Community of Miltonvale Park Council Meeting Minutes

Community Office – Winsloe Lions Hall **Tues., March 11, 2008, 5:20 p.m.**

Present: Chair Don Aitken, Councillors Joe Murphy, Sheila MacKinnon, Gail Ling, George Piercey, Administrator Shari MacDonald

Regrets: Betty Pryor **Absent**: Brian Andrew

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aitken called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. and noted that the purpose of the meeting was to review the budget in light of the auditor's draft report and up-to-date figures received, and deal with motions necessary for infrastructure funding.

2. BUSINESS

a. Budget

The revised budget was reviewed. The following changes from draft #4 were highlighted:
Revenue: Infrastructure and Green Municipal funding lines were combined, and increased by $17,500 to allow for the proposed special planning area capacity building funds application. An update estimate for taxation at $130,980 had been received. The funds brought forward from 2007 were decreased to $51,000 (including $45,000 for the official plan), resulting in total budgeted revenue of $281,230.
Expenses: Staff Wages and benefits were increased to $13,925 to reflect an increase in Workers Compensation costs. Total insurance costs remain the same as in 2007, and the property tax administrative charges for 2008 will be $4980. Planning and zoning costs were increased by $19,000 to reflect expected costs for the special planning areas project. Community development costs were corrected to a total of $4750, to correct an error in the spreadsheet. Fees of $45 for Association of Municipal Administrators membership were added to the Professional Services and Memberships expenses. Total budgeted expenses are $280,990, with an expected net income in 2008 of $280.

It was suggested that the investment items be grouped together on the notes to accompany the budget.

Motion 08-20: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor George Piercey **that the revised budget 2008 be approved, as presented, to put forward for approval of expenses, to the community at the annual meeting.** Motion carried.

b. Infrastructure

Council was informed that the drilling of a new well at the park would not be considered an MRIF eligible expense unless an amendment to the original application was approved.

Motion 08-21: Moved by Councillor George Piercey, seconded by Councillor Joe Murphy **that the Council apply to the Infrastructure Secretariat for an amendment to the original MRIF application for the park shelter to request permission to include the drilling of a new well to the project, due to on-going water quality issues.** Motion carried

It was noted that a new motion may be required by the Infrastructure Secretariat to reflect the amendment to the original application for the Wastewater and Water study requesting $24,000, to request the entire cost of the study.

Motion 08-22: Moved by Councillor Gail Ling, seconded by Councillor Sheila MacKinnon **that the Community of Miltonvale Park submit an application to the Capacity Building Fund under the Gas Tax Fund, to fund a "Wastewater and Water Servicing Feasibility Study" and that the project be designated as priority**.

c. Other

It was noted that Councillor Pryor was seeking input, by March 17, for questions regarding wells and well fields before the March 26, 4:30 p.m. presentation by George Somers to Planning Board and Council. The protection of community residents' properties, wells and livelihoods is a priority for council.

Councillors were reminded of the Annual Meeting, Tuesday March 25th at 7:30.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aitken declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Don Aitken
Chair

Shari MacDonald
Administrator

April 22, 2008
Date approved