

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

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 (entered meeting at 6:06 p.m.), Bill Rogers, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance 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

North Point Subdivision – George Harlton, Sean Hughes, Gerard Lambert, Allen Mercier, Dave Jansen
Beaver River Watershed Alliance – Colin Hanusz
Ronald McDonald House Charities – Travis Farrer, Oreen Skiba, Marcy Farrer
Chad Colbourne, Elissa Brosseau

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Mayor Sobolewski called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 27, 2017

- 175 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the agenda for the June 27, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – June 13, 2017

- 176 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

North Point Subdivision – Re: Road Issues

George Harlton and Gerard Lambert spoke on behalf of the North Point Subdivision.

George Harlton stated that the landowners would like something done with the road in the subdivision. He also stated that the last time it was looked at, the costs were out of hand and the issue just got dropped after that. He stated that



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there should be something that can be done that would not be as expensive as the original cost, but still fix the road issues.

Councillor Prevost stated that the road in the subdivision would need to be rebuilt as cold mix is too soft to withstand the traffic it holds; he stated cold mix would be a band aid.

Gerard Lambert stated that he has come up with a design that he estimates would cost around \$3 million to do 3 kilometers. This design does not use cold mix; it would use cement soil stabilization and replace the existing culverts.

Councillor Prevost asked if the subdivision landowners were prepared to pay.

George Harlton answered that they were aware they would have to pay part of the costs, however he didn't think a total rebuild was in order. They would like to keep the costs reasonable.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that his concern was that building up the road would narrow it too much. One of the key concerns of the engineer was that if it was built up, the road would narrow down to the point where it needs to be wider. He stated that it came down to how to get to the next step. The Town has completed the borrowing bylaw, and Mayor Sobolewski asked if it was back to that type of scenario, where the Town can start looking at debenture to get things done. He also asked if the group had anything certified for the design that Council could review.

Mark Power, CAO, added that the Town has money budgeted for engineering that could be used to look an alternative to the \$12 million plan that was originally suggested by the first engineering study. He stated that Council could have the new Town engineer take a look at the proposal and see what they recommend, and see if the Town and land owners could make it work.

Gerard Lambert added that North Point has never flooded out; the bottom line was they were just looking to move forward on the project.

Mayor Sobolewski added that previously it came down to the money; the rejection of Plan A and Plan B; until the two sides came back to the table to look at it again, which is what they are doing now.

Gerard Lambert added that he just looked at the costs of what it would cost his company to do this project and he estimated it would be about \$3 million.

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Mayor Sobolewski that the Town will have the engineer have a look at it and confer with land owners, and start to work through and see if there is something agreeable, and once there is an agreement with funds, move forward.

Councillor Kunec stated that the engineers could do a study; but he was not sure exactly what the frame of reference would be. He asked if the land owners want the road to last 1 year, 2 years, or longer and what kind of study would be required.

Mayor Sobolewski answered that the Town wants the engineer to confer with the Town and the landowners and build a road with good engineering practices, and wants it to last. He indicated this would be key, as there would be investment from both the Town and the landowners; a solution that would be amenable to both parties was needed.

Councillor Cheverie was concerned that the set of minimum standards would be followed and there may be some issues with the design in this regard.

Mark Power stated that the engineers have to disclose how long the road would last and the Town could not charge the debenture any longer than the life of the road, as indicated by the engineer.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked George Harlton and Gerard Lambert for their presentation.

George Harlton, Gerard Lambert, Sean Hughes, Allen Mercier, and Dave Jansen left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**Beaver River Watershed
Alliance – Request for
Financial Support**

Colin Hanusz, Program Director at the Beaver River Watershed Alliance, presented a proposal to enhance the Jessie Lake walking trails. He stated that the project would be tied into 6 phases. The first one was the release of the Airshed Report in May 2017 that showed Jessie Lake was releasing H₂S into the environment; which account for the smell. As a follow up to that, the Beaver River Watershed Alliance is looking at doing some water testing this summer, as the water has never been tested as far as he could tell. Phase Three would include some restoration and repairs around the lake; this would be done with a grant that they receive from Alberta Environment. This would be the start of a five year project and Jessie Lake would be year 2 of that project, pending permits and approval from the Town. What they would need, for this phase, is someone from the Town to help with the planning. The 4th Phase would be signage around the lake - replacing and repairing the signs that run along the lake. The printing of the signs would cost about \$350.00 per sign. They asked that the Town install the signs. The signs would be printed on road



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grade metal and are guaranteed for 10 years without fading.

Colin Hanusz stated that the Beaver River Watershed Alliance has started other fundraising as well, and does have other contributors; however they need the Town's help with \$1000.00 to go toward the signs and use of Town Staff with set up. Total cost of the signs would be \$6500.00.

Councillor Cheverie stated that this was a very educational project, as lots of kids use those trails. He also asked if the Beaver River Watershed Alliance was going to approach the M.D. of Bonnyville as well.

Colin Hanusz stated that the signs were all on the Town side as far as he could tell.

Councillor Kunec thanked Colin Hanusz for doing the water assessment, as it was long overdue. He also agreed that this was a great project and the signs do need to be replaced.

Councillor Storoschuk questioned whether the project would have its hands tied at any point, because Jessie Lake is classified as a bird sanctuary.

Colin Hanusz replied that there was no issue, as they are using a modified approach for the water testing so as to not disturb the wildlife. He stated that the riparian restoration will not start until next year, as they are still in the planning phase and the animals would be taken into consideration during the planning phase.

Mayor Sobolewski added that since it is starting in 2018, this project can be looked at during budget deliberations. He then asked for confirmation as to what is being asked of Council for this year.

Colin Hanusz answered that this year they are looking for \$1000.00 and use of Town staff for installation of the signage.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Colin Hanusz for his presentation and he left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**Ronald McDonald House
Charities – Sponsorship
Proposal – Winterland
Invitational – February 16-18,
2018**

Oreen Skiba, Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta Stakeholder Relations Manager for the Lakeland Area, Marcy and Travis Farrer made a presentation about a new annual RMH Charity event for the Bonnyville area.

Oreen Skiba stated that since 2015, there have been 3 annual signature events in the area, along with the Meals that Mend Lakeland Edition Program; which brings families from the Lakeland who have used the House back together, and they



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also have a bus tour to the House for stakeholders to see exactly what the program does. She stated that now that the 3 annual signature events were well established in Cold Lake, it was time to branch out to other areas of the Lakeland. A new committee has been set up called the RMHCNA (Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta) Bonnyville Community Engagement Committee. This Committee has two focuses: 1) Align Ronald McDonald House with already existing events or initiatives in Bonnyville; one they are very excited about was that they are partnering with Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce for their networking golf classic in Bonnyville on August 19, 2017. 2) The 2nd focus was to organize the 1st Annual Signature Event in Bonnyville in support of Ronald McDonald House. At that time, Oreen Skiba turned the floor over to Travis and Marcy Farrer to share their story and give Council information on the event.

Marcy Farrer stated that on January 19, 2006 her second daughter was born and diagnosed with a critical illness. Her husband Travis worked in the oilfield, on a one week in one week out rotation. During that time, Travis Farrer made the trip back and forth to Edmonton regularly. Marcy stated that the family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House for 5 months; during this time, they were supported by Ronald McDonald House staff always being positive and upbeat, having meals prepared and ready when she returned from a long day in the hospital, as well as the comfort of having other families to talk to that were dealing with their children's illness.

Travis Farrer stated their experience was a tough situation, and how people sometimes take the small things for granted that you do not have access to when you have to stay in hospital with a child. He stated that when they looked at a signature event, they thought of hockey. Travis is heavily involved in minor sports in Bonnyville; he is the president of Bonnyville Minor Ball as well as being on the Board of Directors for Bonnyville Minor Hockey. What they were proposing for the first year was to run a twenty team hockey tournament, from ATOM level and down; which is ages 6-10. There would be different pools and skill levels and they are also considering opening it up to female hockey teams. This tournament would bring in approximately 280 families to Bonnyville. They are hoping to make this an Annual Signature Event in the Lakeland and eventually expand the tournament to 30-40 teams. A highlight of the tournament will be that all players are given Ronald McDonald House Hockey socks to wear while playing in the tournament and take them home with them. The event is Hockey Alberta sanctioned and will be insured through them. Travis also stated that Janice Sabatier has already volunteered to coordinate all the volunteers that will be needed.



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Councillor Cheverie added that this event would also include the Village of Glendon, as the tournament would utilize the arena there. He also added that the RMHCNA (Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta) Committee would be presenting to the Municipal District of Bonnyville Council as well.

Councillor Prevost asked what the Committee is looking for from Council.

Councillor Cheverie stated that the RMHCNA (Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern Alberta) Committee was looking for Council to purchase a Sponsorship package for the 2018 event. They are not looking for money to be given right now, just a plan to budget for the event for next year.

Oreen Skiba added that the reason they chose the Winterland Invitational name was to keep it open to add other sports in the future. She also added that in 2016, Lakeland residents spent a total of 986 nights at the Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton.

Councillor Prevost stated that only good could come out of an event such as this. He added that it should be looked at during Budget deliberations to see what level of support Council can give at that time.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Oreen Skiba and Marcy and Travis Farrer for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**Subdivision Authority (See
Separate Minutes)**

- 177 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go into the Subdivision Authority meeting.

Time: 6:56 p.m.

CARRIED

**Subdivision Authority (See
Separate Minutes)**

- 178 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council adjourn the Subdivision Authority meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED



FINANCE

Request for Decision – May 2017 Financial Report – Operating

- 179 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council accept the Financial Statement – Operating for the period ending May 31, 2017 for information.

CARRIED

Request for Decision – May 2017 Financial Report – Capital

- 180 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council accept the Financial Statement - Capital for the period ending May 31, 2017 for information.

CARRIED

Request for Decision – May 2017 Bank Reconciliation

- 181 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council accept the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending May 31, 2017 for information.

CARRIED

Request for Decision – Holiday Signing Authority

- 182 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council appoint Bill Rogers and Katherine Currie as alternates for Administrative signing authority for the Town of Bonnyville, for the period of July 2017 – August 2017.

CARRIED

Request for Decision – Beaver River Fish and Game Association – Property Tax Exemption

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, stated that Administration received an application for tax exemption from the Beaver River Fish and Game Association for the property located at 4402 – 54 Avenue. In previous years, Bonnyville Council also made this determination, however have only exempted the property from 50% of the Municipal portion of the Tax. The determination had only been for 3 years and as such, the property is still included in our equalized assessment base and is reflected in the overall school tax requisition that we pay.

Beaver River Fish and Game Association – Property Tax Exemption

- 183 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council exempt the property owned by the Beaver River Fish & Game Association at 4402- 54 Avenue from 50% of Municipal Tax only for 2018, 2019 and 2020 pursuant to Section 362 (1) (n) (iii) (B) of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED



**Request for Decision – Ashlin
Gymnastics Club – Property
Tax Exemption**

Rene Stoyles, Director of Finance, stated that Administration received an application for tax exemption from the Ashlin Gymnastics Club for the property located at 3904 -50 Avenue. In previous years, Bonnyville Council has made this determination, and has exempted the property from all portions of tax. The determination has been for 3 years at a time and as such the property for the past three years has been included in our equalized assessment base as exempt property.

**Ashlin Gymnastics Club –
Property Tax Exemption**

- 184 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council exempt the property owned by the Ashlin Gymnastics Club at 3904 -50 Avenue from all property tax, excluding Local Improvement Tax for the years 2018 through 2020 pursuant to Section 362 (1) (n) (ii) of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

**Request for Decision –
Cancellation of July 25 and
August 8, 2017 Regular
Council Meetings**

- 185 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council approve the cancellation of Regular Council meetings of July 25 and August 8, 2017.

CARRIED

**Request for Decision –
Naming Committee Policy No.
11-AD-57 Revision**

Bill Rogers, Assistant CAO, stated that at the June 20, 2017 Naming Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed Naming Policy 11-AD-057. After review, the Committee has recommended several changes to the policy.

**Naming Committee Policy No.
11-AD-57 - Revisions**

- 186 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve the following revisions to the Naming Committee Policy No. 11-AD-57:

1. That a standard application form be developed, which is included in Schedule A, attached.
2. That an evaluation checklist be developed using policy criteria, which is included in Schedule B, attached.
3. That the policy be amended to include a Names Reserve List, which can be used by Council and the Committee as a repository for names to be considered for future use.

CARRIED



Beaver River Watershed Alliance – Request for \$1,000 to Repair and Replace Signs Along Jessie Lake trail

- 187 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council approve the request for funds by the Beaver River Watershed Alliance in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Contributions to Organization Fund to replace and repair the signs that run along the Jessie Lake trail and the use of Town staff to assist with installation.

CARRIED

Ronald McDonald House Charities – Sponsorship Proposal – Winterland Invitational – February 16-18, 2018

Council received the Request for Sponsorship from the Ronald McDonald House Charities for information, and agreed to add the request to the 2018 Budget deliberations to decide on Sponsorship amount.

Committee Reports

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting where they also held a BBQ and Ceremony for Canada 150 in the afternoon. Cenovus was on hand to donate \$5,000.00 towards improvements to the Library. He also attended the Joint Council Intermunicipal Development Plan meeting with the Municipal District of Bonnyville, a BBQ at Victim Services, the Oil and Gas Show, as well as the Osum BBQ for the Oil and Gas Show. Councillor Cheverie stated that the Oil and Gas show was very well organized this year and all participants were extremely impressed with the event. Councillor Cheverie attended the Regional Waste Technical Review where they received an update on the draft project. He also attended the Alberta CARE meeting in Leduc where the recycling of mattresses and box springs was discussed. He also took a tour of the transfer station with the Regional Waste Commission. Councillor Cheverie attended the Toxic Round Up in Bonnyville as well.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Joint Council IDP meeting, the Victim Services Open House BBQ, a Father's Day Event at Bonnylodge as well as the Canada 150 Celebration at the Military Family Resource Center at 4 Wing Cold Lake. She also attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board meeting, the Naming Committee meeting and the OSUM BBQ for the Oil and Gas Show. Then Councillor Storoschuk attended a presentation made by MLA Annie McKittrick to announce Bonnyville had been chosen to receive the Status of Women Grant in the amount of \$33,000.00 to hold the Lakeland's Women's Conference called "Everybody Has A Story". She also attended the Native Friendship Center's National Aboriginal Day celebrations at the Little Leap Park. She also attended the Historical Society Board meeting where they went over plans for the Canada Day Pancake Breakfast. She attended the Oil and Gas Show, an FCSS Advisory Board



Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Meeting, the Toxic Round Up and the Community Church BBQ honoring and thanking the Fathers of our community.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

Councillor Kunec attended the Bonnyville Off Campus Graduation, where he brought greetings from the Town. He also attended the Naming Committee meeting and the Toxic Round Up. Councillor Kunec also attended the Bonnyville Affordable Housing meeting, where the issue of grass cutting was brought up, and that they would also like a planter placed at the front of their building for beautification.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with Cold Lake First Nations regarding the waterline. He also attended a meeting with Municipal Affairs regarding ID 349 and the Joint Council IDP meeting. Mayor Sobolewski also attended a meeting with the Elizabeth Metis Settlement, Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, Frog Lake First Nation, Cold Lake First Nation, Municipal District of Bonnyville, City of Cold Lake, Alberta Transportation, Indigenous Relations and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development – INAC regarding the Regional Waterline to Frog Lake and all the issues with it. He also attended the Aboriginal Day Celebrations held at the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Center, see Lorna's report – names should be the same the Oil and Gas Show, a Regional Opportunities meeting in Lac La Biche and he brought greetings from the Town at the Bonnyville Centralized High School Graduation.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin attended the Agricultural Society Board meeting, the Joint Council IDP meeting and the Canadian Natural Resources BBQ. He brought greetings from the Town at the Co-op Regional Meeting that was held at the Centennial Center. He also attended the Oil and Gas show and another meeting with the Agricultural Society to discuss the Fall Fair.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Joint Council IDP meeting, the Victim Services Open House BBQ, the OSUM BBQ and the Oil and Gas Show. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where they discussed the success of the Oil and Gas show. It was decided at that meeting that the Oil and Gas show would be a bi-annual event and not yearly.

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Joint Council IDP meeting, then the Bonnylodge Talent Show, and the Father's Day event at Bonnylodge. He attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board meeting where they now have a waiting list of 58 people. He also attended the Naming Committee meeting, the OSUM BBQ and the Alberta Network Public Housing Association (ANPHA) Seminar in Red Deer. Councillor Prevost also had information on the announcement made by the



Councillor Ray Prevost

Minister of Seniors & Housing, Lori Sigurdson, that the Province will be spending \$1.2 billion over the next 5 years to expand their portfolio to 2000 units, and the program comes into effect on January 1, 2018. He also stated that today was the final mechanical inspection for Villa Ouimet East and the final Building Inspection is scheduled for July 5, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Invitation – 7th Annual Gear Grabbers Classic Show & Shine – July 8, 2017

An invitation for the 7th Annual Gear Grabbers Classic Show and Shine on July 8, 2017 was received for information by Council.

Mayor Sobolewski, Councillor Storoschuk and Councillor Irwin will attend.

Invitation – TELUS Future Home – Centennial Centre – June 28, 2017

An invitation for the Telus Future Home on June 28, 2017 was received for information by Council.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Storoschuk asked what is being done with the Motels on 54th Avenue.

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, responded that she will be doing a follow up with the land owner to find out.

Councillor Storoschuk also inquired about signs at Slawuta Pond. She stated that she was at the pond and did not see any signage.

Mark Power, CAO, stated there should be 3 signs, and he will make a recommendation to the Naming Committee to reinstate the signs for the pond.

Councillor Prevost stated that he drove around Town and noticed that there are a lot of nicely kept properties in Town; the Town only hears about the unsightly properties but there are no accolades for the well-kept properties.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that the Town used to do something similar to Communities in Bloom, but it fell off the radar and indicated that this would be something to review.

IN CAMERA

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

Time: 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED



IN CAMERA

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

Time: 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT


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

Time: 8:46 p.m.


CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 11th day of July, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer