

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Mayor Gene Sobolewski, Councillors Ray Prevost, Lorna Storoschuk, Jim Cheverie, John Irwin and Nestor Kunec

REGRETS

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

STAFF

Mark Power, CAO, Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, Brad Trimble, Assistant Director of Public Works, David Beale, Community Services Director and Anne Himschoot, Executive Assistant

PRESS

Kristen Heliotis, Bonnyville Nouvelle
Chris Hunter, Country 99
Kyle Moore, KOOL FM
Jenna Colbourne, Lakeland Connect

GUESTS

Reeve Ed Rondeau and CAO Chris Cambridge, M.D. of Bonnyville – IMCP Cheque Presentation
Yousef Haroon, Municipal Planning Commission
Josh Crick, M.D. of Bonnyville resident

**REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – DECEMBER 13,
2016**

- 001 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the agenda for the January 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – December 13,
2016**

- 002 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted with one small revision:

Pg. 10 of 12 – last paragraph, 8th line, the Board will meet at 8:30 in the morning and tee off time will be at 11:00 p.m.” should be changed to “ the Muni-Corr Board meeting will start at 8:30 a.m., and the golf tournament tee-off time will be 11:00 a.m.”

CARRIED



DELEGATIONS

Reeve Ed Rondeau and Chris Cambridge, CAO, M.D. of Bonnyville

Reeve Ed Rondeau indicated that the M.D. of Bonnyville was very pleased that they could continue to support regional cooperation, and share some of the industry assets with neighbours and friends. In addition, he announced that he was pleased this morning to have Mayor Sobolewski and CAO Mark Power in attendance at their Council meeting, along with S/Sgt. Luis Gandolfi. Together, the M.D. of Bonnyville and the Town have agreed to go into a GIS program (plainclothes investigations), away from normal everyday policing. This would focus on drugs, thefts and murders in our Bonnyville region, from Ardmore to the St. Paul line. The partners are looking at hiring 3 constables, the Province of Alberta would supply 1 position, the Town of Bonnyville would supply 1 position and the M.D. of Bonnyville, through the IMCP program would supply one position. Reeve Rondeau indicated he saw this operating for a minimum of three years, but would probably be an ongoing effort.

Reeve Rondeau indicated that currently, it was very difficult for the RCMP to go out and investigate to the full extent they should, because they are so busy with other things. This way, the three constables would be dedicated to this work full time. S/Sgt. Gandolfi committed that three RCMP members would be dedicated to this program and Reeve Rondeau was looking forward to see how this pans out.

Reeve Rondeau also indicated that they will probably get a good start on it this year, as S/Sgt. Gandolfi doesn't think there will be any problems in getting staff on board; this can be fast tracked. Reeve Rondeau stated he was thankful to the Town for coming up with this plan. Cold Lake already has a similar program that has been in place for a number of years and this new GIS unit would help the whole region. He indicated crime has no borders anyway and he has always said "they go hide in the M.D. of Bonnyville and come back into Town to sell it".

Reeve Rondeau presented the IMCP (Intermunicipal Collaboration Program) cheque to Mayor Sobolewski in the amount of \$1,963,686.48.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Reeve Ed Rondeau and CAO Chris Cambridge for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Power', is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

**ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING**

- 003 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** to adjourn the Regular Council meeting and enter into a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:09 p.m.

CARRIED

**ADJOURN MUNICIPAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING**

- 004 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** to adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and return to the Regular Council meeting.

Time: 6:16 p.m.

CARRIED

FINANCE

**Request For Decision –
Accounts Receivables Write-
Offs**

- 005 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council direct Administration to write off \$2,694.88 to bad debts:

Customer #	Amount	Description
TOPL001	128.55	Landfill
SIMR005	10.00	Landfill
LITT008	99.29	Landfill
JOHW003	20.00	Landfill
G300001	608.97	Landfill
DOEK002	17.78	Landfill
DIOJ001	5.24	Landfill
MARS006	157.94	Bulk Water
BEAR003	1,221.07	Bulk Water
CARR002	33.27	Airport
NUGK001	169.96	Lot Clean Up – Bank Foreclosure
LACG003	128.76	Lot Clean Up – Bank Foreclosure
KHAA004	94.05	Unplug Sewer – Property Sold

CARRIED

Yousef Haroon left the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

BUSINESS

**Request for Decision –
Purchase of Utility Tractor –
2017 Capital Budget**

- 006 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council award the purchase of the RTV-X 11C (Utility Tractor) with PTO, blade, snow blower and broom attachments at a cost of \$37,328.09 from the 2017 Interim Capital Budget with the additional funds (\$12,238.09) to come from the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED



**Request for Decision –
Adolescent Mental Health
Summer Camp – Request for
Support**

007 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve the use of the Boys and Girls Club building for the Child & Adolescent Mental Wellness Summer Camp contingent on an agreement from the Boys and Girls Club and inclusion for the Camp to be added to the Town insurance.

CARRIED

Katherine Currie left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Bonnylodge Christmas Party, along with Councillor Storoschuk and M.D. of Bonnyville Councillors. He indicated Bonnylodge is continuing to negotiate the Union contract and the third round is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.; so far it has been going quite well, but they are not able to give much of an increment, if any at all, and they are dealing from the point of view of job security at the moment.

David Beale left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Councillor Prevost also stated that for the World Junior A Challenge held in Bonnyville that he thought that the work that Robb Hunter, Richard Wurst, Janice Sabatier and Stacey Mikolajczyk did for the World Junior A Challenge was absolutely spectacular. It was one of the best shows he has seen in Bonnyville for years and years. He provided security for all the Scouts in the VIP room. Recently, he spoke with a Hockey Canada staff member who said that at these types of tournaments, around the 4th day or so, they would start to hear complaints about the ice, officiating, food in Town and hotels. As of Thursday, they had not heard a complaint about anything in the Town of Bonnyville; it was that good. The hockey scouts for the Red Wings and Rangers were extremely pleased, they said the hotel accommodations were excellent, the busing was excellent, and asked many questions about the venue and the rink.

Councillor Prevost stated he believed that the Organizing Committee, because they did such a wonderful job, have probably placed themselves in a pretty good position for the future to maybe apply for the Royal Bank Cup somewhere down the line. He didn't think anything went wrong the entire week.

Councillor Prevost complimented Chad Colbourne, who kept the crowd enthused and did a spectacular job as well.



Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost indicated that he wanted Mayor Sobolewski to pass his comments along to the Organizing Committee and to Richard Wurst. He also indicated that the Committee is looking to host an Appreciation Night for the 114 volunteers.

Brad Trimble left the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin, along with Councillor Rene and Vicki Van Brabant, attended the Fort Kent and Ardmere Firefighters Christmas Party. All the children got a gift and all firefighters got a gift from the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority. It was a very good event. Councillor Irwin, along with Councillor Van Brabant and Mayor Sobolewski, attended a supper at the Community Church; it was the launch of a new catering company that offers Philippino food and it was very good. One of their traditions is that someone has to hack the pork open with a cleaver and Mayor Sobolewski did an excellent job.

Councillor Irwin attended the Community Policing Committee meeting. The trends coming forward were that crimes against persons are down, and assaults are down. Crimes that are going up were thefts. He learned that thefts of vehicles in the M.D. of Bonnyville were occurring to be used in crimes such as running police cruisers off the road, and smashing through store front doors to steal things. Frauds were up over the last few years. The Committee is looking at redesigning the crosswalk on 43rd Avenue and 39th Street, and moving the speed signs around Town. The speed signs are doing their job by slowing traffic down and the traffic counts were pretty good.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski met with Covenant Health, where discussion took place about some of the initiatives they currently have, and how to raise continual awareness and support with Covenant Health and Alberta Health Services, more for the Regional concept. They were very open to establishing a timeline, establishing a six month window, with targets to meet. The group will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to move forward.

Mayor Sobolewski attended a supper at the Community Church, which was the launch of a new catering company that offers Philippino food. He stated it was excellent food. He also attended a meeting with Mark Power, Bill Rogers, Robb Hunter, and Richard Wurst about the World Junior A Challenge and representatives from Hockey Canada and Alberta Hockey had nothing but praise for the event in Bonnyville and encouraged/expected Bonnyville to make applications for other major events in the future, both



Mayor Gene Sobolewski

International and Alberta events; it was just that well done. Mayor Sobolewski enjoyed chatting with players, coaches, parents, and grandparents. He noted that the Americans loved the two floors available to them. The coaches previously involved in the World Junior A Challenge events complimented Bonnyville on the treatment they received, which was outstanding. It was a phenomenal event.

Mayor Sobolewski met with Brian McEvoy and they talked about some of the ongoing EMS negotiation issues they will be dealing with, as they have to include Alberta Health Services (AHS) in terms of ratifying any agreement. They have to have a "subject to" – acceptance and approval by AHS.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

Councillor Kunec attended the Beaver River Regional Watershed Alliance Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the budget and finished work on a 5 year strategic plan. He thought it was an excellent meeting.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Historical Society Christmas event, the FCSS Board meeting, the Bonnylodge Christmas supper, and the Lakeland Lodge & Housing Board meeting. She wasn't able to attend the gold medal game for the World Junior A Challenge, but commented it was sure nice to see Bonnyville on TV. She called everyone she knew from out of Town and told them to watch and was quite impressed.

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting, and the FCSS Board meeting, where a quick review of the recommendations for the Governance Report was completed. This review was completed at the same time as the Centennial Centre Review which was completed in September, 2016. Out of twenty recommendations, five were completed immediately; out of the fifteen left, over half are completed. The FCSS Board is well ahead of schedule and will have the final ones completed by March.

**General Investigative Services
Unit (GIS or Drug Unit) –
Mayor Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that when he and Mark Power, CAO, met with the M.D. of Bonnyville Council today, S/Sgt. Gandolfi also attended and there was a candid discussion with S/Sgt. Gandolfi, who spoke about the GIS (Drug Unit). It received overwhelming consensus that this unit is going to happen. Next week, Mayor Sobolewski is going to have a discussion with Cold Lake, to make sure there is no boundaries with this unit and the one in Cold Lake; they will have to be integrated and share information. This will indicate to everyone that communities in this region are absolutely serious about these types of crimes, which are



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occurring in this region and are mind boggling. He expressed congratulations and thanks to the M.D. of Bonnyville again and thanked Council for their foresight and dedication on this issue.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

**Letter – Alberta Electoral
Boundaries Commission –
Review of Boundaries and
Electoral Constituencies**

A letter from the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission, outlining the review they are undertaking of Electoral boundaries and the names of the 87 electoral constituencies was received for information by Council.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Irwin expressed his pride and appreciation for all the hard work completed by the Centennial Centre staff; they all went above and beyond for the World Junior A Challenge event. Mayor Sobolewski indicated he shook Ed Griffith's hand and congratulated him on how well the tournament was run and he also congratulated the Front Counter staff of the Centennial Centre.

Councillor Prevost indicated that Richard Wurst indicated they are financially on the right side of the line for the World Junior A Challenge. Mayor Sobolewski indicated Robb Hunter and Richard Wurst would be a delegation at the next Council meeting.

IN CAMERA

- 008 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go In Camera.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

- 009 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

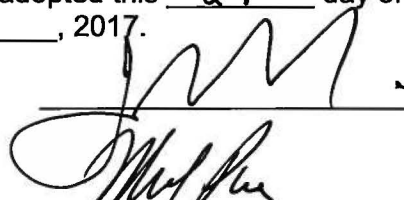
- 010 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 7:04 p.m.

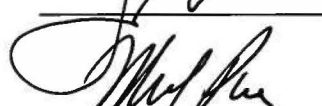
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 24th day of
January, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer