

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Mayor Gene Sobolewski (entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.),
Councillors: Lorna Storoschuk, Ray Prevost, John Irwin,
Rene Van Brabant, Jim Cheverie and Nestor Kunec

STAFF

Mark Power, Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Rogers,
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Katherine Currie,
Director of Planning and Development, and Tracy
Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

PRESS

Kristen Heliotis, Bonnyville Nouvelle
Chris Hunter, Country 99 (entered at 6:10 p.m.)
Kyle Moore, KOOL FM
Jenna Colbourne, Lakeland Connect (entered at 6:01 p.m.)

GUESTS

Josh Crick, Andrea Yaremie, Elissa Brosseau (entered at
6:01 p.m.)

**REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL**

Deputy Mayor Lorna Storoschuk called the Regular Meeting
of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – May 9, 2017**

- 121 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the
May 9, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the
addition of:

6) Business – j) Letter of Support – M.D. of Bonnyville for the
Community & Regional Economic Support Program Grant –
Walk On

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – April 25, 2017**

- 122 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the minutes of the
April 25, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as
presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

**Public Hearing – Bylaw No.
1460-17 – Amending Bylaw
(Land Use Bylaw 1447-16)
(LUBA 17-001) – Amending
Land Use Bylaw**

- 123 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that the Regular
Council meeting be adjourned and that Council enter into a
Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1460-17 – Amending Land Use
Bylaw.

Time: 6:02 p.m.

CARRIED



**Public Hearing – Bylaw No.
1460-17 – Amending Bylaw
(Land Use Bylaw 1447-16)
(LUBA 17-001)**

Mayor Sobolewski entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development stated that the hearing is for an application to amend the zoning of the property at 5510 46 Street, Land Use Bylaw 1447-16 from C2- Fringe Commercial District to UR – Urban Reserve District for the purpose of “haying” the property. She also stated that letters were sent to adjacent landowners and no concerns have been brought forward.

Deputy Mayor Lorna Storoschuk asked three times if there was anyone present who would like to speak for or against Bylaw No. 1460-17. No one was present to speak either for or against Bylaw 1460-17.

Deputy Mayor Lorna Storoschuk declared the Public Meeting closed at 6:04 p.m.

**Public Hearing – Bylaw No.
1460-17 – Amending Bylaw
(Land Use Bylaw 1447-16)
(LUBA 17-001)**

124 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the Public Hearing be adjourned and that Council return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 6:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Sobolewski assumed the chair at 6:04 p.m.

BYLAWS

**Bylaw No. 1460-17 –
Amending Bylaw (Land Use
Bylaw 1447-16) (LUBA 17-001)
- Second Reading**

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, stated that the recommendation from administration was that Council defeat Bylaw No. 1460-17 at second reading.

Councillor Prevost asked Katherine Currie if the taxes were paid on the property.

Katherine Currie answered that as far as she was aware, a portion of the taxes had been paid, however, there may still be outstanding taxes owing on the property.

Councillor Prevost asked if the property owner had paid the back taxes and now just the current portion is still outstanding.

Katherine Currie responded that the property owner did pay the taxes in arrears; however the current portion may still be outstanding.

Katherine Currie noted that the reason for the staff recommendation to defeat the Bylaw was that typically if



**Bylaw No. 1460-17 –
Amending Bylaw (Land Use
Bylaw 1447-16) (LUBA 17-
001)- Second Reading**

rezoning, the property would revert back to the previous zone, and this property was zoned M1 – General Industrial before it was C2 – Fringe Commercial District. As mentioned, the property owner's intent was to farm the land, and zoning does not have anything to do with that. Therefore, there is no valid reason for the change in zoning.

Councillor Irwin noted that he believed there was no change in the taxation even if the zoning was changed. He also stated that if there is no advantage to rezoning, he believed that the staff recommendation should be honored.

**Bylaw No. 1460-17 –
Amending Bylaw (Land Use
Bylaw 1447-16) (LUBA 17-
001)- Second Reading**

125 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council provide second reading of Bylaw No. 1447-17 – Amending Bylaw (Land Use Bylaw 1447-16) (LUBA 17-001).

DEFEATED

BUSINESS

**Bonnyville Canadian Native
Friendship Centre –
Aboriginal Day – June 21,
2017**

Mark Power, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the Bonnyville Canadian Friendship Center is looking for a representative to attend the Aboriginal Day Celebrations on June 21, 2017, and to take part in the Peace Pipe Ceremony as well as the opening remarks.

Mayor Sobolewski stated he would be available to attend.

**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution –
Bonnyville Golf and Country
Club - \$30,000.00 per year for
5 years- Irrigation System**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the presentation made to the Town of Bonnyville and the Municipal District of Bonnyville from the Bonnyville Golf and Country Club was for a contribution of \$30,000.00 per year for 5 years from the Town of Bonnyville and \$150,000.00 per year for 5 years from the Municipal District of Bonnyville.

Mark Power noted that the Municipal District of Bonnyville has committed to a one-time only contribution of \$150,000.00 for 2017. The Golf Club may further request additional contributions next year. He advised that the staff recommendation, for the Town of Bonnyville was for a one-time contribution of \$30,000.00 for 2017.

Councillor Cheverie stated that this year, the Chamber of Commerce was partnering up with the Ronald McDonald House for their Annual Golf Tournament, expecting to increase the number of teams from 8 - 9 to 33 – 36, and will be held in Bonnyville. Councillor Cheverie stated that recognizing what the Golf Club does for Bonnyville, the District, and visitors, he would be in favor of a one-time contribution of \$30,000.00 from the Contingency Fund.



**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution –
Bonnyville Golf and Country
Club - \$30,000.00 per year for
5 years – Irrigation System**

Councillor Prevost stated that Muni-Corr is having a golf tournament in Bonnyville and that the Lakeland United Way Golf Tournament was looking at coming back to Bonnyville as well this year. He also liked the idea of a one-time contribution noting a one-time contribution would not commit the next Council for the following four years. Councillor Prevost also discussed that the Bonnyville Golf Course could bring to Council, some dialog concerning what will happen going forward, after this contribution.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that he was present for most of the presentations from the Golf and Country Club and he noted that the Club was going to be doing some key work and strategies, and that there are additional phases, particularly with some of the pipe, and that there would be more requests for donations. Mayor Sobolewski indicated that the total scope of work has not changed; however, there will be more efforts, in terms of fund raising and things as well.

**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution –
Bonnyville Golf and Country
Club - \$30,000.00 per year for
5 years- Irrigation System**

- 126 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council approve a one-time contribution in 2017 from the Contingency Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 to the Bonnyville Golf and Country Club for updates to the irrigation system.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution –
Extreme Mudfest – \$6,000.00
for enhancements to busing
program**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the Request for Decision Financial Contribution – Extreme Mudfest – \$6,000.00 presented to Council was deferred until after the completion of the 2017 Budget. The 2017 Budget included the same funding for contributions given the previous year, as well as contributions already approved up to the passing of the Budget, which did not include this request. Mark Power stated that the amount contributed last year, was \$2,500.00, and the donation request for ball diamonds was valued at approximately \$300.00. If Council approved more than the \$2,500.00 that was given last year, the extra funds would have to come out of the Contingency Fund.

Mark Power, CAO stated that the staff recommendation advises Council to approve the same amount of funding to the Mudfest in the amount of \$2,500.00 and include the donation of the ball diamonds. Mark Power stated that the Mudfest had a surplus in their financials, and that the Town would like to see the Mudfest use some of their surplus funds on additional services and busing before the Town, contributes more funds.

Councillor Storoschuk stated that she agreed with the staff recommendation.



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Mayor Sobolewski stated his only concern with contributing the same amount as 2016, is that the Extreme Mudfest did some work last year and that they had some issues with it and that they may come again next year for another donation. He stated that he realized the Extreme Mudfest was in a surplus position.

Councillor Storoschuk added that according to Extreme Mudfest's financials from 2016, the Mudfest donated \$17,000.00 that they had in surplus to local charities after the event.

Councillor Prevost added that it is the same idea as sponsoring the Kleinman Cup, and the Kleinman Cup donated \$30,000.00 last year. Councillor Prevost also added that the funds donated stay in the community, which is a good thing.

**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution –
Extreme Mudfest – \$6,000.00
for enhancements to busing
program**

127 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve the financial contribution of \$2,500.00 to go toward busing for Extreme Mudfest 2017 and also cover the cost of rental of the ball diamonds during this event from - August 24 – 27, 2017.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution– SPCA
- \$25,000.00**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that at the presentation made on April 11, 2017, the SPCA presented a financial statement; a tertiary review of the financials indicated that the revenue from the Casino Fundraiser is every year and a half, not every year. The SPCA's financial statement indicated that they had a small deficit in 2016, however, if the SPCA recognized the revenue from the Casino over a year and a half instead of all in one year, they would have deferred \$15,000.00 to \$16,000.00 and they would have had a much larger deficit, which could have been as high as \$18,500.00 to \$20,000.00.

Mark Power, CAO, indicated that the SPCA would require, if this deficit was split between the Town and the Municipal District of Bonnyville, about \$10,000.00 from the Town.

Mark Power stated that he SPCA provides a service to the community and directly to the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville, in terms of Bylaw Enforcement, and the numbers show that the Town and the M.D. of Bonnyville basically pay the same amount. The Fee for Service needs to be looked at with the SPCA and the M.D. of Bonnyville in the future, and the three parties need to come to an agreement for the Fee for Service. Mark Power, CAO, indicated the recommendation is for a one-time contribution of \$10,000.00.



**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution – SPCA
- \$25,000.00**

Councillor Prevost wanted to confirm that there would be dialog taking place after this decision.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that it was the Town's intention to have a dialog with both the SPCA and M.D. of Bonnyville; however, he was unaware if the M.D. of Bonnyville had made a decision on the request.

Councillor Storoschuk asked if the decision should be deferred until after the dialog takes place.

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that his position was to grant the \$10,000.00, and then have additional dialog on cost savings, and what actually needs to occur for future.

Mark Power, CAO, indicated that he would be contacting the M.D. of Bonnyville with the Town's decision from this meeting, so they have it for their meeting tomorrow.

**Request for Decision –
Financial Contribution – SPCA
- \$25,000.00**

128 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council approve a financial contribution to the Bonnyville and District SPCA in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 2017, to come from the Contingency Fund.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Business Plan Approval**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that for several months, the Town had been meeting with the Cold Lake Regional Utility Services Commission members, representatives from the City of Cold Lake, and the Municipal District of Bonnyville, working through the Business Plan for establishment of the new Bonnyville Regional Water Commission. In order to create the Commission, the Town needs to apply to Alberta Municipal Affairs; and that it is also going to require 5 motions; Business Plan approval, Membership Agreement, Establishment of Rates, appointment of Directors and lastly appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Bonnyville Regional Water Commission reviewed Draft 4 of the Business Plan and developed a Draft 5, which is to be the final version. Mark Power, CAO, indicated that he has discussed the new draft with the City of Cold Lake which contains their requested changes and that it is recommended that Council approve this Business Plan, knowing that the first order of business for the new Bonnyville Regional Water Commission would be to review the Business plan. In the meantime, the Business Plan needs to be sent to Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Cheverie asked about the make-up of the Commission.



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Services Commission –
Business Plan Approval**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the Commission would be made up of two members of the Town of Bonnyville, two members of the M.D. of Bonnyville and 1 alternate from each; and that there are provisions to add members from other Municipalities who want to join the Commission and be members, or if they do not want to join the Commission as a member, they would just be a customer.

Councillor Cheverie asked if other communities, such as Glendon, and First Nation communities, such as Kehewin, or Frog Lake wanted to join the Commission, and if they would also have 2 members appointed.

Mark Power indicated that the Business Plan proposed one member for the communities mentioned, as it was based on consumption and population.

Councillor Cheverie stated that the M.D. of Bonnyville area that would be served (Ardmore/Fort Kent) has a population of approximately 700, whereas Glendon, Kehewin, and Frog Lake have populations very close to that if not more.

Mayor Sobolewski indicated that the makeup of the Commission is not comprised by population.

Councillor Cheverie inquired if other communities joined, would they have equal representation as the M.D. of Bonnyville.

Councillor Storoschuk stated that that on Page 36 of the Business Plan, it discussed new members, but not how those members would be added or the numbers.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that discussions started with adding two members from additional communities and ended up at one member and an alternate from additional communities; however, he added that once the Commission was up and running, it would have to make a final decision on the issue.

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Business Plan Approval**

- 129 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that Council approve the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission Business Plan as provided.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision-
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Membership Agreement**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the next step is for the Town of Bonnyville and the M.D. of Bonnyville to pass similar resolutions to agree to become members of the Commission. He stated that there are only two members of this first Commission.



**Request for Decision-
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Membership Agreement**

130 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council agree to become a member of and approve the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission Membership Agreement as presented.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Establishment of Rates**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the Minister of Municipal Affairs also needs to approve the water rates. Mark Power stated that the rates in the Business Plan are calculated based on cost. He indicated that the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission will pay the approved water rates to the Cold Lake Regional Utility Services Commission, plus an added rate for whatever borrowing that the new Commission has to take on behalf of the Town of Bonnyville, would be reflected in the Town of Bonnyville's rates.

Mark Power stated that there will be ongoing operating and maintenance costs of the waterline and these costs would also be reflected in the rate base. There are also two alternate rate calculations that are provided in the Business Plan, one is the accrual basis and the other one is the Cost Utility Rate Model, which is the one used by the American Waterworks Association to calculate the rates.

Mark Power, CAO indicated that the rate is going to be the biggest thing the new Commission will have to decide on, however, a starting point is needed to send to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Mark Power, CAO, clarified that the rate they were discussing is the water rate that the Bonnyville Regional Water Commission would charge the Town of Bonnyville and the M.D. of Bonnyville.

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Establishment of Water Rates**

131 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council acknowledge and approve the water rates as outlined in the Business Plan for the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Appointment of Directors**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the proposal was that the Town appoint two (2) members, from the Town of Bonnyville. The staff recommendation was to appoint Mayor Sobolewski and another Council member, as well as an alternate to the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission.



**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Appointment of Director**

- 132 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council appoint Mayor Gene Sobolewski as a Director to the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission.

CARRIED

- 133 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council appoint Councillor Ray Prevost as a Director to the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Appointment of Alternate
Director**

- 134 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council appoint Councillor Nestor Kunec as the Alternate Member to the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Bonnyville Regional Water
Services Commission –
Appointment of Chairman and
Vice Chairman**

- 135 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve and recommend the appointment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs of Mayor Gene Sobolewski from the Town of Bonnyville as Chairman and Reeve Ed Rondeau from the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87, as Vice Chairman, of the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision – Letter
of Support – Municipal District
of Bonnyville GIS Grant –
Walk on**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the Municipal District of Bonnyville contacted him today regarding their application for a grant to help fund their new Regional GIS Program in the form of a letter of support. He noted that the M.D. of Bonnyville has agreed to cover 100% of the costs in their budget.

Mayor Sobolewski asked Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, if the Town uses a stand-alone GIS or if it was through ESRI, and if the M.D. of Bonnyville is proposing the Town use their system.

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, stated that the M.D. of Bonnyville uses ESRI and that they also use Muni Site. Katherine Currie indicated that Muni Site is the software that would be set up as the Regional GIS Program Site.

**Request for Decision – Letter
of Support – Municipal District
of Bonnyville GIS Grant –
Walk on**

- 136 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve the Letter of Support for the Municipal District of Bonnyville for the GIS Grant.

CARRIED



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Katherine Currie left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Councillor Cheverie attended the Northern Lights Library System's Annual Conference, where the Key Note speaker was Rick Mercer. He stated that one of the focuses this year was for electronic books and how popular they are becoming. Councillor Cheverie also attended a meeting on designing the new Central Library System for the 22nd Century, he then attended the Freedom of the City event, the Toxic Round Up Committee meeting, and the Beaver River Waste Management Commission meeting.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

Councillor Kunec attended opening negotiations of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees Collective Agreement, and the Freedom of the City event.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin attended the Open House for the Margaret Savage Crisis Centre. He also attended the Community Policing Committee meeting where they discussed a community survey regarding the police service, a plan for an Open House and the Performance Plan, as well as the new helmet regulations for crown land. Councillor Irwin also attended the Freedom of the City event, and the Sod Turning at Walsh Football field.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Margaret Savage Crisis Centre Open House, and stated that they were doing an excellent job and he was told that the Centre will be attending the schools and speaking with students about the Centre's services. Councillor Van Brabant also attended the Community Policing Committee meeting and the Sod Turning at Walsh Football field.

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event at the Cold Lake Lodge.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event at the Cold Lake Lodge on behalf of Lakeland Lodge and Housing. She also attended the Volunteer Appreciation at the Centennial Centre and brought greetings from the Town. Councillor Storoschuk attended the Daycare Committee meeting, she indicated that they met in the newly opened room and everything there was going fine. Councillor Storoschuk stated that on May 1st the new room opened and the new kids started attending.

She also attended the Intermunicipal Development Plan Steering Committee meeting, the Bonnyville Community Supports Open House, and the regular FCSS Board meeting. Councillor Storoschuk also attended the Northeast Zone FCSS Gathering, and then attended, on behalf of



Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Lakeland Lodge and Housing, the tea at Bonnylodge, where they celebrated quite a few birthdays. She attended the Freedom of the City event, the Sod Turning at Walsh Football field and the Toxic Round Up meeting at the Fire Hall.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Day of Mourning in Cold Lake, that honored WCB and individuals who have lost their lives in the workplace.

Mayor Sobolewski brought greetings at the Zone FCSS Gathering, and listened to a speaker talk about men's mental health. He attended the Walk Through for the Freedom of the City event and also attended the AUPE Collective Agreement negotiations and attended a meeting with Brian McEvoy, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority, for the Capital Plan.

Mayor Sobolewski further attended a meeting with the Elizabeth Metis Settlement regarding the Regional Waterline; and along with Mark Power, Bill Rogers and Clayton Desjarlais, they met with Cold Lake First Nations regarding the water line and that meeting was very positive. Mayor Sobolewski also attended the Freedom of the City Ceremony, the Sod Turning at Walsh Football field and had a consultation in Frog Lake regarding the Regional Waterline.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Proclamation - Senior Citizens Week – June 5 – 11, 2017

A request for Proclamation for Senior Citizens week was received from the Senior Citizens Society. Mayor Gene Sobolewski proclaimed the week of June 5-11, 2017 to be Senior Citizens Week in the Town of Bonnyville.

Letter – Minister of Environment, Response to Town regarding Sport Fishing Regulations

A letter from the Minister of Environment responding to a letter that the Town had sent regarding Sport Fishing Regulations was received. The Minister advised there would be no change.

Invitation – Octopus Creative's Grand Opening – May 12, 2017

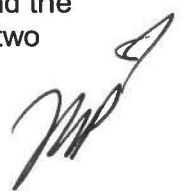
Mayor Sobolewski indicated he would regrettably not be able to attend the Creative's grand opening, however Councillor Storoschuk and Councillor Irwin would attend the event.

Intermunicipal Development Plan Schedule

The Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw and meeting schedule was accepted for information by Council.

QUESTIONS

Mayor Sobolewski presented the framed picture that was a gift from Colonel Doyle at the Freedom of the City and the gift from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (two



framed pictures featuring fire fighters).

IN CAMERA

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

Time: 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

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

Time: 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Transfer \$25,000.00 From The Regional Community Development Fund

- 139 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council approve an additional transfer of \$25,000.00 from the M.D. of Bonnyville, Regional Community Development Fund to the Town's Operating Budget to balance the 2017 Budget.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

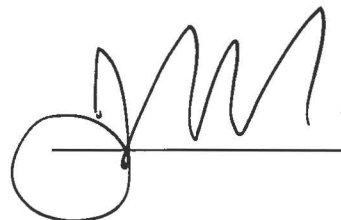
- 140 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 8:36 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 23 day of May, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer