

MINUTES

	The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Grimshaw, in the Province of Alberta, held in Council Chambers on April 8, 2009 commencing at 7:00 p.m.	
Present:	Mayor Allen, Deputy Mayor Regal, Councillors McDonald, Dueck, Lewis, Nelson, and Wearden.	
Staff:	Wendy Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer; Allan Schramm, Director of Finance; Jenny Wallace, Municipal Director.	
Press:	Jason Glabik, Mile Zero News.	
Call to Order:	Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
Adoption of Agenda: 141-090408	COUNCILLOR DUECK	<p>MOVED that the Agenda be adopted as revised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.(f) Letter from Laurie Blakeman, MLA, Edmonton-Centre – Bill 204. (g) Alberta Transportation – Proposed Speed Zone Amendment. 23(b) North Peace Housing Foundation. (c) Request for Decision – Year End Transfers. <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, March 25, 2009: 142-090408	COUNCILLOR DUECK	<p>MOVED that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 25, 2009 be adopted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
Minutes of Regular Grimshaw Community Services Advisory Board Meeting, February 18, 2009: 143-090408	COUNCILLOR NELSON	<p>MOVED that the Minutes of the Regular Grimshaw Community Services Advisory Board Meeting held on February 18, 2009 be accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>
Department Report: 144-090408	COUNCILLOR LEWIS	<p>MOVED that the Resolution Report from the March 25, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>

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Request for Decision – Doctor Recruitment and Retention Grant: 145-090408	COUNCILLOR NELSON	MOVED that the Recruitment and Retention Grant Application, as prepared by the Grimshaw Regional Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee, applying for funding under the Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan to foster the development of their recruitment and retention initiatives, be approved as presented, and that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign same. CARRIED
Grimshaw Municipal Library – Country Fair: 146-090408	COUNCILLOR DUECK	MOVED that with respect to the request from the Grimshaw Municipal Library asking Town Council to support the 2009 Country Fair by donating \$2000.00 towards advertising and DJ costs, the Town approves of donating \$1,000.000 at this time and that should they encounter a shortfall in funding for this purpose Town Council will consider additional funding up to \$1,000.00. CARRIED
News Article – Lack of Air Service Concerns Church: 147-090408	COUNCILLOR WEARDEN	MOVED that with regards to the news article regarding the lack of air service in the area and the Airport Steering Committee that has been struck to review the Peace River Airport viability and regionalization potential, Chief Administrator Wendy Johnson is to contact the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Peace River to discuss the Airport Steering Committee Membership. CARRIED
Letter to Honorable Ed Stelmach – Forest Industry: 148-090408	COUNCILLOR NELSON	MOVED that Mayor Allen's letter to Honorable Ed Stelmach strongly urging the Alberta Government to take immediate and decisive action to assist the issues facing our pulp companies in an effort to help our entire regional forest industry survive the unprecedented global economic downturn be ratified. CARRIED

Grimshaw Multiplex Project Request for Proposals – Set Meeting Date: 149-090408	COUNCILLOR McDONALD	MOVED that Town Council meet on April 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Grimshaw Council Chambers to continue the process of reviewing the Request for Proposals received for the Grimshaw Multiplex Project. CARRIED
Letter from Laurie Blakeman, MLA, Edmonton-Centre – Bill 204: 150-090408	COUNCILLOR NELSON	MOVED that the letter from Laurie Blakeman, MLA for Edmonton-Centre and the Official Opposition Deputy Leader of Alberta asking Town Council to express support for the Private Member's Bill – Bill 204 (Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act) that she has introduced in the Alberta legislature be accepted for information. CARRIED
Alberta Transportation – Proposed Speed Zone Amendment: 151-090408	COUNCILLOR LEWIS	MOVED that the Town approves of the speed zone amendment as proposed by Alberta Transportation, which extends the south existing 80 km/h speed zone on Highway 2 to a point 285 metres south of the Town's corporate limits. CARRIED
Town of Grimshaw - GENIVAR Consultants L.P. - Standing Offer Agreement: 152-090408	COUNCILLOR NELSON	MOVED that the Standing Offer Agreement between the Town of Grimshaw and GENIVAR Consultants L.P., for the provision of engineering and consulting services for the Town of Grimshaw for a period of five (5) years, be ratified. CARRIED
Town of Grimshaw - FOCUS Corporation - Standing Offer Agreement: 153-090408	COUNCILLOR DUECK	MOVED that the Standing Offer Agreement between the Town of Grimshaw and FOCUS Corporation, for the provision of engineering and consulting services for the Town of Grimshaw for a period of five (5) years, be ratified. CARRIED

Accounts Payable: 154-090408	DEPUTY MAYOR REGAL	MOVED that the accounts payable list be accepted for information. CARRIED
Committees of Council:	<p>Councillor Wearden reported that she will be attending a Peace Regional Advisory Committee Meeting next Wednesday.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Regal reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Works filling in holes in streets. • Transportation Committee of Council met with Alberta Transportation regarding sweeping Highway #2, and that Alberta Transportation is bound by 1 sweep a year. He added that the Town needs to evaluate our existing agreement with Alberta Transportation for the initial sweep in the spring in exchange for sand and salt. Town Council discussed that although Alberta Transportation will not compensate the Town to sweep Highway 2 additional times, the Town needs to continue doing this at our cost to keep our highway attractive through our community. • Public Works has been working on water breaks. Town Council looked at two saddles from these breaks that rotted. <p>Councillor Lewis reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deh Cho Connection has been trying to set a spring meeting date...based on the last date given he would not be able to attend it. • Attended the last Mighty Peace Tourist Association Meeting, and that Nicole would like to attend Council Meetings of the member municipalities to talk to them about the Association. • Attended the Grimshaw Municipal Library Board Meeting last night, and that he will be going to the Library Conference in Jasper. <p>Mayor Allen reported that he attended the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board Meeting, and that they are going ahead with their Trade and Commerce advertising despite the lack of advertisers.</p> <p>Mayor Allen reported that the Grimshaw & District Chamber of Commerce is moving forward with their initiative to have speakers at their meetings.</p> <p>Mayor Allen reported that he attended an NADC Meeting in Edmonton today.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck advised that there is a Water Conference being held in Calgary. It was noted that the fee to attend this conference is very high.</p>	
Departure:	Jason Glabik left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.	

Recess into "In Private": 155-090408	COUNCILLOR WEARDEN	MOVED that the meeting recess into "In Private" at 7:51 p.m. CARRIED
Reconvene into Regular Session: 156-090408	COUNCILLOR REGAL	MOVED that the meeting reconvene into Regular Session at 8:20 p.m. CARRIED
Water Utility Account No. 031680.00: 157-090408	COUNCILLOR DUECK	MOVED that with respect to Utility Account No. 031680.00, a new water meter be installed at this residence and that a new utility bill be issued based on an average of water consumption over a 6 month period (April, 2008 – September, 2008). CARRIED
North Peace Housing Foundation: 158-090408	COUNCILLOR DUECK	MOVED that the letter dated April 3, 2009 from the North Peace Housing Foundation regarding a matter that will be discussed at the upcoming meeting with member municipalities be accepted for information. CARRIED
Request for Decision – Year End Transfers: 159-090408	COUNCILLOR McDONALD	MOVED that the following transfers be approved for the 2008 fiscal year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer of \$6,596,047.00 to the New Arena Reserve. 2. Transfer to \$87,081.48 from Administration Operating Allowance to cover the 2008 capital. 3. Transfer \$263,717.00 to the Administration Operating Reserve. 4. Transfer of \$137,000.00 to the Administration Operating Reserve. CARRIED
Adjournment:	Mayor Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.	



MAYOR



MUNICIPAL DIRECTOR