

- petition noting concerns at the Owlsnest Campground.
- ⇒ A new bylaw was enacted last year with regards to facility use and as a result the number of incidents at the campground were reduced substantially.
 - ⇒ Should the campground be changed to a park, there would be even less control over the area than there is now.
 - ⇒ There was some discussion about using the site for a future storm water control project, but the Town is not looking at that option for in the very near future.
 - ⇒ The campground has been at that location for many years and anyone that purchased lots there knew the campground was there and some of the onus is on them to do their research into the future plans for the site.
 - ⇒ Police have been checking the area regularly, but the Town can ask them to check it more frequently .
 - ⇒ Mr. Flexhaug has been training with the LRPS officers on the problem areas within the Town and that has helped inform them of where more attention is required.
 - ⇒ There have not been any complaints to the Town Office over the winter and it was thought the issues were under control.
 - ⇒ *Copies of the letter to Mr. Cole should be forwarded to LRPS and Mr. Flexhaug.*

MOTION 206.10 *Councillor Wentz moved to forward a letter to Mr. Coles informing him of the new bylaw and that any incidents should be reported to the Lethbridge Regional Police Service immediately.*

7-0 CARRIED

MOTION 207.10 *Councillor Langstraat moved that Administration provide an evaluation of the activity at the campground to Council for review after September 6, 2010.*

7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 162 8.1 5:45 PM - UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE RURAL WILDFIRES

Dr. Kulig of Health Sciences and Dr. Townshend of the Geography departments at the University of Lethbridge were present to discuss a study on the resiliency of communities to disasters. The following is a summary of the presentation:

- ⇒ It was noted that Council has always had an excellent relationship with the University of Lethbridge.
- ⇒ The Rural Wildfire Committee has been doing research on the resiliency of rural communities to overcome disasters and Coaldale became part of the study.
- ⇒ Wildfires are rising in the prairies due to the pine beetle infestation and continuing drought conditions.

- ⇒ In Saskatchewan there were two communities affected by wildfires in the recent past, they are known as the McLure Fire and Mallard Fire.
- ⇒ The committee has conducted interviews with a sampling of residents of the communities involved with both of those incidents.
- ⇒ Coaldale was used as a community that had not experienced a disaster in order to see how these communities are similar and different.
- ⇒ 145 households were interviewed in person between February and August 2009.
- ⇒ Due to demographics, more women were sampled than men as they were more available during daytime hours and all the people interviewed were from a variety of educational backgrounds.
- ⇒ The study was designed to show how an individuals health and well being, behaviour, cognition, etc can affect how resilient they will be during and after a disaster.
- ⇒ Some interesting data about Coaldale came to the forefront:
 - ⇒ People were in good health overall, but arthritis and hypertension were a factor in peoples lives.
 - ⇒ There is a slightly higher level of stress but anxiety was lower than the comparison communities.
 - ⇒ A general sense of well being was average for all communities.
 - ⇒ Most people that are active within their community have a better sense of well being.
 - ⇒ Many people are politically active and although they use local services, they use government services less than the average.
 - ⇒ Kin-neighbouring is lower in Coaldale than the sample communities and that likely relates to being so close to Lethbridge.
 - ⇒ People in Coaldale feel they live in diverse neighbourhoods and are indifferent to their common identity.
 - ⇒ There is a feeling that they can contact their municipal government to affect change.
 - ⇒ People have a sense of environmental responsibility.
 - ⇒ Suspicion is high and trust is low, but people who have high suspicion usually have a better well being.
 - ⇒ Social diversity is important as is ethnical similarity to many people surveyed.
- ⇒ The committee will continue to gather data and noted they would forward results to the Town for their use.
- ⇒ The information can be helpful in obtaining grant funding and provide Council a better understanding of their residents.
- ⇒ Providing residents with a strong sense of community helps them have a higher sense of well being.
- ⇒ Coaldale has a very high level of resiliency according to the study.

The delegation left at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Novotny arrived at the meeting at 6:30 pm

ITEM 163

**0.1 6:15 PM - 7.1(a) BYLAW 632-P-03-10 - COTTONWOOD ASP &
BYLAW 633-P-03-10 - COTTONWOOD LUB AMENDMENT
PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Craig declared the public hearing open at 6:20 pm.

The following is a summary of the discussion regarding both the Area Structure Plan and Land Use Bylaw amendments for the Cottonwood Estates development:

- ⇒ The bylaw amendments are to change the school site in the Cottonwood development to a residential zoning.
- ⇒ No persons were present to speak for or against the proposed changes.
- ⇒ Palliser Regional Schools responded that they have no objection, as long as the Town would be open to discussion about a school site elsewhere in the future.
- ⇒ There were a number of amendments to the documents to bring them up to speed.
- ⇒ There was discussion regarding road access and possible short cuts through the development.
- ⇒ Administration and the engineers have been looking into solutions as the developer doesn't wish traffic to be using trails as short cuts to get through the development.
- ⇒ Mr. Martin thanked staff for their assistance in getting the document prepared for the meeting.
- ⇒ It was noted that the County of Lethbridge could be approached to supply a future school site.

Mayor Craig asked if there were any further comments or concerns, as there were none, he declared the public hearing closed at 6:45 pm.

ITEM 164

7.1(a) BYLAW 632-P-03-10 - COTTONWOOD ASP

Mayor Craig asked if there were was any further discussion on the Cottonwood ASP, there was none.

MOTION 208.10

Councillor Wentz moved to hold second reading of Bylaw 632-P-03-10 - Cottonwood ASP as amended.

7-0 CARRIED

- document is sound.
- ⇒ It identifies problems in the Malloy Basin and provides suggestions to remedy them.
 - ⇒ There are areas in several of the channels that could be worked on to get the water flowing to the Stafford Lake Outfall more effectively.
 - ⇒ The document is technically sound but the projects are very costly; \$27 million.
 - ⇒ It will take money and lots of time to get the projects completed.
 - ⇒ There should be some wording added to the document that the smaller issues could be done first to assist in a plan to get the larger projects started.
 - ⇒ There could be an option to move water to the Oldman River.
 - ⇒ There would have to be written assurance from Alberta Environment that the project would be feasible.
 - ⇒ AE may have concerns about flow rates.
 - ⇒ Moving water to the river is a complex solution, but feasible.
 - ⇒ Comparisons need to be done with a few different solutions to see which one would be more cost effective.
 - ⇒ Looking at past flooding patterns, the roads and canals are what prevents water from flowing out of areas of the Town.
 - ⇒ Although Stafford Lake is the current outfall, AE or SMRID could revoke that at any time.
 - ⇒ The Town needs a solution they can count on for the long term.
 - ⇒ If the river becomes the outfall for the Town, there could still be controls on the release of water.
 - ⇒ This resolution could take as many as 10 years to complete.
 - ⇒ None of the parties involved can wait 10 years for a solution to the issue; development is already at a stand still.
 - ⇒ It will take the cooperation of the Town, SMRID, County of Lethbridge and AE.
 - ⇒ The County adopted the Malloy Drain Plan at their last meeting.
 - ⇒ The Steering Committee will determine what the cost shares will be for each entity.
 - ⇒ During the 2007 flood, a 1:100 year storm event, there was \$250,000 in damages in the Malloy Basin.
 - ⇒ Quality of storm water is becoming a very important issue.
 - ⇒ Municipalities may be required to treat storm water before releasing it in the future.
 - ⇒ Phosphates are causing problems in the waterways.
 - ⇒ The challenge with moving water to the river will be to get it across to north Coaldale.
 - ⇒ Ponds are considered inter-municipal projects and qualify for funding to expand.

⇒ Alberta Birds of Prey would be an excellent project to expand and it also has a positive economic impact on the community.

MOTION 214.10 *Councillor Wentz moved Council accept the Malloy Drain Master Drainage Plan as presented.*

7-0 CARRIED

MOTION 215.10 *Councillor Mensch moved to recommend the Malloy Drain Steering Committee accept the plan with the condition that some form of the advance phases be included in the MDP, and that the Steering Committee commence development of the recommendations of the plan.*

7-0 CARRIED

MOTION 216.10 *Councillor Martens moved that administration commence work on further developing Alternative 6 (Item 3) from the May 10, 2010 staff report as discussed.*

7-0 CARRIED

During the last rain a downstream user was concerned about the drain flooding. The Town immediately stopped pumping and went to investigate, but there was still lots of room left in the drain at the accessible points. It could be there is a high spot in the drain that needs to be reduced.

MOTION 217.10 *Councillor Wentz moved a meeting be arranged with the downstream affected owners, the Malloy Drain Committee and Council to tour the affected properties to see where the issues are.*

7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 169 5.5 POST COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS

MOTION 218.10 *Councillor Langstraat moved to accept the Post Council Staff Reports as presented.*

7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 170 11.1 ICSP APPOINTMENTS

There is an Economic Pillar vacancy and citizen member vacancy on the ICSP Advisory Committee. Three applications were received by people interested in volunteering on the committee.

MOTION 219.10 *Councillor Langstraat moved to appoint Mr. Neufeld as the citizen member and Mr. Tams as the Economic Pillar member to the ICSP Committee for the remainder of the 2010 term.*

7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 175

11.6 TRANSIT

The Transit Committee met to initiate discussion about providing a bus route to Coaldale. There will be some challenges but there is a desire on the City of Lethbridge's part to look into the possibility. The City is open to applying for a grant to conduct a study to see if there would be enough users to make the project worth while. Other communities have also been asking about an expanded service to and from Lethbridge so there may be an opportunity for a regional solution.

City of Lethbridge Council will consider passing a resolution to move forward at their May 17, 2010 meeting.

MOTION 226.10

Councillor Langstraat moved:

WHEREAS the City of Lethbridge and the Town of Coaldale have had preliminary discussions regarding the potential benefits of a transit link between our two communities;

AND WHEREAS such a link could potentially provide benefits to both communities;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has encouraged regional partnerships on a number of fronts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Lethbridge and the Town of Coaldale agree to jointly seek provincial funding to undertake a feasibility study for an inter-municipality transit link;

AND FURTHER THAT should our two communities be successful in our pursuit of Government of Alberta funding, Mayor Kim Craig, Councillor Anja Langstraat and Councillor Vic Mensch be appointed to represent the Town of Coaldale in further discussions on this matter.

7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 176

11.7 ICSP CHANGE

The ICSP Committee has recommended several changes to their Terms of Reference and the ICSP document. The following is a summary of the requested changes:

- ⇒ Section 9.3.1 Municipal Committee on Page 36 of the ICSP be replaced with the wording: "The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) of the Town of Coaldale and for recommending to Council such actions or amendments as required."
- ⇒ The Duties of the Committee section of the Terms of Reference document be amended to read as follows: "1. The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the Integrated Community Sustainability

Plan (ICSP) of the Town of Coaldale and for recommending to Council such actions or amendments as required.”

MOTION 227.10 *Councillor Langstraat moved to accept the recommended changes to the Integrated Community Strategic Plan and the Integrated Community Strategic Plan Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented in the May 10, 2010 staff report.*
7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 177 **12.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

MOTION 228.10 *Councillor Duda moved to receive and file the following information items:*
12.1 Renewable Energy Toolkit for Economic Development
12.2 Fire Report - April 2010
12.3 Ambulance Report - April 2010
12.4 2010 Development Statistics
12.5 Canadian Badlands - AGM Results
7-0 CARRIED

Ms. Overbeeke, Ms. Cook and Mr. Ermter left the meeting at 8:27 pm.

MOTION 229.10 *Councillor Mensch moved Council enter into an in camera session at 8:27 pm.*
7-0 CARRIED

Mr. Ludwig left the meeting at 9:20 pm.

MOTION 230.10 *Councillor Martens moved Council come out of the in camera session at 9:55 pm.*
7-0 CARRIED

ITEM 178 **13.1 CAO EVALUATION**

MOTION 231.10 *Councillor Wentz moved to direct the Evaluation Committee to work with the CAO to develop a final draft of the evaluation policy and format.*
7-0 CARRIED

MOTION 232.10 *Councillor Langstraat moved to present the CAO the evaluation summary letter as discussed.*
7-0 CARRIED

MOTION 233.10 *Councillor Mensch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 pm.*
7-0 CARRIED

Mayor

Town Manager