

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:03 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

Councillor Nestor Kunec

STAFF

Mark Power, CAO, Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, David Beale, Director of Community Services, Tracy Ghostkeeper, Finance Officer and Anne Himschoot, Executive Assistant

PRESS

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

GUESTS

Kim Harvie and Ruth Tellier – Daycare
Robb Hunter and Neil Langridge – RBC Cup

**REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – MARCH 14, 2017**

046 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the March 14, 2017 Council meeting be adopted with the following additions:

3. Delegation b) Robb Hunter and Neil Langridge – Letter of Support for Preliminary Bid to host RBC Cup

10. In Camera – a) Legal b) Personnel c) Personnel

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – FEBRUARY 28,
2017**

047 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the minutes of the February 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

**Daycare – Ruth Tellier, Board
Chair and Kim Harvie,
Executive Director**

Kim Harvie, Executive Director, Bonnyville Daycare stated that the Daycare was growing very quickly and they have run out of space. They would like to utilize a room that is currently used partially for overflow for Parent Link programs



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when they have many parents in attendance. The room is also used for meetings, 25-30% of the time. The Daycare has a waiting list of nine children, six families. They currently cannot accommodate these families without extra room and they are asking for additional space as identified in the map provided in the Request for Decision. The Daycare is open to sharing the room during evenings and weekends are asking to use the room for day to day use. The room is located on the south side of the building closest to the pool – the “orange room”.

Ruth Tellier, Chair, Bonnyville Daycare indicated that the Daycare has had a good year this past year and for it to continue to have a good bottom line; they need to be able to continue to grow. She stated that the Bonnyville Daycare offers very good quality child care.

Kim Harvie stated that the Town previously provided the Daycare with a loan. In 2015, the Daycare was in the red and was not able to make payment. Now, with increased enrollment, the Daycare is able to make a payment this year and if they continue to grow, they can possibly pay the loan off. Ruth Tellier stated she didn't foresee an issue with the Daycare paying off their loan this year. They want to come up with creative ways to share the space with FCSS.

David Beale, Community Services Director stated this was a compromise situation. Groups meet in that room, e.g. new nursing moms use the “orange room” once a month. They will have to be more creative in finding different space, like using the Boys and Girls club in the day when it is vacant or using meeting rooms in the Town Hall. He indicated that FCSS has a bit more capacity to be creative to use rooms for different spaces. In his Request for Decision, it is noted that the Daycare can use the room all of the time and FCSS can use it some of the time.

Councillor Cheverie stated that the driving force behind economic development is families moving to Bonnyville. The oil patch sector is all about the kids and those young families. He further stated that for families contemplating a move to Bonnyville, the most frequently asked question is do you have daycare and licensed daycare. He stated that happy children make happy families, and happy families make a happy community. He is in support of the Daycare request.

Councillor Van Brabant asked how many children were in day care at the present time. Kim Harvie stated that 39 children are enrolled in Daycare now, but on April 1, this will rise to 45, not including the 9 on the waiting list. Kim Harvie



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stated that on Oct.1, only 25 children were enrolled in the Daycare. At that time, they were using two rooms, and opened up a third room in December.

Councillor Storoschuk indicated the Daycare Board has to look at developing a long term plan at future board meetings. Chair Ruth Tellier said the game changer will be if the Bonnyville Daycare is successful in getting the \$25/day daycare funding from the Province. She indicated that one of the reasons for increased registrations may be in anticipation of that happening, but it is also a sign people are finding jobs and working.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Kim Harvie and Ruth Tellier for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**RBC Cup – Robb Hunter and
Neil Langridge**

Robb Hunter stated that last December, Bonnyville proved it is a hockey town. The World Jr. A Challenge was quite a successful event, everyone enjoyed it, and it provided a tremendous economic spin off for our community.

During the night of the wrap up party, the president of the Canadian Junior Hockey League told Robb Hunter that the volunteers did an amazing job and should think about bidding for another event. A representative from Hockey Canada also expressed that Bonnyville think about bidding on another event.

Robb Hunter indicated that the Host Committee would like to bid for the 2019 RBC Cup, which is a national championship for Jr. A Hockey in Canada. The Bonnyville Junior A Pontiacs will automatically be entered in the event the bid is successful. Neil Langridge is the Assistant coach for the Bonnyville Jr. A Pontiacs, and has agreed to act as Co-Chair on this bid (taking Richard Wurst's place). Robb Hunter indicated that Richard Wurst, Chair of the Host Committee, did such an amazing job for the World Jr. A Challenge and played such a major part, will act as a special advisor.

The preliminary bid needs to be submitted by March 20, 2017 and a lot of work has been put into it already. Most Host Committee members have volunteered to come back for this new bid. The bid goes into Hockey Alberta. This event is bid on much more from other communities across Canada than the World Jr. A Hockey Challenge and the competition to get this event is much greater, and Robb Hunter indicated Bonnyville's bid needs to be that much better.



**RBC Cup – Robb Hunter and
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Robb Hunter asked for a Letter of Support for the preliminary bid from the Town, similar to the one the Town provided for the World Jr. A Championship. The actual full bid package is to be presented at this year's RCB Cup hosted in Coburg, Ontario in May, 2017. Bonnyville's bid delegation would travel there, and at that time would need a financial commitment from the Town.

Robb Hunter did not want to specify the amount for a financial commitment from the Town, as the Host Committee is aware of other communities bidding for this event, and they don't want information made public. Robb Hunter indicated that Drumheller and Brooks in Alberta will be bidding, as well as one community in Saskatchewan and some in Eastern Canada. He further indicated that this was a prestigious event with a huge economic spin off for our community.

Councillor Prevost expressed his support for the bid. He heard many positive comments and no negative comments when Bonnyville hosted the World Jr. A Challenge. He asked if the bids are awarded in alternating years to the East and the West. Robb Hunter indicated that it would be somewhat of a factor as Hockey Canada likes to spread it across the country, but it will be the best bid that wins.

Councillor Irwin asked if the tournament would have exhibition games in St. Paul and Cold Lake. Robb Hunter indicated that the RBC Cup tournament is not run like this, these are Club teams that play 90 games a season and there are no exhibition games.

Mayor Sobolewski asked how big a role does the facility play in getting the games. Robb Hunter indicated Hockey Canada looks for fan experience, athlete experience, and financial experience. Athlete experience is the most important and that bodes well for Bonnyville.

Robb Hunter indicated that Brooks has a nice facility with a jumbo Tron, but there may be things in our facility that we can do and they can't. He further indicated that the Drumheller bid has strong financial backing by the Can Alta Hotel group; their bid can make it look that rooms would be free, but the rink is not very nice. The three biggest expenses in hosting are hotels, transportation and meals.

Councillor Prevost asked about the length of the tournament. Robb Hunter indicated the tournament lasts for ten days, from a Saturday to a Sunday. The budget to host would be greater than the budget for the World Jr. A Challenge, but those fans from all the participating Canadian teams from

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Canadian cities would travel all across Canada to the RBC Cup and it is very well scouted. Councillor Storoschuk asked when the tournament is usually held. Robb Hunter indicated it would start the second week of May and wrap up after the May long weekend.

Letter of Support for Bid to Host RBC Cup in 2019

- 048 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council authorize a Letter of Support for the preliminary bid to host the RBC Cup in 2019.

CARRIED

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Robb Hunter and Neil Langridge for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 1458-17 – Election Bylaw – 1st Reading

- 049 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council provide first reading to Bylaw No. 1458-17 – Election Bylaw in the next two publications of the Bonnyville Nouvelle and bring back Bylaw No. 1458-17 Election Bylaw for approval at the April 11, 2017 Council meeting.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 1459-17 – Animal Control Bylaw – 1st Reading

- 050 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council provide first reading to Bylaw No. 1459-17 – Animal Control Bylaw and that the Bylaw be brought back to Council at a subsequent Council meeting for second and third reading.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Letter – Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre – Career Fair – March 26, 2017

- 051 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council will participate and provide a booth for the “Empowering Our Youth” event on March 28, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Dr. Brosseau School hosted by the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre. Council could provide students with information regarding municipal leadership, responsibilities, and the process of becoming an elected official.

CARRIED

Councillors Storoschuk, Prevost and Van Brabant will attend.



**Request For Decision –
Expression of Interest to Host
Senior's Week Launch**

- 052 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council support the submission of an Expression of Interest conjointly with the Bonnyville Seniors Centre to co-host the Senior's Week Provincial Launch event on Monday, June 5, 2017.

CARRIED

**Request For Decision –
Daycare Expansion Request**

- 053 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council approve the expansion of the Daycare by adding space within the Parent Child Centre to accommodate increased demand for childcare and enter into a lease agreement with the Daycare.

CARRIED

**Request For Decision – 2017
Municipal Election**

- 054 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant:**
- a) That Council appoint Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance as the returning officer for the Town of Bonnyville.
 - b) That Council direct the Returning Officer to conduct institutional votes in the Bonnyville Lodge, the Hospital (Bonnyville Health Care Centre) and at the Extendicare.
 - c) That Council direct the Returning Officer to conduct an advance vote.
 - d) That Council continue with the election procedures as in past years without a special ballot.
 - e) That Council direct Administration to continue to have electors make a statement in the presence of an officer at the voting station, in the prescribed form, (Form 8 – Voting Register) that the person is eligible to vote as an elector and produces for inspection, the proof of the person's identity and current residence as required by the new legislation that establishes the elector's name and current address.
 - f) That Council direct the Returning Officer to conduct an Incapacitated Elector at Home vote.

CARRIED

David Beale left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Regional Waterline Governance meeting. He also attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board meeting, where Mr. Ross presented the audit findings. As expected, revenue was down somewhat due to the closing of 52 beds; it was a good report and they received a good management letter with a few minor details that will be easily fixed.



Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Rene Van Brabant attended the Community Policing Committee meeting, and the Regional Waterline Governance Committee meeting.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin attended the Regional Waterline Governance Committee meeting and the Community Policing Committee meeting. Crime in the area will be going down due to the arrest of six people who operated in a car theft and breaking/entering ring. They are now in the Remand Centre and this was a joint operation between Cold Lake RCMP and Bonnyville RCMP using aircraft and dogs.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski participated in a teleconference with Brian McEvoy and Bill Rogers. They spoke to EMS with regards to capital replacements, Alberta Health Services (AHS) have indicated to date that they will work with EMS, now that it is crunch time; AHS are telling EMS to develop a plan and they will see if it fits in the budget. Mayor Sobolewski and the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority responded in kind by talking to them about their discussions with the Minister and the President of AHS in the past. Mayor Sobolewski and Brian McEvoy indicated to EMS officials that they want more affirmative action in terms of capital replacements. AHS indicated that the Bonnyville Ambulance could lease an ambulance. Mayor Sobolewski expressed his concern that the Bonnyville Fire Authority as the contractor is essentially funded from AHS and leasing an ambulance would be limited by a defined time period; if there were future funding cutbacks, it would affect the financial commitment for a lease, and they assertively made the point that they want to make sure we are always going to be receiving funding. Mayor Sobolewski indicated that there were other Authorities that have same concerns, particularly contractors.

Mayor Sobolewski and Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO, attended the Spring Mayor's Caucus in Edmonton. There were three major highlights – a speaker from B.C. discussed the rebates for the carbon levy tax. B.C. instituted these in 2008 and municipalities there have signed a greenhouse gas accord which dictates that funds come back to the municipalities, but they are not directed how to spend the money.

There was also an issue with Municipal Affairs, who are moving forward with programming. Minister Brian Mason spoke about the MSI funding, which ends in 2017. Mayor Sobolewski indicated there seemed to be a commitment to continue to provide funding, but no details were available. He asked for input from those in room. The MSI funding has been reduced from \$11.3 billion dollars at end of 2016, to \$ 7.4 billion in 2017. Those in the room expressed that the

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funding be more stable and not cut back anymore. One idea that received a lukewarm reception was that MSI be collected as part of personal taxes – the cities like this, but the rural participants did not.

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that it was a very interesting conference. Minister Brian Mason responded directly to a letter written by Lisa Holmes, AUMA President and Mayor of Morinville, regarding the remaining Building Canada funds and this proved to be an uncomfortable moment as Minister Mason was very direct. Many representatives of Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties attended during the first day and Mayor Sobolewski stated that he hopes this will be expanded for next year.

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Regional Waterline Governance meeting. The Committee will be moving forward with founding documents to form a Commission. Information was presented by the consultants regarding how to apportion rates and capital costs. He indicated that founding Commission documents will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with Councillor Irwin regarding Centennial Centre issues.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Seniors Advocate session hosted by the Seniors Drop In Centre, which explained what the Seniors Advocate does, which is to handle issues that Seniors can't get resolution for; they will look after the issue and follow up until they have resolution. This may include working with FCSS. The session was a way to gather information from seniors and was very good. The Seniors Advocate is coming back to the area and were asked to let the group know when this will happen. Seniors present had a lot of questions and concerns. After the meeting, Councillor Storoschuk met with Connie Surgeson of Lakeland Lodge and Housing to advise her of the issues raised, as many of them were lodge related.

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Canada Day Committee meeting, where the budget was finalized. The Committee may be approaching Council to ask for more funding as the main band is costing more than they thought.

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Pyrogy Bonspiel in Glendon as part of the Town team. Darren Czapla, his wife's daughter and nephew also participated on the Town team. Eight teams in total participated and the Town team came in last place, but really enjoyed the event.



Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Canada 150 Committee meeting along with Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO. The Committee made a final decision not to go with the painted tiles, but to go with the electronic mosaic, which was more cost effective. The Committee will be asking the public to submit photos (i.e. cultural) and the Committee will review all the photos and go from there, they are waiting to hear about prices. Bill Rogers added that the photo chosen would be digitized to make a computerized mosaic, which is very easy to print out for a cost of less than \$5,000, compared to the \$20,000 cost for painted tiles.

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Regional Waterline Governance meeting and the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board meeting.

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie, along with Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO, attended the regional waste work session hosted by Alberta Innovates (Alberta Government Agency).

Alberta Innovates wants to amalgamate the counties of St. Paul, Smoky Lake, Lac La Biche and M.D. of Bonnyville into one facility, which would cost between \$30 and 40 million dollars. The proposed facility would take in all the waste in the area from Cold Lake to Waskateneau: wet, dry, compost, recycled goods, construction and demolition waste. The waste would be sorted, part of it burned and some heat recovered.

Representatives from every municipality and their Waste Management Commissions attended and their biggest drawbacks were the location and cost of this facility. If it was located in Therien, Bonnyville would have a better view of it. Councillor Cheverie questioned if Alberta Innovates and Alberta Environment found the dollars, if this project would happen. He indicated they had reasonable proposals, but they need 60 tonnes a year minimum. The municipalities might be able to come up with that amount for a banner year, with a lot of waste coming out of oil patch, but most likely would only come up with 40 tonnes.

Councillor Cheverie indicated that Alberta Innovates homework left a lot to be desired, so everyone will see what will happen in the next few years.

Mayor Sobolewski asked about operating costs and tipping costs. Councillor Cheverie indicated Alberta Innovates said they hoped it would be no greater than now. The group advised what their actual tipping costs were.



Councillor Jim Cheverie

With such a high up front cost of \$30-40 million, Councillor Cheverie commented to the group why the rural municipalities wouldn't be treated like City of Calgary, who received \$50 million for blue box program and the Province paid all the costs

Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO indicated that St. Paul is considering submitting an Expression of Interest. Alberta Innovates encouraged Expressions of Interest from rural municipalities.

Councillor Cheverie indicated that those in attendance want to see where the cash will be coming from, and prices would have to be very competitive to the current costs.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

**Letter – Elk Point Lions Club –
Moose Lake Walleye Classic –
Request for Financial
Contribution**

A letter from the Elk Point Lions Club requesting a financial contribution for their Moose Lake Walleye Classic on June 23 & 24, 2017 was received for information by Council.

**Invitation – Lakeland Co-op
Home Centre Grand Opening
– March 23, 2017**

An invitation from Lakeland Co-op to their Home Centre Grand Opening on March 23, 2017 was received for information by Council.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

IN CAMERA

- 055 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go In Camera.

Time: 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

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

Time: 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED

**Cold Lake Regional Water
Supply Expansion (Regional
Water Line) – Phase 1 –
Engineering and Construction**

- 057 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council authorize Administration to enter into Memorandum of Agreements with Alberta Transportation and the Town of Bonnyville for the Engineering and Construction for the Cold Lake Regional Water Supply Expansion (Regional Water Line) – Phase 1, Engineering and Construction.

CARRIED



ADJOURNMENT

058 Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 8:27 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer