

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2012
Approved Minutes

DATE: March 28, 2012
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 7:40 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Randy Cooper; Diane Griffin; Steve Ogden; Steve MacDonald; Robert Hughes, CAO and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Emile Gallant

CHAIR: Mayor David Dunphy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dunphy called the Special Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF THE RCMP CONTRACT

a) Resolution CW002-2012 - Approval of the RCMP Contract

Moved by Councillor Steve Ogden

Seconded by Councillor Steve MacDonald

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford entered into a contract with the RCMP in 1995 to provide police protection for the Town and the contract expires on March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS a new standard form contract for municipal policing was developed by the RCMP, in consultation with the Provinces and Territories where the RCMP provide services and pursuant to the new agreements that the RCMP have entered into with those provinces and territories, which will run from April 1, 2012 until March 31, 2032; and

WHEREAS the new contract contains:

- enhanced accountability and reporting provisions
- a change from per member charge of \$3500 to actual cost for training and recruitment beginning on April 1, 2015
- the addition of costs to cover legal expenses associated with the administration of the agreement and of costs to cover the additional accountability and reporting required in the agreement (estimated to be less than \$500 per year for Stratford).

- he same 70/30 municipal/federal cost split and the same two year opt out clause that is in the current agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stratford enter into a new 20 year contract (attached) with the RCMP to provide police protection to the Town effective April 1, 2012.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Dunphy explained to residents in attendance that we had to call a special meeting of Council because this item came to us after the March Council meeting was held, and the agreement must be signed by March 31, 2012.

Question: **CARRIED**

21. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

David Dunphy, Mayor

Robert Hughes, Acting CAO