



Local Government Administration Association

MINUTES OF THE ZONE 4 LGAA MEETING HELD AT THE CAMROSE COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX May 1, 2008 @ 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Rod Krips – Viking
Patrick Risk – Edberg
Thelma Rogers – Sedgewick
Sandra King – Consort
Nancy Friend – Rosalind
David Connauton – Coronation
Corrine Feusi – Big Valley
Wendy Ramberg – Killam
Mike Yakielashek – Castor
Al Radke – Camrose County
Lynn Horbasenko – Bawlf
Kristin Lewis – Municipal Affairs

Katherine Whiteside – Holden
Rosemary Wittevrongel – Bashaw
Brian Hamblin – Camrose
Jody Quickstad – Vegreville
Heather Nadeau – Hay Lakes
Shelly McMann – Chauvin
Robert Watt – Vermilion
Darlene Gotobed – Killam
Ross Good – Ryley
Steve Gerlitz – Camrose County
Ron Holland – New Norway
Theresa Ostrum – Municipal Affairs

Call to Order

A. Radke called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m..

Introductions

All present introduced themselves, positions and which municipality they were from.

Reeve Welcome

A. Radke then called upon Reeve Don Gregorwich to say a few words of welcome to all of those in attendance.

Election of Chair

A. Radke advised the audience that he had accepted to take on the challenge of the position of Chair at the LGAA spring convention. However, a formal motion was needed but that he would gladly step aside if anyone was willing to be the Chair. He then called for nominations. H. Nadeau nominated A. Radke. J. Quickstad moved that nominations cease. A vote was then called upon which A. Radke was voted in as the current Chair.

Adoption of Agenda

- a) with additions
- b) with deletions

R. Good moved that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of Affordable Housing.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

R. Wittevrongel moved that the minutes of the LGAA Zone 4 meeting held in Tofield on February 16, 2007 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Service Recognition

A. Radke then handed out long service pins to all of those in attendance who had achieved the milestone.

Five Years

Cliff Craig – Vegreville (gave to Jody)
Steve Gerlitz – Camrose County
David Marynowich – County of Minburn (gave to Jody)

Ten Years

Sandra King – Consort
Terry Tiffen – Edgerton (gave to Shelly)

Update From Municipal Affairs

Theresa Ostrum gave an overview of various topics of current interest including Municipal Affairs restructuring, ground ambulance announcement by June 15, Affordable Housing, MSI, TCA, TILMA and the internship program. This led to a question and answer period.

S. Gerlitz and A. Radke offered the position of Camrose County on the BC/Alberta (TILMA) initiative and how it could possibly adversely affect municipal business with low purchasing threshold of only \$10,000 for Goods, \$75,000 for Services and \$100,000 for Construction. All in attendance were encouraged to write a letter to their MLA similar to that of the County to advocate for greater purchasing and procuring thresholds.

Considerable discussion centered around the idea of the benefit of having a Zone specific Salary Survey. It was generally agreed that this could be useful for labor negotiations and creating salary grids. Users could modify or enhance it as they saw fit and it could be categorized as much as possible to better reflect type of municipality,

assessment, services etc.. A. Radke offered to send around the first template for review in conjunction with input from S. Gerlitz.

Water – Full Cost Accounting

Unfortunately Alberta Environment was unable to attend on short notice but they have committed to attending another meeting.

New Proposed Provincial Wetland Policy

S. Gerlitz spoke about how Camrose County had been forced to reluctantly pay a \$10,000 compensation fee to Ducks Unlimited in order to construct a road through a low area that has in recent years been dry and when wet it is only wet for a short period of time. Again, those present were encouraged to write a letter to their MLA seeking more fair and reasonable practices and those that treat everyone equally and on the same playing field.

Affordable Housing

J. Quickstad offered a warning to those present to be wary of the Affordable Housing grants. There could be limitations or adverse terms and conditions that make it a viable going concern for municipalities.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Friday September 12, 2008. The meeting will be hosted in Viking starting at 10:00 a.m. and hopefully in their new arena facility.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m..