

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

Mark Power, CAO, Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, David Beale, Director of Community Services and Anne Himschoot, Executive Assistant

PRESS

Kristen Heliotis, Bonnyville Nouvelle
Chris Hunter, Country 99
Kyle Moore, KOOL FM

GUESTS

Serina Parsons, Resource Development Coordinator, Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre – Walk A Mile Event

Candina Wosminity, Bonnyville Community Support worker with Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre

Brenda Parsons, Community Support Worker
FCSS Bonnyville

**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 – FEBRUARY 14,
2016**

- 026 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the February 14, 2017 Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

A revised set of Council minutes were distributed before the Council meeting.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – JANUARY 24,
2017**

- 027 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the revised minutes of the January 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting circulated before the meeting be adopted as circulated with one revision:

Page 12 of 14, Councillor Storoschuk Report – “and then the member attended the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre meeting to also discuss the Canada 150 Mosaic project.”



**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – JANUARY 240,
2017**

Is to be changed to: “and then the Arts Club member went to the Bonnyville Centennial Centre and met with Gary Krawchuk and Sue Philips to look over the sites for the Canada 150 Mosaic project.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

**Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis
Centre – “Walk A Mile”**

Serina Parsons, Resource Development Coordinator, Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre, Candina Wosminity, Bonnyville Community Support worker, Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre and Brenda Parsons, FCSS Community Support Worker introduced themselves to Council.

Serina Parsons introduced the Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre as an emergency shelter for women and their children fleeing domestic violence or life crisis. They provide multi-faceted services and look at immediate need in emergency situations like food and shelter and provide a second stage program (Joie's Phoenix House) for longer term supportive housing, provision of access to resources and help their clients look forward to the future. The Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre also focuses on prevention through their Community Support Programs, educating, working with men and boys etc.

Serina Parsons indicated that growth occurred in 2016 and they were proud to launch the Community Support Program in Bonnyville. There was growth in the Cold Lake program as well. The Community Support Program focuses on prevention of domestic violence and provides emergency shelter services as well. They facilitate various programs to educate the public and prevent family violence, and to build stronger communities. The Community Support Program works with women and girls, men and boys to create awareness through education to stop family violence.

Serina Parsons talked about statistics for 2016: 116 women and 115 children were provided with emergency shelter – they were in emergency situations escaping family violence, or were homeless with no place to turn. Their Help Line handled 2,848 calls; out of those 1,777 calls were crisis intervention calls for a total of 35,429 minutes on the phone handled by their volunteers and staff.

Serina Parsons indicated that the Community Outreach Program wants to show that events such as “Walk A Mile”, are more than just an event. They create awareness, promote their programs and raise valuable funds to operate programs not covered by government funding.



**Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis
Centre – “Walk A Mile”**

Brenda Parsons, FCSS Community Support Worker, indicated that she has been involved in the “Walk A Mile” program since 2010. In that time, she has seen many men who have come to understand and support those affected by family violence. She stated that on the surface “Walk A Mile” looks like a fun event, but really what it is doing, is bringing to the public eye the hidden issue of family violence. The Community Outreach Program cannot address a problem unless it is brought out into the open. “Walk A Mile” has grown to a worldwide event. In Alberta, many events, such as the one in September in Edmonton, and other events in small towns everywhere occur. Brenda Parsons stated that Alberta has the 2nd highest rate of domestic violence in Canada; 1 in 4 women are affected by family violence so community members become the change.

Candina Wosminity, Bonnyville Community Support worker, indicated the Bonnyville Branch opened in 2016. The need for this service was identified by agencies, community workers, the Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre, that there was a gap missing in the community not covered by Mental Health Services. The Outreach office opened and she stated it was important that Bonnyville residents do not have to go outside our area to get education and help. So far, this program has reached out to 48 females, 13 males, and 61 files have been opened so far, which is quite significant. Candina Wosminity stated she is proud of the services in our community and that the “Walk A Mile” program is an important program to continue to sustain this program as well as others.

She indicated that David Beale and Mayor Sobolewski will participate in the “Walk A Mile” event on February 26, 2017 at the Junior A Pontiacs Game at 2 p.m. and will be held during half time (10 minutes) and then held during the 5 minutes between periods. Men participating will walk around at the game and get sponsors during the game and walk out wearing red high heel shoes. The Junior A Pontiacs will wear red hockey laces as well to show support for event.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Serina Parsons, Candina Wosminity and Brenda Parsons for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



BUSINESS

**Request for Decision –
Request for Financial
Contribution to Cost of Rental
of Centennial Centre –
Bonnyville Community
Church – Family Day
International Meal**

- 028 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve a financial contribution of 50% of the total facility rental fees for the Centennial Centre Fieldhouse, which is \$735.00, for the Bonnyville Community Church's Family Day International Food Extravaganza to be held on Monday, February 20, 2017.

CARRIED

David Beale left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

**Invitation – Village of Glendon
Pyrogy Bonspiel – March 11,
2017**

- 029 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve the registration of one curling team for the Village of Glendon Pyrogy Bonspiel to be held on March 11, 2017 and to purchase extra banquet tickets at \$20/person for those Councillors wishing to attend the banquet only.

CARRIED

**Letter – Lac La Biche County
– Request for Letter of
Support for Revised Alberta
Sport Fishing Regulations**

- 030 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council provide a Letter of Support to the Minister of Environment and Parks to support the Lac La Biche County in their endeavours to revise the Alberta Fishing Regulations to benefit our communities and achieve tourism goals.

CARRIED

**Request For Decision – 2017
Municipal Census**

Bill Rogers introduced the Request For Decision. On February 8, 2017, the Federal Government released the results of the 2016 Federal Census and their numbers show the population of the Town of Bonnyville as 5,417, which is a significant drop from the 2014 Municipal Census of 6,921. The accuracy of the Federal Government census is in question and Administration recommended conducting a Municipal Census in 2017, as the Provincial Government would use the Federal Government numbers next year for their grant funding and the Town's grant funding would be reduced. Discussion ensued.

2017 Municipal Census

- 031 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the Town of Bonnyville conduct a 2017 Municipal Census with funding to be provided from the Town's Operational Reserves.

CARRIED

**Request for Direction –
Request to Include Urban
Beekeeping in Animal Control
Bylaws**

Katherine Currie introduced the Request For Direction to include Urban Beekeeping in an Animal Control Bylaw.



**Request for Direction –
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Bylaws**

The Planning and Development Department had an inquiry if the Town would allow for any urban beekeeping. Last spring, Edmonton and Calgary started allowing urban beekeeping and Edmonton amended their Animal Control Bylaw to include it.

Katherine Currie stated there was a provincial act "The Bee Act" and Regulations that gives direction on what has to be done; they have to register with the Province and follow the guidelines; urban beekeeping is covered in depth by the Province. Urban beekeeping allows hives in back yards for the owner's consumption of honey. Edmonton has a good basis to start the process and provides direction on how to proceed. Katherine Currie indicated that she did look at urban beekeeping during the new land use bylaw review, but didn't feel it belonged there; it may be better suited in a combined animal control bylaw.

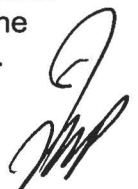
Mayor Sobolewski asked if there was a maximum size of hive and property; Katherine Currie indicated that this falls under provincial regulations and that the City of Edmonton's Animal Control bylaw doesn't have specifics on hives, but has general information about how far the hive has to be from the property boundary and the onus is on the property owner to let adjacent landowners know they are putting in a hive. The bylaw does not go as far to say the landowner needs approval from the neighbours to be installed.

Councillor Kunec asked if property owners have to put up signs like "Beware of Bees". Katherine Currie indicated this was not necessary.

Councillor Storoschuk indicated if she was allergic to bees, and her neighbour had bee hives, there would be a lot of RAID and mosquito spray used. Katherine Currie indicated it is hard to control where a bee flies. In the Edmonton and Calgary guidelines, the hives are being built so that they are not facing the opening of the hives towards the neighbour's properties; they are built so that bees fly up.

Councillor John Irwin favours the way the City of Calgary is doing urban beekeeping and they are not reinventing the wheel. He would like to see this issue tabled until further research is completed and that Administration contact David Tharle, T 'n' T Apiaries, Ardmore. Councillor Irwin stated that bees generally fly straight out of the hive.

Katherine Currie indicated that there were certain timelines the Province would license a beekeeper so that they could get their bees and the license is renewed annually. She noted that March 31 was the start of the bee licensing.



**Request for Direction –
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Beekeeping in Animal Control
Bylaws**

Councillor Kunec asked about liability issues for Town; Katherine Currie indicated she was not aware of any. Councillor Kunec was not in favour of proceeding with urban beekeeping.

The consensus of Council was to request that Administration continue with researching and investigating the Urban Beekeeping issue and talk to the bee experts. The Director will present a draft Animal Control Bylaw for Council's consideration in the future that includes Urban Beekeeping.

Katherine Currie left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the Northern Lights Library System Board meeting in Elk Point, where the annual audit was discussed. The operation has run smoothly this year and last year, and is in a surplus position. The M.D. of Bonnyville received a letter from Municipal Affairs approving the dissolution of their Library Board. Now, the Northern Lights Library System Board is the governing body for the M.D. of Bonnyville Library services.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Historical Society Board meeting and the Canada 150 Committee meeting. A site has been chosen for the art piece the Committee is going to install on the 2nd floor of the Centennial Centre; when you go up the stairs, the art piece will be on the wall around the corner. The Bonnyville and District Leisure Facility Board has approved this location and the M.D. of Bonnyville also preferred this site as well. The Canada 150 Budget is to be finalized and approved by the Committee. Presentations are to be made to Town and M.D. of Bonnyville if the grant does not come through; that would happen in the second week of March.

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board Meeting and the Day Care Board and staff event, which was supper and a movie. She also attended the Intermunicipal Development Plan Steering Committee meeting followed later in the evening by the Open House and presentation. Councillor Storoschuk attended the Daycare Board meeting and the Canada Day Committee meeting.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

Councillor Kunec attended the Intermunicipal Development Plan Steering Committee meeting followed later in the evening by the Open House and presentation. He attended the LICA meeting and the Beaver River Watershed Alliance Committee meeting in Moose Lake. There is a lot of



Councillor Nestor Kunec

phosphorous in the water in Moose Lake, and the water is not as good as it used to be, which is a concern.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski met with Cold Lake Ambulance members and discussed common issues that both Bonnyville and Cold Lake have with EMS.

He attended and Aboriginal Consulting Workshop with Mark Power, Ray Prevost and Bill Rogers. The workshop was facilitated by Clayton Desjarlais, and was quite a bit different from first workshop he took a couple of years ago with Clayton Desjarlais. On the second day of the workshop, they covered the consultation process, how to reach an agreement, and the ways in which an agreement can be reached. He stated it was very interesting and useful for the regional waterline process.

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Intermunicipal Development Plan Steering Committee meeting followed later in the evening by the Open House and presentation. He was very impressed by the number of people that attended.

Mayor Sobolewski also attended the Regional Waterline Governance Committee Meeting where governance issues were discussed; they worked on setting directions, and now the Consultants are working on a business plan to submit to Municipal Affairs. The Consultants are also getting proper documentation together for a new Commission involving the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville and have hired Clayton Desjarlais to do the consultation process mandated by the Provincial government. He will consult with Kehewin, Cold Lake and new members such as the Metis Settlements and Frog Lake and will be part of the consultation process.

The Engineering RFP's for the Regional Waterline will be put forward by Feb. 21, 2017 and awarded by the Cold Lake Regional Utilities Commission (RUSC). The RFP's are due on Feb. 22, 2017; a Technical Committee has been working on this.

When Mayor Sobolewski was at the Elizabeth Metis Settlement this week, he mentioned to them about the Regional Water line and the consultation process.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin was on vacation for two weeks. He attended the Agricultural Society Board meeting, where planning for Gardner's Day, to be held at Seniors Drop In Centre occurred and they are also operating the concessions for the rodeo and chuck wagon races, and will have a Fall Fair event this year.

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Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Community Policing Meeting.

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Lakeland Lodge & Housing Board meeting. The Board adjusted a few numbers for the 2017 budget, as they had to be sent to the Provincial government prior to February. The lodge renovations are moving along in Cold Lake. Councillor Prevost indicated they finally saw some action in Villa Quimet East, as men were working on the elevator the other day. The Provincial Government has pulled the performance bond, and things are moving forward.

Councillor Prevost participated in a teleconference call with the Assistant Deputy Minister to ask for special funding as stated in the Act, if revenue is lost as a result of the decommissioning of beds, (52 beds), as well as the loss of LAPP grants for these beds, when a Seniors lodge is under construction, a municipality is allowed to apply for special funding. They had a long conversation and found out that the Town of Vermillion applied for this special funding and were approved.

Lakeland Lodge & Housing put an application into the Provincial Government retroactive to 2014 and they are expecting an answer sometime next week. They were quite adamant that the Government knew about this, and asked why the Government didn't make that 100% clear before they started with the project. The architect is working on Phase 3 plans and they are coming along well; the architect is also making some adjustments with his contract with the Government.

Councillor Prevost also attended the Regional Waterline Governance Committee Meeting.

He also attended the Bonnyville Snowdusters meeting at Shaw House to bring clarity that Town is not going to build them a warm up building at the Staging Area on the Iron Horse Trail. He brought a big file on this project that clearly stated in 2008 the Snowdusters were going to build the building themselves. Councillor Prevost indicated thirty people attended. He stated there were still a couple of non-believers after his presentation, who happen to be M.D. of Bonnyville residents and still believe that Town should build a warm up building for the Snowdusters.

Councillor Prevost indicated that the next day after the meeting, he went to see MLA Scott Cyr, who informed him that Devon Canada Corp. had a \$5,000 grant they would like to award before end of March which may be something for



Councillor Ray Prevost

the Snowdusters to apply for; he subsequently went to see CNRL and asked for a \$5,000 donation. CNRL found that request a little rich, and indicated they might consider a \$2,500 donation instead. He also phoned Mr. Wakulchuk to ensure he had the proper lumber to build some ramps.

After gathering this information, Councillor Prevost phoned the Committee members and left a message to tell them if they build some ramps and bring in some picnic tables, that would be a start and that they really need to think about the building, and who is going to operate the building.

Councillor Prevost then went to MLA Scott Cyr's office and he was given grant packages, which he forwarded to Marianne Price of Muni-Corr. It is up to her to submit the grant applications and get the title transferred to Muni-Corr's name and get insurance from Muni-Corr, as it won't be available from the Town insurance. Councillor Prevost spoke with Katherine Currie and he indicated that the Town has spent \$204,000 on the Staging Area property so far, for water, sewer, elevation, black dirt, gravel etc... Councillor Prevost indicated the rest is up to the Snowdusters.

He reported this issue to the Muni-Corr Board of Directors meeting he attended.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Letter – Minister of Health, Sarah Hoffman – Thank You for Letter Regarding Funding for EMS

A letter from Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health, thanking Mayor Sobolewski for his thank you letter regarding EMS funding was received for information by Council.

Letter –Town of Vegreville – Thank You for Letter of Support for Advocacy Efforts – Closure of the Vegreville Case Processing Centre

A letter from Myron Hayduk, Mayor, Town of Vegreville thanking the Town of Bonnyville for their Letters of Support to Federal Ministers for advocacy efforts to stop the closure of the Vegreville Case Processing Centre was received for information by Council.

Letter – Federal Minister of Immigration – Response to December 16, 2016 letter – Vegreville Case Processing Centre

A response letter from the Federal Minister of Immigration to the Town's December 16, 2016 Letter of Support to keep the Vegreville Case Processing Centre open was received for information by Council.

Letter Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association – Concerns Over Federal Estimates for Canada Post

A letter from the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association regarding their concerns over the Federal Government Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates for Canada Post was received for information by Council.



QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

IN CAMERA

- 032 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go In Camera.

Time: 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

- 033 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

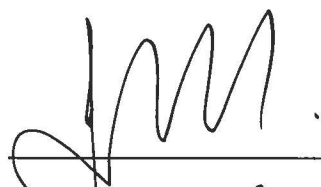
- 034 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 7:55 p.m.


CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 28th day of February, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer