

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, June 13, 2017 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski 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, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, Joe Kopala, Development Technician(entered at 6:05 p.m.) and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

**PRESS**

Josh Thomas, Bonnyville Nouvelle  
Chris Hunter, Country 99  
Kyle Moore, KOOL FM (entered at 6:02 p.m.)  
Jenna Colbourne, Lakeland Connect

**GUESTS**

Amanda Wildman, Jeff Cey from Ecole Notre Dame High School, Debbie Winstone from Bonnyville Victim Services, Vince Spila, Rhonda Miron and Andrea Reid from Dr. Bernard Brosseau School, Elissa Brosseau, Chad Colbourne

**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 – June 13, 2017**

- 156 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the agenda for the June 13, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the addition of:

- 11. In Camera – a) Legal – Walk on b) Legal – Walk on
- 4. Delegations – Change Delegation order
  - 4. a) Ecole Notre Dame High School to 4. b)
  - 4. b) Ecole Dr. Bernard Brosseau School to 4. a)

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – May 23, 2017**

- 157 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that the minutes of the May 23, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Sobolewski noted that the Bonnyville Nouvelle would like to take updated headshots of the Councillors. Arrangements can be made directly through Josh Thomas, Nouvelle Reporter, or Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant.



## DELEGATIONS

**École Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
School – Vince Spila, Rhonda  
Miron and Andrea Reid –  
Request for Funds for  
Playground - \$15,000.00**

Vince Spila, Principal, and parents Rhonda Miron and Andrea Reid made a presentation regarding a proposed new All Inclusive Playground for the École Dr. Bernard Brosseau School. Mr. Spila stated that 2017 is École Dr. Bernard Brosseau's 30<sup>th</sup> year as a School. For the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School, they had installed a new playground. Since then, they have come to realize that children with disabilities and mobility issues do not have access to use this playground. What they are planning is to build an "All Inclusive" playground that would be appropriate for all ages and accessible for wheelchairs, mobility issues as well as accommodate children with sensory issues. In their research, it was noted that Duclos Elementary has an "Inclusive" playground; however when this was looked at, it did not accommodate wheelchairs and was difficult for a child with mobility issues to access. Mr. Spila stated the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$138,609.45. He stated that they are looking for \$15,000.00 from the Town, as well as asking the M.D. of Bonnyville for the same amount.

He also stated that the School would be approaching the School Board next week, with a request for funds, and a possible loan to begin the playground as soon as possible.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Vince Spila, Rhonda Miron and Andrea Reid for their presentation.

**École Notre Dame High  
School – Request for Funds –  
Accelerated Athletics Program  
– Amanda Wildman & Jeff Cey**

Amanda Wildman, Lakeland Catholic School Board and Jeff Cey, École Notre Dame High School made a presentation about implementing an Accelerated Athletics Program in their School. Jeff stated that he was approached by two parents at the beginning of the year who wanted to keep their kids in Bonnyville as long as possible and not have to send them off in Grade 9 to a Hockey program in Edmonton or elsewhere. He also stated that it would be a pilot project starting with students in Grade 9, and hopefully expand it to Grade 10 next year, and then to further grades in the future. Applications would be taken from students, and there are plans for two parents to volunteer to coach for the Hockey portion. These programs are already in place at many schools in Edmonton. Amanda Wildman stated that the program would also incorporate sport nutrition, athletic first aid and restorative components.

Councillor Kunec inquired on the procedure to choose the 25 students who would participate and what would happen if there are more than 25 students who apply.

Jeff Cey answered that there would be an application process for the students who would like to participate and if there



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were more than 25 students, they would hopefully be able to accommodate the extra students.

Councillor Cheverie inquired about the amount of the rental of the ice and that it only works out to about \$120.00 per child.

Jeff responded that the program is not exclusive to Hockey and that it will include other sport programs so they will not have 25 children in the hockey program.

Councillor Cheverie then asked if the parents were going to be asked for fees relating to the program.

Jeff Cey replied that they were hoping to not have to ask for any monetary amounts from families as they do not want to exclude any children whose families cannot afford to pay.

Councillor Storoschuk pointed out that the City of Edmonton does not subsidize any of the programs for the schools in their city.

Jeff Cey responded that he did realize that, however, this was a pilot project and they wanted to make it as affordable as possible.

Councillor Prevost asked if they had applied for any funds from organizations and events such as the Extreme Mudfest and the Kleinman Cup, as these events donate to causes in the area.

Jeff Cey replied that they had not, as of yet.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that he will be having discussions with Imperial Oil, Cenovus, Osum and other Oil companies and he would team up with Jeff Cey to see if they could secure some Corporate Sponsorships.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Amanda and Jeff for their presentation. Amanda Wildman and Jeff Cey left the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Vince Spila left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

**Bonnyville Victim Services –  
Request For Funds from  
Auction – Debbie Winstone**

Debbie Winstone from the Bonnyville Victim Services stated that 2017 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victim Services in Bonnyville. She stated that in their first year of operation in 1992, they had a total of 192 files and at the end of 2016 they had 650 files, not including files opened in previous years. They also had one file that had been open for several years and is ongoing. Victim Services also supported the victims of the Fort McMurray wildfire when they were evacuated to Bonnyville. She stated that Bonnyville Victim Services does receive an Operational Grant from the Government, as well as



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Auction – Debbie Winstone**

a grant from the United Way, which provides for a Court Worker. Other programs they operate include a support dog, Odie, which provides support for children, young adults and adults. They also take Odie to other areas where his services are required. This program has no funding from the Government. Bonnyville Victim Services also has a Loss and Bereavement support group that is also not funded. Debbie Winstone stated that this year, Bonnyville is hosting the Northeast Regional Conference in October, which includes the 10 Units in the Region, and there would be over 200 people coming to Bonnyville for the event.

Debbie Winstone stated that they are requesting to be the Beneficiary for the Auction of the Seized and Unclaimed items from the RCMP, as they do in other communities. Victim Services is willing to help with organizing and volunteering at the Auction.

Mark Power, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the Town hosts an Auction every so many years, and that maybe this year it could be advertised more to the public in order to create more awareness and hopefully more funds. He also stated that the funds that would go to Victims Services would come from the items that are only from the items seized by the RCMP, not from any Town equipment.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Debbie Winstone for her presentation.

Debbie Winstone, Rhonda Miron and Andrea Reid left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

**Municipal Planning  
Commission (See Separate  
Minutes)**

- 158 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go into the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:52 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Municipal Planning  
Commission (See Separate  
Minutes)**

- 159 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 6:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**



## FINANCE

### **Memorandum – Administration – RE: Public Relations/Donations & Contingency Fund (Information)**

A memorandum from Mark Power, CAO, was presented to Council. It included a report that identified the types of things Council has contributed towards over the last three and a half years from the Receptions and Public Relations Budget; a copy of the Community Donation Policy was also included.

Councillor Cheverie suggested reallocating the money donated to the Bonnyville Golf and Country club from the Contingency Fund to the Capital Budget.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that he was uncomfortable adjusting the budget.

Councillor Prevost stated he did not like the idea of adjusting the budget every time Council did not like the bottom line. He stated that there is still six months left in this year, however everyone was aware of the budget from the beginning.

Councillor Van Brabant asked what Council can do if another worthwhile project comes up, and if the only option was to say no.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that council could make independent decisions on each item, and if the item was approved, find where to take the money from and what is to get adjusted at the time of the decision.

Councillor Storoschuk stated that the reason to set a budget is to follow that budget.

Councillor Kunec agreed that Council should adhere to the original budget.

Joe Kopala, Development Technician, left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

### **Request for Decision – Policy No. 17-FN-072 - Banking Services and Investment Policy**

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented Policy # 17-FN-072 - Banking Services & Investment Policy, which provides direction to Administration on how the Town of Bonnyville banking and investment accounts are to be established and maintained to ensure a high level of safety and security while achieving the best investment return, meeting cash flow requirements and conforming to applicable legislation.

### **Request for Decision – Policy No. 17-FN-072 - Banking Services and Investment Policy**

160 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve Policy No. 17-FN-072 - Banking Services and Investment Policy.

**CARRIED**



## BUSINESS

**Request for Decision –  
Proposed Additional  
Addresses – Bylaw # 1019-90  
and 1157-98 – Landowner  
Request for Updated Address  
for Bonnylodge Apartments –  
Current Municipal Address –  
4712 47 Avenue**

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development stated that the Planning and Development Department received a request for additional addressing from the Alberta Housing Corporation regarding the Bonnylodge and the two senior's self-contained apartment buildings. The addresses requested are 4705 46 Avenue for the new west apartment and 4701 46 Avenue for the new east apartment. These addresses do not align with the Town Bylaw and Policy. After discussion with the Regional Fire Chief and review of the Bylaw and Policy, Administration is recommending the west apartment to be addressed as 4717 46 Avenue and the east apartment to be addressed as 4709 46 Avenue.

Councillor Prevost stated that the addresses that were given to the cottages that were in the same location were given on June 12, 1978 through a Ministerial Order. He was concerned with the cost to the residents already residing in the one new apartment to change addressing and had a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of expenses for the residents in the west apartment that have already moved in.

Councilor Storoschuk agreed that changing the addresses would be a hardship for the Seniors.

Councillor Kunec asked Katherine Currie, if the people currently living there could be grandfathered in under the existing address.

Katherine Currie replied that this issue is being brought to Council as the Planning and Development Department cannot approve this variance, only Council can.

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Request for Updated Address  
for Bonnylodge Apartments –  
Current Municipal Address –  
4712 47 Avenue**

161 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council approve that the current addresses remain as 4701 46 Avenue for the east Bonnylodge apartment and 4705 46 Avenue for the west Bonnylodge apartment.

**CARRIED**

**Request for Decision – Letter  
of Support – St. John's United  
Church for a New Horizons  
Grant Application**

A letter was received from the St. John's United Church asking for a Letter of Support for their application for the New Horizons for Seniors Grant. The church is applying for \$25,000.00 to install acoustical panels on the walls and ceiling of the church hall.



**Request for Decision – Letter of Support – St. John's United Church for a New Horizons Grant Application**

- 162 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council send a Letter of Support to the St. John's United Church for the New Horizons Grant Application of \$25, 000.00 to install acoustical panels on the walls and ceilings of the Church hall.

**CARRIED**

**Request for Decision – Financial Contribution – Kehewin Cree Nation Annual Pow-Wow - \$5,000.00.**

A letter was received from Kehewin Cree Nation requesting a financial contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist with the costs associated with their Annual Pow-Wow.

**Request for Decision – Financial Contribution – Kehewin Cree Nation Annual Pow-Wow - \$5,000.00.**

- 163 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council accept the request for a financial contribution of \$5,000.00 from the Kehewin Cree Nation Annual Pow-Wow for information.

**CARRIED**

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Request for Decision – Financial Sponsorship – Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament - June 17, 2017 in Cold Lake. Tabled from May 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

Councillor Cheverie stated that the Cold Lake Charity Golf Tournament already had 33 of the 36 teams registered, and that Council should focus on the two Ronald McDonald Charity events that will be hosted this year in Bonnyville. He also stated that the Bonnyville events are going to be well advertised during the Cold Lake events.

**Request for Decision – Financial Sponsorship – Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament - June 17, 2017 in Cold Lake. Tabled from May 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

- 164 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council accept the request from the Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament - June 17, 2017 in Cold Lake for information.

**CARRIED**

Mark Power, CAO, received a request from the Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation for a financial sponsorship to go towards the memorial print campaign. This was the first time a request was received from this Foundation.

**Request for Decision – Financial Sponsorship – Canadian Fallen Heroes Memorial Project**

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- 165 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council accept the request from the Canadian Fallen Heroes Memorial Project for information.

**CARRIED**





**Bonnyville Victim Services –  
Delegation Request**

- 166 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve the request from Bonnyville Victim Services for the auction proceeds from the seized and unclaimed goods be donated to the Bonnyville Victim Services, excluding any proceeds from the sale of any Town equipment.

**CARRIED**

**École Notre Dame High  
School – Delegation Request**

- 167 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council accept the request from École Notre Dame High School –Accelerated Athletics Program for information.

**CARRIED**

**École Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
School – Delegation Request**

Mayor Sobolewski stated that while the All Inclusive Playground project was extremely worthwhile, he did not understand the urgency and would recommend tabling this until next year and see at that time what is needed for the project.

**École Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
School – Delegation Request**

- 168 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council accept the request from École Dr. Bernard Brosseau School for Funds for Playground - \$15,000.00 for information and add it to the 2018 budget deliberations in the fall.

**CARRIED**

**Committee Reports**

**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Councillor Prevost attended a meeting with Mark Power and Connie Surgeson, Chief Administrative Officer at Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation, regarding social & subsidized housing functions. He also attended the FCM Conference in Ottawa, where he listened to the Prime Minister speak and was impressed. He also learned about the Challenge Projects with grants of \$10 million dollars to improve lives of citizen's. While there he attended meetings with Lakeland County and the Mayor of Marwayne, Janelle Saskiw. He also brought back information on Automated Vandal Free Washrooms for the Spray Park, which were pricey but good; he also noted that Leduc has two already and just ordered four more. He then stated that he had a chance to check out a Pot Hole Fixer, which was quite pricey at \$370,000.00, but if cost shared with 3 or 4 other communities, it would be well worth it. They also honored Hazel McCallum, the Mayor of Mississauga for 36 years, who retired at the age of 93 years old.

Once back, Councillor Prevost attended the Kleinman Cup Golf Tournament which raised over \$28,000.00. The organization that will be benefiting from the Kleinman Cup this year is Kidsport. He also attended the Lakeland Lodge and



**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Housing design meeting, for Phase 3, and the MuniCorr meeting where they received the last CFEP grant amount.

**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended the FCM Conference in Ottawa where he toured the Royal Canadian Mint and listened to Mr. Mulclair speak. Once back, he attended the Sea Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review, the Senior Citizens Society Fish Fry and the Community Policing Committee meeting.

**Councillor John Irwin**

Councillor Irwin attended the Notre Dame High School Graduation and brought greetings from the Town. He also attended the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corporation Board meeting and the Community Policing Committee meeting, as well as the FCM Conference in Ottawa.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski attended a Regional Opportunities meeting, and a Cold Lake Regional Waterline meeting. He also attended a meeting in Red Deer for the Alberta Junior Hockey League Board of Governors. He brought greetings to the 4H Beef Show and Sale, and attended a meeting at the Aboriginal Consultation Office regarding requirements for First Nations consultation. He then attended the FCM Conference, where he had meetings with Lac La Biche and Smoky Lake. He attended the funeral of the Town Public Works Director, Lyndon Lay. He also attended the Senior Citizens Fish Fry and the AUPE negotiations.

**Councillor Nestor Kunec**

Councillor Kunec attended the FCM Conference in Ottawa where he listened to Prime Minister Trudeau and Mr. Mulclair speak. He also attended the funeral for Lyndon Lay, as well as the Senior Citizens Fish Fry and the AUPE Negotiations.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Daycare Committee meeting, the Intermunicipal Development Plan Open House, the FCSS Board meeting, and the FCSS Strategic planning meeting. She then attended the FCM Conference in Ottawa. Once back, she attended the Seniors Day Open House at the Bonnyville Museum, the funeral for Lyndon Lay, and the Senior Citizens Fish Fry. She also attended the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Center Canada Day 150 Mosaic meeting, and the Canada Day Committee meeting.

**Councillor Jim Cheverie**

Councillor Cheverie attended the FCSS Board meeting, where they approved an application for a grant from a local not for profit. He also attended the FCM Conference in Ottawa where he listened to Prime Minister Trudeau speak and attended a tour of a Recycling project in the construction stage that used very advanced technology. Once back, he attended the funeral for Lyndon Lay, and the Senior Citizens Fish Fry. He congratulated the Mayor on a very nice toast to the Seniors at the Fish Fry.



## CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

**Invitation – Bonnyville & District Historical Society & Museum – Canada Day Pancake Breakfast At Sobeys – Volunteers to Cook – July 1, 2017**

An invitation asking for Volunteers from Council to cook at the Canada Day Pancake Breakfast at Sobeys on July 1, 2017 was received for information by Council.

Councillors Ray Prevost, Rene Van Brabant and Lorna Storoschuk will attend and volunteer to cook at the event.

**Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission – Interim Report of the 2016/17 Electoral Boundaries Commission**

An Interim Report from the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission with regards to the proposed electoral division maps for Alberta was received for information by Council. Council agreed to discuss this at the next Regular Council meeting after discussions with the MLA and neighboring communities.

**Municipal Affairs Information Bulletin – Elected Officials Training**

A Municipal Affairs Information Bulletin that discussed the Chief Administrative Officers requirement to offer Orientation Training (Elected Official Training) within 90 days after each Councillor takes the Oath of Office was received for information by Council.

**AUMA – Essentials of Municipal Governance Training Courses**

Information was provided to Councillors on dates and locations of the two-day Municipalities 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance course. Mark Power informed Council that the December 14-15 2017 course in Lac La Biche would be the one Council would be registered in, for as it was the closest offering to Bonnyville.

**Bonnyville Victims Services Open House and BBQ – June 16, 2017**

An invitation from the Bonnyville Victims Services for their Open House and BBQ on June 16, 2017 was received for information by Council. Councillors Lorna Storoschuk, Jim Cheverie and Ray Prevost will be in attendance.

### IN CAMERA

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

Time: 8:18 p.m.

### CARRIED

### IN CAMERA

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

Time: 9:10 p.m.

### CARRIED



**ADJOURNMENT**

- 171 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 9:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes read and adopted this 27 day of June, 2017.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer