

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, Brad Trimble, Director of Public Works and Anne Himschoot, Executive Assistant

PRESS

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

**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 28,
2017**

- 035 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that the agenda for the February 28, 2017 Council meeting be adopted with the following addition – 9. In Camera – b) Personnel.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – FEBRUARY 14,
2017**

- 036 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCE

**Operating Financial Statement –
Period Ending January 31,
2017**

- 037 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the Operating Financial Statement for the period ending January 31, 2017 be accepted for information by Council.

CARRIED

**Capital Financial Statement –
Period Ending January 31,
2017**

- 038 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the Capital Financial Statement for the period ending January 31, 2017 be accepted for information by Council.

CARRIED



**Bank Reconciliation – Period
Ending January 31, 2017**

- 039 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending January 31, 2017 be accepted for information by Council.

CARRIED

**2016 Year End Financial
Statement Adjustments –
Transfers to and From Year
End**

- 040 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that Council authorize the year end transfers to and from Reserves as presented by the Director of Finance for Operations and Capital Projects for 2016.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

**Letter – Bonnyville Victim
Services (Safe Roads
Committee) – Sponsor \$500
for the Mock Collision Event**

- 041 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council authorize a financial contribution of \$500 to Bonnyville Victim Services to offset costs to host a Mock Collision event on April 19, 2017.

CARRIED

**Letter – 4 Wing Cold Lake and
email from Bob McRae –
Freedom of the City**

A letter from Colonel P.J. Doyle, Wing Commander, 4 Wing Cold Lake accepting Town Council's offer of the Freedom of the City to 4 Wing Cold Lake and an email from Bob McCrae to Chief Roy, 4 Wing Cold Lake outlining the details being planned for the ceremony to date was received for information by Council.

**Purchase of New Street
Sweeper**

- 042 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council authorize the expenditure of \$242,972.00 for the purchase of a 2017 Pelican Street Sweeper and to trade in or sell the existing 2008 Pelican Street Sweeper.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the AUMA Environment Committee meeting where a good presentation about street lighting occurred. Municipalities in Alberta have found out that LED lighting of 3,000 - 4,000 kelvins (blue light) killed song birds in the summer in southern towns as they nested lower in bushes. The municipalities have also found out that blue light does not bode well for floral, and if flowers are hung under the blue lights, the flowers die. The municipalities have found out that if the light strength goes down to between 2700 and 2200 kelvins, there is more white light than blue. The Town of Okotoks has installed 4,000 of the blue light street lamps and they have real issue on their hands as residents are complaining.



Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the Alberta CARE seminar in Olds, Alberta. New processes discussed included the shredding of shingles at landfills. There is a company located in Calgary that is starting up in Edmonton that does this work. Shingles are stockpiled for five years, which is more than sufficient. The company shreds the shingles and leaves them at the landfill. The fee to shred shingles is less than cold mix for roads and the shingle dust is used as a dust deterrent on roads. A test was done at certain landfills and there was no dust on landfill roads.

The waste oil division of Alberta Recycling is having difficulties keeping revenues in line with expenditures and they are not paying anyone for waste oil like they used to and are looking at perhaps raising the rate for waste oil. Alberta Recycling still has a healthy reserve, and some municipalities expressed concern and they felt Alberta Recycling should look at using the reserves before asking the Provincial Government for permission to raise the rate. If the Province approves the rate increase, it is like a new tax.

Mayor Sobolewski asked if Alberta Recycling investigated their expenses and asked if they were too heavy in Administration.

Councillor Cheverie indicated that it seemed to be a bit of both; two years ago, there was a \$2 million surplus and this fall; they were \$900,000 in deficit.

Mayor Sobolewski indicated he would like to see an audit before any dollars are put into this. Councillor Cheverie indicated that concerns were expressed by those in attendance and they advised Alberta Recycling to consult with the municipalities before they asked the Provincial Government to raise the rate.

Councillor Van Brabant asked if there were private companies recycling the oil and Councillor Cheverie indicated there were not many companies doing this anymore. He pointed out that the representatives were from rural Alberta only and not the cities.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Historical Society Board meeting and a strategic planning session for the Historical Society to discuss ways of generating revenue, as any museums are not sustainable by themselves.

She also attended a Canada 150 Committee meeting at the Bonnyville Canada Native Friendship Centre. The committee directed the Aurora Visual Arts Club representatives to bring three artistic concepts for the next



Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

meeting, where they will decide what concept to go with and also determine if the Committee needs to approach the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville for any financial support.

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Hospital Gala, the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board meeting and the Beau Vista Asset Builders presentation about a new project for seniors in the new area of the Beau Vista subdivision.

She also attended the Day Care Board meeting and the FCSS Board meeting.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

Councillor Kunec attended the Alberta Bilingual Municipal Association (formerly Concerto) meeting in Beaumont. As they are going to incorporate, they needed a new logo. There was a discussion about the new logo design presented – it was a fleur des lies and most members did not like the design and it will have to be redrawn.

Councillor Kunec attended the Hospital Gala and the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting. A discussion took place about the need for the two sponsoring municipalities to come to some sort of agreement for financial contributions towards the operation of the Library and they were asked to approach their Council for a motion to approve this.

Councillor Cheverie added that after the dissolution of the M.D. of Bonnyville Library Board, the M.D. is served by the Board of Record from Elk Point. The population now used for service levels at the Bonnyville Municipal Library is 16,300. The Bonnyville Municipal Library Board is looking for a Memorandum of Understanding as to how they would be supported operationally, as now the M.D. of Bonnyville would only be committed to the Northern Lights Library Board. Councillor Cheverie suggested that the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville Administrations present this issue to a Joint Council meeting in next few months for discussion purposes.

Mayor Sobolewski asked if the M.D. of Bonnyville gets requisitions from the Northern Lights Library Board and Councillor Cheverie indicated that they did.

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that he spoke with Reeve Rondeau about this issue and there was an article in the Bonnyville Nouvelle about this. Councillor Cheverie indicated that the population per capita numbers are divided between Bonnyville and Cold Lake and that two members of M.D. of Bonnyville are on the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board. He clarified it was the Bonnyville Municipal Library



Councillor Nestor Kunec

Board that asked the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville representatives to approach their Administrations about this issue.

Councillor Kunec indicated the Bonnyville Municipal Library will be closed during the first week of April for completing their inventory.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Board meeting. The Board signed an agreement with the EMS Union and therefore successfully negotiated their first collective agreement

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Hospital Gala, and the Beau Vista Asset Builders presentation about seniors housing. He was impressed by the number of people in attendance, and there were many varied comments. He was surprised by the request for larger units and some real estate folks were talking about back yards, which he felt that some of comments might have diverged from the original concept.

Mayor Sobolewski attended a Grade Six presentation to students at the HE Bourgoin School. He spoke about why he became an engineer and the students asked many questions about why he became the Mayor.

Mayor Sobolewski participated in the Walk a Mile event at the Jr. A Pontiacs game and \$4,000 was raised by the men participating.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Board meeting. He also attended the HUB meeting in Vermillion. The Transportation Study commissioned by HUB was presented and it looked at all the highways in the HUB region. Alberta Transportation's ideas about major highways differ from Alberta HUB's ideas.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Board meeting, the Hospital Gala, the Beau Vista Asset Builders presentation on seniors housing and the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. The Chamber of Commerce will be conducting their Annual General Meeting on March 16, 2017.

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing meeting in Cold Lake. They have not received a letter back from the Province in response to their application to obtain lost revenue. The Province did call back and indicated the matter is still being investigated. Councillor Prevost indicated that the Town of Vermilion is receiving a LAPP grant for decommissioned rooms. Councillor Prevost



Councillor Ray Prevost

indicated construction at the Cold Lake lodge was coming along pretty good, and was not overly disappointed in the progress. He indicated there would be a design meeting for Bonnyville Phase 3, in March in Bonnyville.

He wanted to point out to Council that he did not report before that Nick from Lakeland Grill has prepared Christmas dinner for the Lodge residents for the last two years and does not charge for this. It also helps the Lodge employees, as they can have some time off and Councillor Prevost asked Council when they go for lunch at Lakeland Grill to mention to Nick that this service is greatly appreciated.

Councillor Prevost attended the Beau Vista Asset Builders presentation and although he was surprised at some of the comments, there were many good comments. He indicated that people reaching 80 yrs. want to downsize. Councillor Prevost indicated there were 80 people in attendance, and everyone who attended received a phone call after the presentation. He indicated that he spoke with Jim Chorley and Taylor from Asset Builders today and two deposits have been placed on units. The first two units being built will be ground level, with no stairs and be completely barrier free. They will be 1150 sq. ft. in size. Councillor Prevost expressed that it was exciting to see this project go ahead. It would be considered a gated community, or Plus 55, adult living.

Councillor Jim Cheverie – SWANA Training in Bonnyville

Councillor Cheverie indicated that for two days at the end of March, SWANA, Western Division training courses on landfills will be conducted in Bonnyville. SWANA decided to move the training out of the cities. There were 20 attendees registered; the Town of Bonnyville is sending two staff members. The training will be held in classrooms in the Centennial Centre and Councillor Cheverie will invigilate some exams. The instructor will be Tom Moore, who is a representative for SWANA and the Chair of Alberta CARE.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Letter – Alberta Municipal Affairs – Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

A letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that submissions for the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence are now being accepted and was received for information by Council.

Councillor Irwin suggested the Town nominate themselves for our Mental Health project and Doctor Recruitment program under the category of Innovation. He also suggested the Regional Water Line under the category of Projects.



Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

Letter – Alberta College of Social Workers – Request to Proclaim March 5-11, 2017 as Social Work Week in the Town of Bonnyville

Letter – Imperial Oil – Cold Lake Expansion Project – Supplemental Information Request – Round 3

QUESTIONS

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that David Beale, Director of Community Services, is being asked to speak frequently as a result of his experiences with the Mental Health project and the Town's involvement in Emergency Services for Fort McMurray fire evacuees.

A letter from the Alberta College of Social Workers regarding Social Work Week and requesting that the Town proclaim the week of March 5-11, 2017 as Social Work Week in the Town of Bonnyville was received for information by Council.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski proclaimed the week of March 5-11, 2017 as Social Work Week in the Town of Bonnyville.

A letter from Imperial Oil announcing submission of responses to the Supplementary Information Request Round 3 for its proposed Cold Lake Expansion project to the Alberta Energy Regulator on February 15, 2017 was received for information by Council.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk indicated that she has been receiving questions from residents about why Public Works is windrowing and hauling snow away now, as there is not much snow to remove. Concerns were expressed to her about putting more wear and tear on our equipment when it is not necessary.

Mark Power, CAO, indicated that with all spring water runoff, it is necessary to remove the snow from the roads before it melts. He indicated there was a lot of flat land in Bonnyville, and the water needs to be drained away before it melts.

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that in the past, there was one year flooding occurred because the snow was not removed before it melted and residents were angry. He indicated that now, the Town is proactive with snow removal.

Mark Power, CAO indicated that the Town has been lucky that we have had no water breaks in the last couple of weeks. Crews aren't available to remove snow if there are water breaks.

Councillor Van Brabant asked what was happening as there are poles are Main Street. The poles are 18 feet high and they are moved from one lot to another. He asked who was using these poles. Mark Power indicated that he had thought it was some survey control and will see if he can get an answer.



IN CAMERA

- 043 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go In Camera.

Time: 6:44 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

- 044 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:07 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

- 045 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 14th day of March, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer