

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CALMAR WAS
HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 19TH, 2010 COMMENCING AT 7:00 pm
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kirk Popik called the Regular Council Meeting of April 19th, 2010 to order at the hour of 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Kirk Popik, Councillors Bartlett, Blackmore, Sekora, Town Manager Kathy Murphy, Director of Planning and Development Ed Melesko, Student Council Amy Smith, Chelsea Phillips, Public and Press.

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Edmunds

2. **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Moved by Councillor Blackmore to accept the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-18**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **DELEGATION:**

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

- a) Regular Council Meeting of April 6th, 2010

Mayor Popik advised the public and press that the "Open House" for the future development in Calmar, including questions about the China trip is rescheduled for May 6th, 2010 in the council chambers. Town Manager Murphy advised that the tour of the newly renovated office will not be the night of May 6th and will most likely be held in June once all the renovations are completed.

Moved by Councillor Bartlett to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 6th, 2010 as presented.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-19**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Cost of China Trip
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.

- b) RFD – Avi Friedman
Council will revisit this project for 2011.

Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Peace Officer Dispatch

Moved by Councillor Blackmore that this item be deferred to the next Regular Meeting of Council with clarification on the necessity of the Dispatch for the Peace Officers.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-20**

- b) 2010 State of the County Address
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.

- c) Strathcona County's 6th Annual Mayor's Golf Classic
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.

- d) Rendezvous 2011 – St. Albert's 150th Anniversary
Mayor Popik requested this item be referred to the Calmar and District Recreation Board.

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- e) Edmonton Salutes Committee
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.
- f) Invite – MLA Diana McQueen
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.
- g) Leduc District Food Bank
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.

8. BYLAWS AND/OR POLICIES:

9. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a) Protective Services
Mayor Popik requested this item be placed on file.

11. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Mayor Popik

Mayor Popik commended everyone involved with arranging the Volunteer Appreciation Night as it was enjoyed by all.

- b) Councillor Bartlett
April 08, 2010 Water Commission
April 08, 2010 Ambulance Meeting
April 17, 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Night

Councillor Bartlett spoke highly of the Volunteer Appreciation Night as it was a great success.

- c) Councillor Blackmore
March 29 & 30, 2010 Administrative Law Course (Red Deer)
April 08, 2010 Water Commission
April 17, 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Night

Councillor Blackmore announced that Ben Turner was presented the award for “Youth Volunteer of the Year” and Pete Popowich was presented the “Volunteer of the Year” award.

Councillor Blackmore congratulated FCSS Coordinator Yvonne Pearson and Rec Coordinator Niki Bergsma for arranging such a successful event.

- d) Councillor Edmunds
Absent with regrets

- e) Councillor Sekora

April 13, 2010 Calmar Seniors
April 15, 2010 APEGGA Awards
April 17, 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Night
Councillor Sekora said it was a successful night
April 19, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council

- f) Student Council

April 17, 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Night
April 17 & 18, 2010 Badminton Tournament for Junior and Senior high students,
advancing on to Zones.
April 21, 2010 Student/Teacher Interviews
April 25, 2010 CSS Interact Club - Operation Clean Sweep
CAO Murphy will arrange for a BBQ to be held on the 25th of
April for the participants of operation Clean Sweep.

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June 3rd, 2010

Interact Banquet – Legion Hall

Mayor Popik thanked Council and Student Council for their reports and requested that items (a) through (f) be placed on file.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Outstanding Items
- b) Thank you - Fandrick
- c) Black Gold Health Foundation
- d) AB Municipal Affairs
- e) You're Welcome Edmonton
- f) Leduc District Victim Services 2009 Audited Financial Statement (Chambers)
- g) FCSS Advisory Minutes
- h) FCSS Advisory Director's Report

Mayor Popik requested that correspondence items (b) through (h) be placed on file.

13. QUESTIONS/CONCERNS FORUM WITH PUBLIC AND PRESS:

A resident asked what the "China" trip was about and asked if it was true that families went along on the trip. Mayor Popik advised him that the delegation travelled to seven cities in 9 days explained the delegation attended the grand opening of a starch plant in SiPing City. He also advised that BioNeutra has Chinese investors interested in investing in the potential \$10 million dollar sugar plant and the \$90 million dollar starch plant. The same resident stated that house prices went down and the residential taxes increased. Councillor Blackmore explained that the Town will have an open house giving the tax payer an opportunity to talk to the assessor in hopes of reducing their taxes. Discussion ensued.

Another resident asked if the "wages" were covered in the final total given in the China cost report.

Mayor Popik clarified the recent fire in Calmar where a resident lost his home; Council will revisit the possibility of a tax reduction if the resident's insurance does not cover the loss.

The press asked what the response was for the "China open house." Town Manager Murphy responded "as of last week we have had 3 telephone calls. They also asked when the senior's bake sale is going to be held.

The press also inquired as to the name of the Alberta company building the starch plant and Mayor Popik advised them that it's Chinese Investors investing in the plant. He also told them that the Town of Calmar hosted the banquet when the delegation was out in March and that we introduced them to the Mayor's and CAO's of Drayton Valley, Leduc County, City of Leduc, Village of Thorsby and Village of Warburg.

When asked about the Korean delegation that was just out in Calmar, Mayor Popik advised that he did cook for them in his restaurant, however to contact the Leduc Nisku EDA for further details as the delegation was here on their behalf.

Mayor Popik announced that 3 Mayors from China are coming to Calmar in May on behalf of Calmar's invite.

Mayor Popik thanked everybody for their questions and concerns.

Moved by Councillor Sekora that that Council recess for a short break at the hour of 7:50pm.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-21**

The public and press left the meeting at the hour of 8:00pm.

14. IN CAMERA:

- a) Development
- b) Development
- c) Personnel

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Moved by Councillor Sekora to temporarily adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council of April 19th, 2010 and council sit as Committee of the Whole at the hour of 8:01pm.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-22**

Moved by Councillor Bartlett to reconvene to the Regular Meeting of Council of April 19th, 2010 at the hour of 8:40pm.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-23**

Moved by Councillor Bartlett, that Director of Planning and Development Ed Melesko and Town Manager Murphy enter into negotiations on the fair asking price for the land in question, considering a value of not less than 90% of appraised value.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-24**

Moved by Councillor Blackmore that Director of Planning and Development Ed Melesko and Town Manager Murphy explore potential annexation opportunities for the future growth of Calmar.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-25**

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Bartlett that the Regular Council Meeting of April 19th, 2010 adjourn at the hour of 8:45pm.

**CARRIED
R-10-04-26**

These minutes signed this 19 day of Apr, 2010

Mayor, Kirk Popik

Town Manager, Kathy Murphy