

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on Monday, December 14th at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

- Present: Mayor Schofield, Deputy Mayor Maher, Councillors Kruger, Cassidy, Wallington, Langille, O'Brien, Dueck, and Latour.
- Staff: Terry Molenkamp – Senior Administrative Officer, Ross deBoer – Director of Recreation, Mike Richardson – Director of Public Works, May-Britt Hetesi – Assistant to the Senior Administrative Officer, and Jaimi Carter – Recording Secretary.
- Absent: Councillor O'Brien.
- Others: Paul Bickford – News North, Patrick Teskey – The Hub and Ann Peters with Dillon Consulting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with Mayor Schofield presiding.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) **Councillor Latour** announced that there is a Christmas Concert at the Public Library Friday, December 18th, 2009 at 8:00 PM.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#09-332

**MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River amends the Agenda for the December 14th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council to include;

- #8.e) Building Canada Plan Funding Application,
#8.f) Excused Absence Request – Councillor Bernie Langille,
#8.g) Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, and
#8.h) Request for proposals – Aspen Heights Subdivision Phases 1 & 2

CARRIED

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Latour declared and interest in item #7.j) Minutes of the Recreation Board Regular Meeting, October 28, 2009 because his spouse is the president of the SPCA.

Councillor Langille declared and interest in item #8.f) Excused Absence – Councillor Bernie Langille.

5. **MINUTES**

a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, November 16th, 2009.

#09-333

**MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
SECONDED BY: CLLR CASSIDY**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, November 16th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Councillor Latour requested an update on the following;

- Status of the laptops,
- Status of the resolution to talk to West Point First Nations Re: extension of the berm in the West Channel.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) Excused Absence

Councillors O'Brien and Wallington have requested to be excused from the Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 7, 2009.

#09-334

**MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
SECONDED BY: CLLR LANGILLE**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River excuse Councillors O'Brien and Wallington from the Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 7, 2009.

CARRIED

b) Recreation Department Monthly Activity Report

<u>Community Hall</u>	<u>Aquatic Centre Programs</u>
November 1 – Minor Hockey Bingo	
November 5 – DJSS Hockey Training	
November 6 – Community Health Fair & Flu Shots	
November 6 – Ski Club Bingo	
November 8 – Metis Gov't Council Bingo	
November 12 – DJSS Hockey Training	
November 13 – Minor Hockey Bingo	
November 14 – Kiwanis Charity Auction	
November 15 – Swim Club Bingo	
November 18 – Chamber of Commerce Presentation	
November 19 – DJSS Hockey Training	
	Aquasize Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 – 1:45 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00-7:45PM
	Swim Lessons <i>Youth Lessons:</i> Tuesday & Thursday 3:45-6:30 PM Wednesday & Friday 3:45-6:30 PM Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

<p>November 20 – NAAD Event – Meet & Greet RCMP November 21 – Anglican Church Bazaar November 26 – DJSS Hockey Training November 29 – Playschool Bingo</p> <p><u>Doug Wieterman Hall</u> November 3 – Minor Hockey Meetings November 7 & 8 – Firearms Safety Course November 9 – HR Minor Hockey Clinic November 12 – HR Minor Hockey Clinic November 13 – HR Minor Hockey Clinic November 14 – Figure Skating Test Day November 15 – HR Minor Hockey Clinic November 21 & 22 – Rec Hockey Tournament November 24 – GNWT Forest Management Division November 28 – Charity Corporate Challenge</p> <p><u>Ice Surface Rentals</u> November 10 – HR Minor Hockey Clinic November 12 – HR Minor Hockey Clinic November 14 – Figure Skating Test Day November 15 – Skate & Read Literacy Event November 20 – NAAD Event RCMP vs Panthers November 21 & 22 – Rec Hockey Tournament November 28 – Charity Corporate Challenge tournament</p> <p><u>Curling Rink</u></p>	<p>Adult Lessons: Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 PM</p> <p>Swim Club Monday – Thursday 4:30 – 6:30 PM Friday 5:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Junior Lifeguarding Club Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:45-5:15 PM</p> <p>Other Programs / Activities Teen Night Fridays 8:00 – 9:30 PM Adult Swimming Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 9:30 PM</p> <p>Other Events November 28 – HR Snowmobile Orientation Course Various bookings for school usage of the pool and ice</p>
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#09-335

MOVED BY: CLLR KRUGER

SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Recreation Department Monthly Activity Report for the Month of November as presented.

CARRIED

c) Development and Building Permit Report

NAME	DATE	DEV #	CIVIC ADDRESS	DESC. OF WORK
KM Contracting	Nov 05/09	B09-062	14 Eagle Cres.	Repair basement wall
PWC RCMP house	Nov 09/09	D09-141	4 Stewart Drive	Fence Rear Yard
Steve Anderson	Nov 19/09	DH09-143	87 McBryan Drive	Retail
Sharon Williams	Nov 05/09	DH09-144	25 Balsam Drive	Bookkeeping
Rowe's Const.	Nov 24/09	D09-145	474 Miron Drive	Storage Garage
Rowe's Const.	Nov 25/09	D09-146	3 Caribou Cres.	Build new duplex
Doug Camsell	Nov 25/09	DH09-147	32 Miron Drive	Camarctic Logistics Services
Blue Diamond	Nov 30/09	D09-148	49 Studney Drive	Power pole for equipment

**#09-336 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR DUECK**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Development and Building Permit Report for the Month of November as presented.

CARRIED

d) Request for Proposals – Aspen Heights / Phase 1 and 2 – For Information of Council

Proposals were received on November 20, 2009 for the Proposed Aspen Heights Subdivision – Phases 1 and 2. The Aspen Heights project is aimed at providing affordable serviced lots to the Community in the form of:

- 77 Single Family Residential Lots;
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- Sprague-Rosser \$16,602,450.00.

A conference call will be held on December 4, 2009 between Terry Molenkamp - SAO, Michael Richardson – Director of Public Works and Planning, and AECOM – Engineer to review the proposals in depth.

Director of Public Works, Michael Richardson will follow up with a trip to Edmonton, to meet with AECOM's representatives and initialize the decision making process.

A decision is required on or before February 18, 2010 as agreed to in the tender process.

FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

e) To establish a Drug Free Zone within the Town of Hay River

At the Regular Meeting of Council on May 25, 2009 a motion to accept a proposed Drug Free Zone By-law in principle was passed. A copy of the proposed by-law is attached. Administration requested that MacDonald & Associates prepare a Drug Free Zone By-law for Council's consideration.

MacDonald & Associates provided direction and recommendation to the Town on the best means to establish a drug free zone. They recommended that Council create drug free zones by resolution and provided reasons for taking this approach. The recommendation from the legal opinion states:

That Town Council uses a resolution to create the drug free zones. We recommend the Town of Hay River Council pass a resolution to:

1. Establish a Drug Free Zone for a set reasonable distance around the schools by describing the streets included and making them on a town map as an appendix to the resolution.
2. Provide that the Town of Hay River purchase install and maintain signage to clearly mark the Drug Free Zones.
3. Provide that the Town of Hay River will work in cooperation with the RCMP, the school authorities and any other community organization that is involved in the drug free zones in order to create support and promote public awareness and education in respect of the drug free zones.
4. Require a status report to be made to Town Council in respect of the implementation and operation of the drug free zone on an annual basis. This task could be completed by a designated person or group with input or information from all of the participating organizations.

Administration has provided the following list of background information for Council.

- Regular Meeting of Council Minutes from May 25, 2009
- Proposed Drug Free Zone By-law
- Letter to MacDonald & Associates
- MacDonald & Associates Opinion Letter
- Aerial map of Hay River
- Terms of Reference for the Yellowknife Area Policing Advisory Committee
- Yellowknife Area Policing Advisory Committee recommendation to implement Drug Free Zones within the City of Yellowknife

#09-337

MOVED BY: CLLR LATOUR

SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER

That the Council of the Town of Hay River establish a committee of council for the purpose of working with the RCMP, the school authorities and any other community organization that is involved in the drug free zones to create support and promote public awareness and education in respect of the drug free zones.

CARRIED

f) Bank Signing Authority

On October 19, 2009, Kelly Schofield was elected as Mayor for the Town of Hay River. As a result the bank signing authority needs to be updated to reflect the change by way of motion.

#09-338

MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY

SECONDED BY: CLLR LANGILLE

That the Council of the Town of Hay River appoint the following council and administrative representatives as bank signing authorities: Mayor Kelly Schofield, Deputy Mayor Mike Maher, Acting Mayor Ken Latour, Senior Administrative Officer Terry Molenkamp and Assistant Senior Administrative Officer May-Britt Hetesi.

CARRIED

g) Creating a Brighter Future: "A Review of Electricity Regulation, Rates and Subsidy Programs in the Northwest Territories" Report of the NWT Electricity Review Panel tabled in the Legislative Assembly on November 5, 2009.

On November 5, 2009 the Chair of the Ministerial Energy Coordinating Committee, Bob McLeod tabled the report "Creating a Brighter Future: A Review of Electricity Regulation, Rates and Subsidy Programs in the Northwest Territories".

The News Releases issued by the Government of the Northwest Territories on November 6, 2009 state that the next step will be to develop a comprehensive Government of the Northwest Territories response to the Review Team's report. That the Ministerial Energy Coordinating Committee, working closely with the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning, will develop a comprehensive response to the Electricity Review, the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Review and the ATCO proposal by March 2010. The Chair of the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning, Jane Groenewegen said that any change needs to work for all communities in the NWT and Members of the Legislative Assembly will be discussing the issues raised in the report with their constituents and the Ministerial Energy Coordinating Committee of the coming months

On November 16, 2009 the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce provided a strongly worded response to the report and the resulting recommendations.

Both News Releases regarding the tabling of the report and the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce letter were provided to members of council for information.

A number of members of council have suggested that the Council of the Town of Hay River send a response to the Government of the Northwest Territories respecting the report "Creating a Brighter Future: A Review of Electricity Regulation, Rates and Subsidy Programs in the Northwest Territories" and the recommendations it provides; clearly stating that the Town of Hay River is opposed to any increase in rates.

The following documents are attached for reference:

- Report – Creating a Brighter Future: A Review of Electricity Regulation, Rates and Subsidy Programs in the Northwest Territories
- News Release – GNWT Tables Electricity Review
- News Release – Backgrounder
- Letter – Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce

FOR DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL

h.) Water Licence Renewal Technical Session

On November 13, 2009 Mayor Schofield, the Senior Administrative Officer Terry Molenkamp, the Director of Public Works and Planning Michael Richardson and FSC Engineer Ron Kent Engineer consultant attended the Technical Session of the Town's Water Licence Renewal Application as required by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. The purpose of the technical session is to address comments and concerns of the Board and other parties who are involved in the consultation process such as the aboriginal organizations, Departments of the Government of the Northwest Territories and Departments of the Government of Canada.

At the meeting the Town committed to provide answers, additional information and/or clarification to a number of questions that were posed. A copy of the Technical Session Commitments is provided. To date several of the items have been completed.

Overall the Technical Session was quite constructive and administration believes that the Town represented a positive attitude and wiliness to work with all parties on the issues that surround the renewal of our Water Licence; that the issues have been and can be resolved by working cooperatively with all parties involved.

Administration respectfully suggests that a public hearing is not necessary to facilitate the remainder of the Water Licence Renewal process.

**#09-339 MOVED BY: CLLR KRUGER
 SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River advise the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board that they are pleased with the renewal process to date and feels that all the issues surrounding the renewal have been, or can be, resolved cooperatively between all parties. Therefore the Council of the Town of Hay River believes that a public hearing is not necessary to facilitate the remainder of the licensing process.

CARRIED

i.) 2010 Recommended Budget – General Operating Fund, Utility Operating Fund, Land Development Fund

The 2010 Recommended Budgets for the General Operating Fund, the Utility Fund and the Land Development Fund are presented to the Council of the Town of Hay River for discussion.

The General Operating Fund proposes a surplus of \$281.00.

The Utility Operating Fund carries a deficit of \$347,998.00.

The deficit in the Utility Operating Fund is largely a result of increased power and fuel costs, the escalating cost of the truck water delivery service and wages in combination with water rates that have not increased since 2006.

Description	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Recommended Budget
Heat	113,953	118,900	201,244	245,793	*156,710
Power	80,605	95,183	123,157	117,862	133,662
Truck Water Delivery	799,124	778,428	845,337	803,195	880,251
Wages	200,040	227,375	257,575	237,703	276,416

*2010 Recommended Budget for heating is based on the assumption that fuel costs will be less volatile.

Administration proposes three options for Council's consideration to recover the deficit in the Utility Operating Fund.

Option 1

Access Fee increase of \$15.00 per month for all users plus increase the cost of delivery for truck water users by the contract increases since the last rate increase in 2006.

Option 2

Water rate increase of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons for all users plus increase the cost of delivery for truck water users by the contract increases since the last rate increase in 2006.

Option 3

Access Fee increase of \$10.00 per month, plus a water rate increase of \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons for all users plus increase the cost of delivery for truck water users by the contract increases since the last rate increase in 2006.

Rate Description	Current Rate/ 1,000 gallons	Option 1 1,000/gallons Plus \$15.00/month plus trucked water delivery costs	Option 2 1,000/gallons \$3.50/1,000 plus trucked water delivery costs	Option 3 1,000/gallons \$1.10/1,000 Plus \$10.00 plus trucked water delivery costs
Piped Water Economic Rate	\$16.74	\$16.74	20.24	17.84
Piped Water Rate	\$14.96	\$14.96	18.46	16.06
Piped Water Only Rate	\$9.72	\$9.72	12.00	10.44
Piped Summer Rate	\$7.48	\$7.48	9.23	8.03
Trucked Water Subsidized 0 - 4,500	\$25.28	\$36.49	38.77	37.21
Trucked Water Partial Subsidy	\$44.73	\$55.94	62.77	58.09

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Trucked Water Unsubsidized 7,000 - over	\$92.82	\$104.03	106.31	104.75
Trucked Water Bulk Truckload	\$50.72	\$56.31	58.59	57.03
Trucked Water Industrial and Commercial	\$92.82	\$104.03	106.31	104.75
Trucked Water Corridor	\$23.35	\$43.46	45.74	44.18

**#09-340 MOVED BY: CLLR LANGILLE
 SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River agree to put forth a water rate increase of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons for all users plus increase the cost of delivery for truck water users by the contract increases since the last rate increase in 2006.

CARRIED

Let it be noted that Deputy Mayor Maher and Councillors Kruger, Langille and Dueck were in favour, and Councillors Cassidy, Wallington and Latour were opposed.

j.) Minutes of the Recreation Board Regular Meeting, October 28, 2009
The Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2009

**#09-341 MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
 SECONDED BY: CLLR CASSIDY**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Minutes of the Recreation Board Regular Meeting of October 28, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

**#09-342 MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
 SECONDED BY: CLLR KRUGER**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River include a line item in the 2010 budget for paving the upper parking lot at the Chamber Park.

CARRIED

**#09-343 MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
 SECONDED BY: CLLR LANGILLE**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approve the Grant-In-Lieu application submitted by SPCA for the Dog Obedience Training held Aug 8th & 9th, 2009 for \$500.00.

CARRIED

Handwritten initials: TK, CS

Let it be noted that Councillor Latour departed the chambers for #j.) Motion #09-343.

**#09-344 MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
 SECONDED BY: CLLR DUECK**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approve the Grant-In-Lieu application submitted by Diamond Jenness Secondary School for the Youth Soccer held April 26, 2009 for \$56.00.

CARRIED

k.) Minutes of the Recreation Board Regular Meeting, December 2, 2009
The Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2009

**#09-345 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Minutes of the Recreation Board Regular Meeting of December 2, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

**#09-346 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR LATOUR**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approves the attached Fees & Charges proposal as amended.

**#09-347 MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER
 SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River tables the attached Fees & Charges proposal as amended.

CARRIED

**#09-348 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR LATOUR**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River agree in principle to the future development of the Chamber Park as presented.

CARRIED

**#09-349 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED CLLR DUECK**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approve the 2010 Bingo/Special Event allocations as presented.

CARRIED

**#09-350 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR KRUGER**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approve the Filipino/Canadian Club Grant in Lieu in the amount of \$200.00, Community Hall Rental.

CARRIED

#09-351 **MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY**
 SECONDED BY: CLLR LATOUR

That the Council of the Town of Hay River approve a Grant in Lieu in the amount of \$578.00 for Sponsored Christmas Swims/Skating.

CARRIED

l.) Information Listed

#09-352 **MOVED BY: CLLR LATOUR**
 SECONDED BY: CLLR LANGILLE

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Information Listed as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Excused Absence

Councillor O'Brien has requested to be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council, December 14, 2009.

#09-353 **MOVED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON**
 SECONDED BY: CLLR O'BRIEN

That the Council of the Town of Hay River excuse Councillor O'Brien from the Regular Meeting of Council, December 14, 2009.

CARRIED

b) Minutes of the Community Energy Plan Committee, October 22nd, 2009

A Community Energy Plan (CEP) Committee meeting was held October 22, 2009.

#09-354 **MOVED BY: CLLR DUECK**
 SECONDED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Community Energy Plan Committee Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

c) Town of Hay River Councillor Liaison Responsibilities

Town of Hay River Councillor Liaison Responsibilities		
		Alternate
Hay River Housing	Councillor Bernard Dueck	
Public Works	Councillor Bernard Dueck	
First Nations	Councillor Andrew Cassidy	
Centennial Library	Councillor Ken Latour	
TFA/Corridor	Councillor Andrew Cassidy	
Supported Living Homes	Councillor Bernie Langille	
Economic Development	Councillor Mike Maher	
Chamber of Commerce	Councillor Bernie Langille	
Health	Councillor Mike Maher	
Education	Councillor Ken Latour	Councillor Kevin Wallington
Trade & Tourism	Councillor Dawna O'Brien	Councillor Bernard Dueck
NWT Association of Communities	Councillor Dawna O'Brien	
Development Appeal Board	Councillor Mike Maher	Councillor Bernie Langille
Recreation Board	Councillor Kevin Wallington	
RCMP/Crime Prevention	Councillor Andrew Cassidy	Councillor Bernie Langille
Fire Department/EMO	Councillor Kevin Wallington	

Youth	Councillor Reiss Kruger	
Seniors Society	Councillor Reiss Kruger	
HR Beautification Committee	Councillor Dawna O'Brien	
Interagency Committee	Councillor Ken Latour	

**#09-355 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
 SECONDED BY: CLLR LATOUR**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Councillor Liaison Responsibilities as presented and amended.

CARRIED

d) Town of Hay River Council Committees

Town of Hay River Council Committees			
			Alternates
Accounts Committee	Councillor Bernie Langille	Councillor Dawna O'Brien	
Landfill Committee	Councillor Andrew Cassidy	Councillor Bernard Dueck	
Personnel Committee	Councillor Ken Latour	Councillor Dawna O'Brien	
Pine Point Development Committee	Councillor Mike Maher		
Mackenzie Gas Project Committee	Councillor Mike Maher		
Protective Services Committee	Councillor Reiss Kruger		
Utilities/Environment Committee	Councillor Andrew Cassidy		
Energy Committee	Councillor Ken Latour		

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Code of Conduct/Ethics Committee	Councillor Andrew Cassidy	Councillor Reiss Kruger	Councillor Kevin Wallington
Flood Mitigation Committee	Councillor Ken Latour	Councillor Bernard Dueck	
Drug Free Zone Committee	Councillor Kevin Wallington		

**#09-356 MOVED BY: CLLR WALLINGTON
 SECONDED BY: CLLR CASSIDY**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River accepts the Council Committees as presented and amended.

CARRIED

e) Building Canada Plan Funding Application

Provided below is an excerpt from the MACA Update Fall 2009 publication regarding Building Canada Plan Funding for the Northwest Territories. Hay River's share of the funding allocation is \$2,127,649. Applications for funding must be submitted this week to allow time for Municipal and Community Affairs to review and forward on to the Federal Government by January 1, 2010.

MACA Update: Fall 2009

Updates to Existing Programs, Services and Initiatives

Building Canada Plan

In February 2008, the Government of the Northwest Territories and Canada signed a Framework Agreement for the Building Canada Plan. This Framework Agreement outlined a commitment of \$185.5 million over a seven year period for infrastructure funding to the Northwest Territories. Of this amount, \$45.5 million is committed to municipal community public infrastructure.

In preparation for the spring 2009 budget, Federal Ministers consulted with their provincial and territorial counterparts regarding the acceleration of the Building Canada Plan funding as a mechanism to stabilize and jump start the economy out of its current fiscal situation. MACA worked with its infrastructure department counterparts including the Department of Public Works and Services, and the Department of Transportation to prepare information for consideration during the consultations on how Building Canada Plan funds could be accelerated for the Northwest Territories.

After consultation with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities and Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Government of the Northwest Territories signed an amended Funding Agreement in July 2009 that facilitates the acceleration of the Building Canada Plan funding.

All projects must fit within the eligible categories as defined in the Building Canada Fund Agreement, and must be cost-shared on a 75 percent (Building Canada Plan) and 25 percent (community government) basis.

MACA has worked with community governments to identify eligible projects, and has received approval from Canada for several of these projects. Where a community government has not yet identified its project(s), MACA continues to work with those community governments to ensure that all communities can benefit from assessing funding available under the Building Canada Plan.

h) Request for proposals – Aspen Heights Subdivision Phases 1 & 2

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Director of Public Works, Michael Richardson made a trip to Edmonton to meet with Arvid Pederson and Paul Biagi from AECOM as well as Greg Weiss and Tom Cooper from CORVUS Business Advisors to discuss the proposed Aspen Heights subdivision.

Based on the discussions, CORVUS has submitted a proposal describing the methodology and approach they would use to assess the land development viability of the Aspen Heights subdivision. CORVUS has anticipated the total cost of the analysis and report to be \$14,700. The report will provide Council with the advantage of knowing the economic feasibility when making a final decision with respect to the proposed development.

**#09-360 MOVED BY: CLLR CASSIDY
SECONDED BY: CLLR KRUGER**

That the Council of the Town of Hay River enter into a contract with CORVUS Business Advisors for the amount of \$14,700 to assess the economic viability of the proposed Aspen Heights Subdivision.

CARRIED

Let it be noted that Councillor Langille was opposed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

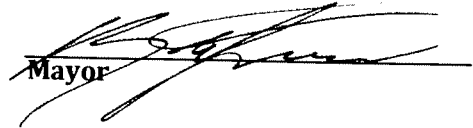
#09-361 MOVED BY: DEPUTY MAYOR MAHER

That the Regular Meeting of Council of December 14th, 2009 be adjourned at 9:35 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct as Recorded on the 14th day of December, 2009.

These minutes were accepted by motion #09-376.



Mayor



Senior Administrative Officer