touch the play park but that the basketball and tennis courts could be taken for parking. Further that the Park would not put any funding into relocating these courts.

Sunday June 19. An early agenda item was for Tom to report on the Saturday meeting. All he said was that "it was divisive". He then proved beyond a doubt that he was biassed. He REPEATEDLY asked for Brian, Mary Ann and few other supporters to comment. They each had the microphone about 5 or 6 times. Tom kept this up to support running the meeting over time for biassed reasons.

Concerns:

Mary Ann (President of WPCA - Part of the ID#4 and WPCA Joint Venture) stated that funding was available to rebuild the tennis court where-ever it may be - further that funding was available to extend the community centre south and it could house an amphitheatre (to replace the Falls Theatre after it is demolished??). It is understood that none of this has been discussed in the ID or Joint Venture meetings. It is further understood that the Park previously had offered the tennis court to the WPCA and it was refused. Where is the documentation, if any, for any such discussions?

Brian Baker stated that he had interviewed 500 visitors and 100% stated that they would like to visit the VRC a number of times during each visit to the park if it were in town. Uncredible! Where is the documentation? This contrasts with another well known independent leaseholder, who obtained about 200 signatures from random visitors on the petitions opposing the Block 39 location over a weeks time. These petitions were tabled in parliament, June 14, by John Barlow MP and can be scrutinized.

Brian also stated that the ID#4 was the official advisory body to Parks Canada. Where is this documented? He was questioned that if this is so, then the ID should advise the

community of what was going on. He replied that the onus is on the community members to attend all the ID meetings to find out what is going on.

Action:

1. Please discuss this in the June 24 meeting
2. If community members are to attend the meetings then we request that microphones be used. Many attended the May 20th meeting and could not hear the Chairman and a few others at all.
3. The only acceptable reason for the ID#4 Council and WPCA or Joint Venture to take control of the existing tennis courts would be to reject the Park's plan the use them for parking.