

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE
TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 COMMENCING
AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

Mark Power, Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Rogers, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, Joe Kopala, Development Technician, and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

PRESS

Chris Hunter, Country 99
Kyle Moore, KOOL FM

GUESTS

Sammi Mare & Colin Hanusz – Bonnyville Curling Club
Jay Melvin – Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority
Alena Thompson & Chantal Vallee – Child & Adolescent Mental Health Clinic
David Beale – FCSS
Ina Smith – Bonnyville Municipal Library
Elisa Brosseau, Chad Colbourne, Morris Mickalyk

**REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – October 10, 2017**

- 271 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the October 10, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING – September 26,
2017**

- 272 **Moved by Councillor John Irwin** that the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS – BUDGET
2017**

Curling Club

Colin Hanusz & Sammi Mare stated that the Curling Club had a good year in 2017. The end of the year had a loss of \$1,500.00 due to lower registration, advertising was down, and no major fund raising was held. However, there is still some cash left from previous years fundraising. He also stated that the Club had applied and been approved for a CFEP grant that



Curling Club

would be put towards a new roof.

Councillor Van Brabant asked if they had prices for the new roof.

Colin Hanusz stated that they had received a quote for a flat roof over the ice surface only, for \$149,000.00. Since then, a quote was received for a peaked roof which was about \$80,000.00 for over the ice surface and another quote from the same company for the roof over the lounge area at about \$26,000.00 with additional costs for stack work around \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00.

Councillor Prevost asked if the approval letter indicated the amount of the grant.

Colin Hanusz stated that yes, when they applied for the grant the Town had committed \$80,000.00 and the Club had raised an additional \$15,000.00, and those amounts were matched by the grant in the amount of \$95,000.00. In total the Club will have \$190,000.00 for renovations to the facility.

Mark Power, CAO, wanted to clarify that the ask today was to carry over the \$80,000.00 from the 2017 budget to the 2018 budget.

Colin Hanusz stated yes, that since they have 18 months to use the CFEP grant, and it is too late to start renovations this year, they would like to start at the end of this season.

Councillor Storoschuk stated that she had heard the beginner program was bigger this year, with a lot more interest.

Colin Hanusz replied that yes, there are 45 kids registered from Community Registration Night this year, and as well, they will be offering high school students the opportunity to register in the league after Christmas at a reduced rate.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Colin Hanusz and Sammi Mare for their presentation.

Chantal Vallee & Alena Thompson – Mental Health Navigator

Chantal Vallee thanked Council for their support over the past couple of years. She stated the Mental Health Navigator program has been more than what was anticipated it would be, which is a good thing. When this program started it was to increase the collaboration amongst agencies and partners that supported the mental health of students and families, including improving access to mental health support and services, improving symptom management and increasing mental health knowledge. She also stated that Alena Thompson was hired as the Navigator and she not only organizes the clinic, she



**Chantal Vallee & Alena
Thompson – Mental Health
Navigator**

also works on collaborating with the communities, conducting education in the communities and building their partnerships. Since the inception of the program there have been 160 referrals, and 115 Intakes (seen in the program). The remaining 45 either didn't fit the criteria or needed other help and were referred to other resources. 70 kids have been seen, diagnosed, stabilized and discharged from the program.

Alena Thompson went over the list of sponsors and partners that work with the program; she also stated that the support from the community has been great.

Chantal Vallee stated that the program was the recipient of the Covenant Health Mission Award for 2017, which is a prestigious award. She also stated that the money that AHS used to give to school boards now goes directly to the Primary Care Network for the program. AHS has also put money towards evaluating the program. To her knowledge there are at least 5 or 6 communities, Alberta wide, looking at the same model.

Alena Thompson added that those communities are awaiting the completion of the AHS evaluation before implementing the program in their communities. Alena also stated that parent education was one the first gaps they had. A lot of parents did not know anything about anxiety, ADHD or depression. The program brought in speakers, and FCSS has been a great support with this. There is a lending library which is sponsored by the Tyler Chislett fund, to buy books that families can borrow, there is also the website where parents can get valid information they can rely on. Another success was the Summer Camp, where there were kids from the program as well as kids that were referred from the schools and was extremely successful. She also stated that this year Ducharme Motors sponsored a charity golf tournament for the program and the funds coming from that will be used for specialized assessments for the kids, since being in a rural area a lot of these assessments may be unattainable or too expensive for the family.

Alena Thompson highlighted the future plans for the program, which included:

- Finish the evaluation so the data is there
- Address the legalization of Cannabis and youth use in the area.
- Client led treatment planning
- Peer support groups
- Continue being a resource for students and families
- Look at support and treatment for substance abuse and addictions



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Navigator**

- Summer Camp

Chantal Vallee stated that she will continue to try to get full funding for this program to have it fully sustainable by AHS, Covenant Health, PCN or a combination of all three. But if they could secure funding from the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville for the next couple years to keep it running that would be great.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that the voices of the municipalities when dealing with the provincial government may lend some creed to the program, as he would hate to see this become strictly a budgetary issue with AHS.

Councillor Kunec asked how the kids are referred to the program.

Chantal Vallee replied that the kids are referred by the schools, parents, physicians, and Emergency department.

Councillor Kunec stated that his concern was that parents would be afraid to refer their child because of the stigma of mental disease.

Chantal Vallee responded that stigma was part of the reason the clinic portion is held at the medical clinic. No one knows if you are there for mental health or a medical appointment.

Mayor Sobolewski asked for confirmation that they were asking for continued support for the next two years and if the amount was the same as previous year.

Chantal Vallee responded with yes.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Chantal Vallee & Aleena Thompson for their presentation.

Josh Thomas, Bonnyville Nouvelle entered the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

**Bonnyville Municipal Library –
Ina Smith**

Ina Smith stated that the library in Bonnyville is very well used. Ina highlighted some of the programs and events that happened over the past year. She also went through some of the successes that included a partnership with the Community Learning Council for family literacy to which 235 residents attended, Cenovus presented a \$5,000.00 cheque at the Summer Reading Registration BBQ, new pre-teen furniture arrived in September and to date they have invigilated 140 exams for distance learners. She also stated that the library had on average 600 patrons transacting per month. Ina stated that in regards to the budget there is a 1.5% increase mostly for wages. There is a Memorandum of Understanding with the

**Bonnyville Municipal Library –
Ina Smith**

Town where the library can apply for \$6,000.00 a year for improvements. Some improvements that the Library would like to make would be improving the landscaping, improving the lighting, which is the original lighting from 1989 which should reduce the power bill which is approximately \$700.00 a month currently. There are some grants that will be applied for in regards to the lighting as well. She also stated that now that the M.D. of Bonnyville does not have a library board anymore, there needs to be discussions with the M.D. of Bonnyville, in regards to their funding, as the usage for Town and M.D. residents is almost even.

Councillor Cheverie asked Ina to explain about the Hoopla program that is available.

Ina Smith explained that Hoopla is the Netflix of the Library world. Children 12 and under can sign up for free and 13 and older are \$12.00 per year. Included in this subscription are 5 free uses per month, which can include audio books, eBooks, movies and music.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Ina Smith for her presentation.

**Regional Fire Authority – Jay
Melvin, Regional Deputy Fire
Chief**

Jay Melvin, Regional Deputy Fire Chief, stated that the Fire Authority annual contract with the Town has a 1.5% increase due to salaries, and that building repairs and maintenance stays the same. He stated that Disaster Services sees an increase to the conference budget as the prior budget was not adequate to cover the costs of the conferences/hotels etc. that the staff attend. They would like to increase that budget by \$3,000.00 to a total of \$5,000.00. The budget for Programs increased as well to \$30,000.00. this is to rewrite the Municipal Emergency Plan and conduct an annual training program. He stated the 911 Contracted Cost has gone up due to the next generation 911 requirements from CRTC and upgrades that were made moving from analog to digital.

Councillor Prevost asked if the Actuals were to the end of September.

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, stated that the numbers are until the end of August.

Councillor Irwin asked if the new radio roll out was on track.

Jay Melvin stated that the roll out was on track. He also stated that the M.D. Constables have been online for the last month, Station 5 in Bonnyville has been online for 2 weeks, and Goodrich has also been online for 2 weeks. Things are going very well, very clear. Phase 2 roll out will happen in the remainder of the fall for the remaining departments. He also



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stated that the improvements made to the 911 system have been phenomenal, for example, there was a call for a MVC from a cell phone and the 911 operator had the location within 6 meters of the actual accident. The advantages and developments that have been made on the 911 center are bar none one of the best in northern Alberta.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Jay Melvin for this presentation and Jay Melvin left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Councillor Cheverie left the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Councillor Cheverie returned to the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

FCSS – David Beale

David Beale, Community Services Director, stated that there was an error on the budget passed out; it showed the M.D. of Bonnyville paying \$49,000.00, which is incorrect, they are actually paying \$66,000.00. The FCSS Board has agreed to add the additional \$17,000.00 to 'Grants to Individuals/Organizations', bringing that total to \$47,000.00. He also stated that the amount in Grants is not anticipated to change, and that the costs to the Town and the M.D. of Bonnyville will remain the same as 2017. FCSS Advisory Board has reviewed the budget and approved it to be presented to Council.

David Beale stated that staffing accounts for 63% of the total budget. The Outreach Workers contract expires on March 31, 2018, however he is hopeful the Grant will be renewed and the position can continue going forward. There are also 3 summer workers for the Mental Health Summer Camp in the budget, however he is also hopeful they will receive Grant funding for these positions as well. Repairs and Maintenance is reduced by \$10,000.00, as they have a few significant projects on the go, however, are not on track to spend the \$40,000.00 previously budgeted. The Board did approve a new phone system compatible with the new Town Administration Office phone system. The Parent Link Grant is based on compensation for actual expenses. FCSS can claim up to a maximum of \$118,859.00 per year.

Mark Power, CAO, wanted clarification that there are no matching funds for the Parent Link Grant.

David Beale replied that there are no matching funds. The expenses go to the City of Cold Lake and they reimburse.

Councillor Prevost asked if the Town used to handle that money.

David Beale stated that for the first ten years the Town of

FCSS – David Beale

Bonnyville distributed the money, now the City of Cold Lake does it.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked David Beale for his presentation and David Beale left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Sammie Mare, Colin Hanusz, Alena Thompson, Chantal Vallee, and Ina Smith left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

- 273 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go into the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:58 p.m.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

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

Time: 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Joe Kopala and Katherine Currie left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

FINANCE

**Request for Decision –
Assessment Contract**

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, stated that in 2013 the Town entered into an agreement with Accurate Assessment Group Ltd., that agreement has now expired. Staff recommended entering into a new five year contract with Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.

**Request for Decision –
Assessment Contract**

- 275 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council authorize Administration to enter into a five year contract with Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. as per the agreement received October 4, 2017

CARRIED

BUSINESS

**Request for Financial Support
and Invite to Banquet – École
Des Beaux-Lacs Volleyball –
1A Ladies Provincials**

Mark Power, CAO, noted that the Donation Policy would allow going a \$2,000.00 contribution for hosting of these events. This request does not have a specific amount requested, however, with the School hosting the event, the \$2,000.00 recommendation would be closer to what they were hoping for with the MD of Bonnyville contributing \$750.00 under their policy, without bringing it to Council.



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Mayor Sobolewski added that, with sponsorship the School would be listing the Town as a Sponsor.

Councillor Kunec stated that Provincial Tournaments are fantastic; however, he wondered if Council should consider a bench mark for sponsoring Provincial Tournaments, as the Town does have a lot of schools.

Councillor Cheverie stated that this is the first event for École de Beau Lac and he will support a \$2,000.00 contribution.

Councillor Irwin stated that with the enhancements to Walsh Field there are going to be a lot more requests for Provincial things like this, and he agreed that some type of benchmark should be set for these events.

Councillor Van Brabant stated he supports this, and any Provincial events that come to Bonnyville are a good thing.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that different events will have different requests, he is worried that setting a benchmark or policy the amount may be the deciding factor for some events on whether they come to our community or not.

Councillor Van Brabant stated that he does not agree with a benchmark, as for example, a Provincial Hockey Tournament may be more expensive to host than a Provincial Volleyball Tournament.

**Request for Financial Support
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Des Beaux-Lacs Volleyball –
1A Ladies Provincials**

276 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve a financial contribution in the amount of \$2000.00 for the École Des Beaux-Lac Volleyball 1A Ladies Provincial Tournament.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Muni-Corr meeting in St. Paul where they discussed the upcoming water line and the condition of the trail. The contract was awarded to Wolverine Group Inc. to do clean up the brush and trees at the Trestle. He also stated that they discussed the land in Cold Lake that is for sale, and the City of Cold Lake had first right of refusal, however, a letter was received from them waving their interest in that land. There have also been 15 people caught on camera on the trail in highway vehicles in the Bonnyville area, and they will each receive tickets in the mail. Councillor Prevost also attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Board Meeting where it was discussed that Shaw Direct had been overcharging the Lodge for three years, with a total of \$24,000.00 over billed. A credit has been requested from Shaw Direct. They also worked on updating the 3 year

Councillor Ray Prevost

Business Plan; including selling the 12 family homes and repurpose those dollars into apartment style units.

Councillor Prevost also stated that the Accommodation Review will be on October 21, 2017. He informed Council that Janusz Najfeldt from Najfeldt Architect Inc. will be donating a painting to the Bonnylodge which will be a tribute to Lyle Victor and the Farming Community. Mr. Najfeldt will also be donating all the signage for the Cold Lake Lodge.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Community Policing Committee meeting, where they discussed the amendment to the Dog Bylaw that was referred to the Committee by Council, as well as the ongoing issues at Slawuta Pond. The Policing Survey will be distributed in November with water bills and the new bylaw officer is doing well.

Councillor John Irwin

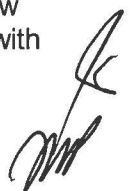
Councillor Irwin attended the Alberta HUB meeting in St. Paul with ACAO, Bill Rogers, and he announced that Paradise Valley has now joined the Alberta HUB and he hoped that the Town will continue their membership in the future. Councillor Irwin also attended the Community Policing Committee meeting.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended a Transmission Line meeting regarding the Waterline; he also had a meeting with MLA Scott Cyr who introduced MLA Nathan Cooper to those in attendance. He met with the 2 developers of Eastgate, discussing issues and moving things forward, he also had a meeting with Councillor Prevost at the Rodeo grounds regarding Mudfest and the needs of the Rodeo Association and the Ag Society.

Mayor Sobolewski attended a RUSC meeting in Cold Lake, where things are moving forward. They have decided to stay with their traditional methodology of chlorination up to the Transfer Station; which will then be converting the chlorinated water to chloramination, which they said will have less chlorine decay. He also had a meeting on the Base in Cold Lake regarding sponsorship of the next Airshow in Cold Lake. There is only going to be one Military air show in Canada next year, and it is being held in Cold Lake and will be the 20th Anniversary Air Show.

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting in Edmonton with CAO, Mark Power, discussing the feasibility report for the water line out to Frog Lake. Mayor Sobolewski had a meeting with some individuals looking to undertake a study from Alberta HUB regarding Aero space, doing market research to bring new industry into this area. He also attended other meetings with



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regard to starting some lobbying of the Provincial Government for the expansion of the Emergency Department.

Councillor Nestor Kunec

No Report

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Daycare Board meeting, where afterwards they held a Board and Staff BBQ. She also attended the FCSS Board Meeting, the meeting with Scott Cyr and Nathan Cooper and at the end of that meeting the Wing Commander of 4-Wing presented a framed picture for the Freedom of the City event that took place in Bonnyville. Councillor Storoschuk attended the Friendship Center Thanksgiving Supper, the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Meeting and the Fire Department Open House.

Councillor Jim Cheverie

Councillor Cheverie attended the FCSS Board meeting where they discussed the successfulness of the Woman's Conference and that it will be held again, and another thing that is happening is that Cenovus is providing funding for a Ronald McDonald House program called Meals that Mend in this area, where they will bring 140 families from this region that have used Ronald McDonald House together with Volunteers for a meal and event to bring them all together. As well, FCSS will be supporting the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Summer Camp again next year. Councillor Cheverie also attended the Bonnyville Friendship Center Thanksgiving Supper and the HEB School Debate for the Council Candidates after which, students will be holding an election of their own.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

**Alberta Municipal Affairs –
New Home Buyer Protection
Amendment Act 2017**

There was a letter received by Administration regarding the New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act 2017, Mayor Sobolewski stated that some information and registry platform will be available in the spring of 2018.

QUESTIONS

Mayor Sobolewski would like to know when the existing Lyle Victor Albert Center will be demolished and if there are any plans for where any events will be held that would be held normally in the Lyle Victor Albert Center. He believes that the Town should be on top of this, as the residents will be coming to the Town with questions, not the School Board.

Councillor Kunec stated that the school does have plans to add a theater with the renovations, where the present gym is now.

Mayor Sobolewski would like to get some dialog started about what to do once the center is demolished.



Mayor Sobolewski, on behalf of himself and Council, thanked John Irwin for his service on Council, and wished him good luck with his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: 7:42 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes read and adopted this 24th day of October, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer