

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

Mark Power, Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Rogers, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Joe Kopala, Development Technician, and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

PRESS

Josh Thomas, Bonnyville Nouvelle
Kyle Moore, KOOL FM

GUESTS

Elisa Brosseau, Jo-Anne Cooper, Chad Colbourne, Jairo Leandro

**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 – September 12,
2017**

- 247 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that the agenda for the September 12, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following additions:

7. Business: c) Request for Letter of Support – Bonnyville Pontiacs – CIP Grant

9. Correspondence and Information: b) Ribbon Cutting at Walsh Field

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – August 22, 2017**

- 248 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the minutes of the August 22, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

"Ryan Kajer" be corrected to "Ryan Cadieux"

"Mike Moncrete" be correct to "Mike Concrieff"

CARRIED

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

- 249 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go into the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED



**MUNICIPAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

250 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 –
Amending Bylaw No. 1459-17
– Animal Control Bylaw**

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the Development Officer and the Safety Officer reviewed the Animal Control Bylaw and noted that the Town does not regulate, like many municipalities around us do, dogs in the back of pickup trucks. In the Amending Bylaw, an amendment is being proposed to add Section 40.3 as well as correct Section 16.5 to read "Cat or Dog".

Councillor Cheverie stated that this would protect the dogs while travelling in the truck, and the public when the truck is not travelling, as most dogs in the back of a truck are large. While the truck is parked, there is a risk to the public as dogs will protect the truck when the public walks past.

Councillor Van Brabant also agreed that the dogs should not be in the back on bare metal, as the dogs slide around in the box of the truck.

Councillor Kunec asked if the M.D. Of Bonnyville has a similar Bylaw, and if not, what would happen to the people just travelling through Bonnyville?

Mayor Sobolewski asked at what point in time this would become a Traffic Safety issue, enforced by the RCMP.

Councillor Irwin suggested tabling the Bylaw and having the Policing Committee and the RCMP look into the issue.

CAO, Mark Power, stated that several other municipalities do have a similar restrictions in their bylaws.

Councillor Prevost stated that the City of Cold Lake has the same wording in their bylaw.

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 –
Amending Bylaw No. 1459-17
– Animal Control Bylaw**

251 **Moved by Councillor Nestor Kunec** that Council table Bylaw No. 1466-17 until after it has been reviewed by the Community Policing Committee.

CARRIED



FINANCE

Request for Decision – Policy No. 07-FN-051 – Non Union Staff Remuneration – Appendix “A”

Mark Power, CAO, noted that in past years, after the Union Contract is settled, Council has adopted the same cost of living adjustment for Management staff. This year the cost of living adjustment in the Union contract was approved at 1% for 2017 and 1.5% for 2018. The amendment being proposed for Appendix “A” of Policy No. 07-FN-051 reflects these cost of living adjustments for Management staff.

Request for Decision – Policy No. 07-FN-051 – Non Union Staff Remuneration – Appendix “A”

- 252 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve the amendment to Policy No. 07-FN-051, changing Appendix “A” – Non Union Staff Remuneration, to reflect a Cost of Living adjustment for the year 2017 at 1% and 2018 at 1.5%.

CARRIED

Request for Decision – Council Remuneration Policy No. 02-FN-026 Revised Schedule “A”

Mark Power, CAO, noted the same amendments were being proposed for Policy No. 07-FN-026, the Council Remuneration Policy that were proposed for management , a 1% Cost of living adjustment for 2017 and 1.5% for 2018.

Request for Decision – Council Remuneration Policy No. 02-FN-026 Revised Schedule “A”

- 253 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council approve the amendment to Policy No. 02-FN-026, changing Appendix “A” – Council Remuneration, to reflect a cost of living adjustment for the year 2017 at 1% and 2018 at 1.5%.

CARRIED

Joe Kopala left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

2018 Administration/ Council/Budget timeline

Mark Power, CAO noted that the Council/Budget timeline included the mandatory MGA training session which is scheduled with Gord McIntosh on November 14th during the day and November 15th in the evening.

Councillor Kunec stated that it is difficult to assign a timeline for after the election without knowing who will be on Council.

Councillor Storoschuk asked if there are any Tax Assessment Hearings in October.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that there were still 5 outstanding appeals and hearings have been scheduled in October. They will be held during the day.

- 254 **Moved by Councillor Jim Cheverie** that Council accept the Council/Budget timeline for information.

CARRIED



BUSINESS

Request for Decision – Draft Methane Regulations – Letter of Support to the Energy and Transportation Directorate

A/CAO, Bill Rogers, stated that the Government of Canada has been committed to reducing Methane emissions from the Oil and Gas Sector by 40-45% of 2012 levels by 2025. The Provincial Government is also proposing new regulations. In response, this summer in July and August, Mayor Sobolewski, CAO Mark Power and A/CAO Bill Rogers met with CNRL and Imperial Oil and the recommendation from those meetings was that a letter writing campaign should be initiated, and the Towns concerns should be voiced with regards to potential impact of the regulations that are being imposed.

CAO, Mark Power, stated that just before the Council meeting he received a copy of the letter written by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, which is 67 pages long.

Councillor Cheverie asked if we are agreeing with the Federal reduction of 40-45% but not the new higher target from the Provincial Government.

A/CAO Bill Rogers stated the proposed regulations far exceed the 40-45% 2012 proposal. This would put a huge burden on the Oil and Gas Sector, especially in this area.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that CNRL, globally, can achieve the 45% on an average basis, but what is happening is the government wants to start targeting individual wells to put this methane reduction equipment on, which they have the technology to be able to do, the problem is that it puts the cost of that oil extraction out of competitiveness with the world oil market. So basically, no one is going to take our oil at, \$55-\$60 a barrel, with a huge differential plus the cost of extraction, and the cost of royalties, we just will not be able to sell our oil, it will not be competitive. As of now, there is a \$12-\$13 differential which is an automatic strike against the heavy oil that we produce now. The fear is that something like this is going to put those individual wells, that are profitable now, on the outside for the simple reason of trying to satisfy a regulation that is being too prescriptive.

A/CAO Bill Rogers stated that CNRL has reported that they achieved a 55% reduction from venting since 2012, exceeding the 45% target. The oil companies concern is that the proposed venting limits, for example, will result in a 93% reduction and an additional \$1.7 Billion hit to industry, which they are trying to avoid as the industry tries to recover in this tough economic time.



Request for Decision – Draft Methane Regulations – Letter of Support to the Energy and Transportation Directorate

255 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council authorize a Letter of Support highlighting the key messages to be sent to the Energy and Transportation Directorate and the Provincial Government in regard to the proposed regulations on the Oil and Gas Sector in our region.

CARRIED

Request for Sponsorship – Lakeland Business of the Year Awards Gala – October 13, 2017

256 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Lakeland Business of the Year Awards Gala on October 13, 2017.

CARRIED

Letter of Support – CIP Grant – Bonnyville Pontiacs – Walk On

257 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council authorize a Letter of Support for the Bonnyville Pontiacs application for the Community Initiative Program (CIP) Grant.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Regional Waterline Open House in Ardmore, the Muni-Corr Trail Celebration in Ashmont, where he accepted an award on behalf of the Town of Bonnyville for being trail stewards and supporters of the trail. He also had the Annual Review for Lakeland Lodge and Housing; they received a Grade A report card. Next, they will have their Accommodation Standards Inspection in the Spring. Councillor Prevost also attended the Muni-Corr meeting in St. Paul, where the members think the trail should be returned to "better than before" condition instead of original condition once the waterline is complete. He advised Muni-Corr that where the trail is damaged, it will be repaired and the contract will have reclamation included in it.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Regional Waterline Open House in Ardmore, Anne Himschoot's (Executive Assistant) Retirement Lunch, and the Community Policing Committee Meeting.

Councillor John Irwin

Councillor Irwin attended the Regional Waterline Open House in Ardmore, the Centennial Center's 10 year Anniversary Celebration, and the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp Board meeting. He also attended Anne Himschoot's Retirement Lunch, and he has also been working on the Ag Society Fall Fair. Councillor Irwin also attended the Community Policing Committee, where they discussed the number of False Alarms and how it is costing a lot of man hours.



Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski was at the 630Ched Studio in Edmonton to celebrate the partnership with our Metis neighbors and talk about the Regional Waterline, he also met with Minister Richard Feehan, Minister of Indigenous Relations, to talk about water to the Elizabeth Settlement, and he attended Anne Himschoot's Retirement Lunch. Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with the Chief of Staff at the Hospital and discussed some of the points moving forward, he also attended a session at the Elizabeth Metis Settlement General Council participating in some Strategic Planning.

On Saturday, Mayor Sobolewski heard the hammering from the worksite across from Sobeys. Himself and A/CAO Bill Rogers went to the site to inquire about their schedule, and how much longer their construction will take. There was a conference call meeting scheduled with the person in charge for Monday and she made a commitment to providing some notification when they will be hammering to the Town so the Town can get the information out to the residents. They also committed to stick to a schedule and get the project done.

Mayor Sobolewski also attended a Muni-Corr meeting with Councillor Prevost, a LICA Meeting and had a meeting with the Lakeland Doctor Recruitment Committee, where they discussed the Emergency expansion; he believes the hospital is not going to grow without the input of all our partners and perhaps some lobbying on the Hospitals behalf, they are also working with AHS and Covenant Health on sustaining the Lab here and to see if they can secure some funds to improve the parking lot.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

Councillor Kunec attended the Regional Waterline Open House in Ardmore, the Muni-Corr Trail Celebration in Ashmont, and the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp. meeting. He also attended the Glendon Pyrogy Festival and the Beaver River Watershed Alliance meeting.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Regional Waterline Open House in Ardmore, Anne Himschoot's Retirement Lunch and a Canada 150 meeting where they were planning the unveiling of the Mosaic art piece, which has to be done before the 31st of October, and getting prints made up for the groups involved and possibly the Committee members.

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the Alberta Care Conference in Leduc, where one of the tours was to the new Aurora Cannabis Facility that is still under construction. The facility is 800,000 square feet (16 football fields) and will use rain water off the roofs of some adjacent businesses for watering; with that and the underground Retention pond, the facility will not require any water from the County of Leduc.



Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie also toured the Recreation Facility in Leduc which is very similar to the Centennial Centre; they have installed 3600 Solar panels on the raised roof. The Solar panels have been in operation for about a year now, Enmax owns the panels and is responsible for the all maintenance on the panels. The first year they saved a total \$115,000.00 on their electric bill and for the entire summer months they have actually put power back into the grid. Councillor Cheverie also attended the Library Board meeting in Elk Point.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month – September 2017

A letter was received from Prostate Cancer Canada asking the Town to proclaim September 2017 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski proclaimed September 2017 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Bonnyville.

Invitation Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Walsh Field – Saturday September 16, 2017 Walk On

Mayor Gene Sobolewski stated that Administration received an invitation for Council to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Walsh Field on Saturday September 16, 2017. Mayor Sobolewski, and Councillors Prevost, Van Brabant, Irwin, Storoschuk and Cheverie will be attending.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Prevost stated that after the Oath of Office takes place, then the Budget talks start and he would like to see the condition of the back alleys added to budget this year, and not just commercial alleys but also residential.

Councillor Cheverie added that we should have a similar program to the streets overlay program, allocating funds every year to fixing the alleys.

Mayor Sobolewski suggested that the Town should have our engineers look at the alleys. He noted that when these alleys were built, they were not built for the heavy vehicle traffic that is on them presently. Putting an overlay will not be a lasting option for the alleys.

Councillor Irwin stated that the ditches in the industrial park need to go back on the list as well.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that the Jessie Lake, Trail M.D. portion is in pretty bad shape. The lake is a protected area, and any repairs will really have to be planned, as construction in the water will, more than likely, not be allowed. Before budget, he would like to have our consultant do some work on possible upgrades. As well, the town portion will need an overlay at some point.



QUESTIONS

He also stated that volunteers are doing a great job of cleaning the Slawuta parking lot; however, offenders are out in vengeance.

A/CAO Bill Rogers stated that the Community Policing Committee discussed this at the last meeting and plans are being looked at to help eradicate this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

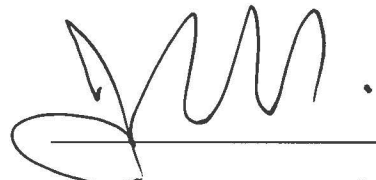
258 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 26th day of September, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer