

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski, Councillors: Lorna Storoschuk, Ray Prevost, Rene Van Brabant, Elisa Brosseau, Chad Colbourne and Brian McEvoy

**STAFF**

Mark Power, Chief Administrative Officer, Bill Rogers, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, Bonnie Wood, CHS Manager and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

**PRESS**

Chris Hunter, Country 99 entered at 6:08 p.m.  
Josh Thomas, Bonnyville Nouvelle entered at 6:15 p.m.

**GUESTS**

Sgt. Sarah Parke, Bonnyville RCMP  
Cst. Wanda Decoste, Bonnyville RCMP  
Barry Worden  
Morris Mickalyk  
Shea Neudorf  
Marj Neudorf

**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 – November 14, 2017**

- 300 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the agenda for the November 14, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 24, 2017**

- 301 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – October 24, 2017**

- 302 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the minutes of the October 24, 2017 Regular Council meeting be adopted with changes.

Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corporation – add "expired 2017" next to Ed Mercier

Bonnyville Water Commission – Add Alternate from the Town of Bonnyville



**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF  
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL  
MEETING – October 10, 2017**

Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee – Remove Pierre Amyotte, as he moved out of town.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

**RCMP Quarterly Report – Sgt.  
Sarah Parke and Cst. Wanda  
Decoste**

Sgt. Parke stated that Rural crime is on the rise, with break and enter, motor vehicle thefts and thefts over/under \$5000 all increasing. She also stated that this is not a problem unique to Bonnyville and it is being seen in all Detachments in Eastern Alberta. She also noted that the new GIS Unit has been tasked to focus on this initiative. There were 2 charges for Extortion, which does not happen often, and the RCMP are working on educating the public on this crime. She also stated that Missing Persons was up from last year, however often these are well-being checks and the person is found quickly. Sgt. Parke stated that the new Constable started last week which brings the Constable level to full compliment. She also stated the GIS unit has executed a drug search warrant in the Town of Bonnyville and a Media Release is soon to be issued, however, several arrests and charges have been laid. Sgt. Parke also noted that Slawuta Pond and Lakeshore Drive continue to be issues, as well as an area by the new playground. Patrols have been increased to those areas. Sgt. Parke stated that Bonnyville RCMP now have a Quad and a UTV for patrols and searches where vehicles cannot go. She also stated that Members are still making regular visits to the Schools and Members were present in Regular uniform and Red Serge for Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the schools. She also wanted to remind Council that the Regimental Ball is on Saturday November 18, 2017.

Mayor Sobolewski asked if, regarding the elevated motor vehicle thefts, vehicles are that easy to break into, and if there was anything the public could do to prevent thefts.

Sgt. Parke stated that it depends on the type of vehicle, and right now the thefts are concentrated around pick-up trucks.

Councillor Brosseau asked if the 70 Break and Enters were 70 different victims or 70 different criminals.

Sgt. Parke answered that it was not 70 different criminals or victims per say. There could be duplicate offenders and victims. Typically criminals reoffend.

Councillor Van Brabant added that Chev Pick-ups are less vulnerable because of On Star.

Sgt. Parke agreed that because of On Star the Chevy trucks



**RCMP Quarterly Report – Sgt.  
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Decoste**

can be tracked and there is also a kill switch which can be engaged.

Cst. Wanda Decoste presented the By-Law Enforcement Report. She stated that since September 1, 2017, there had been over 60 Bylaw tickets issued for things like unattached trailers, parking on boulevards, unsightly properties and garbage bins. In September there were 33 letters or tags issued for unsightly properties. Cst. Decoste also stated that along with Slawuta Pond there are now a few other hot spots that Members are patrolling on a regular basis. There have also been complaints of suspicious activity at dead end roads on Lakeshore Drive and patrols have been increased in those areas as well. She also stated that Businesses with 5 or more false alarms were issued letters with a copy of the False Alarm Bylaw. Cst. Decoste also stated that in October some of the issues were unattached trailers, handicap parking, boulevard parking, and people parking in bus zones and passing buses with flashing lights. She also stated there was an issue with cat trapping where cats were being trapped and taken out to an oil well site and this is now under investigation. There was also a resident that had 11 Noise complaints so far in 2017 and the resident was issued a \$1,000.00 fine, further to that RCMP were called out two more times and the resident has now been charged criminally. She also stated that RCMP are looking for a way to put the trail cams up, so they are hidden and will not be stolen. Cst. Decoste also noted that she is still tracking false alarms and issuing letters to businesses and residents who have exceeded 5 false alarms, as well as dealing with RV's not parked properly.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Sgt. Sarah Parke and Cst. Wanda Decoste for their report and they left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

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

Time: 6:23 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

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

Time: 6:37 p.m.

**CARRIED**



## BYLAW

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 –  
Amendment to Bylaw No.  
1459-17 – Animal control  
Bylaw – Recommended by the  
Community Policing  
Committee**

Bonnie Wood, CHS Manager, presented the amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw No. 1466-17. 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". The Bylaw was referred to the Community Policing Committee and has been returned to Council with their recommendation to pass this Bylaw.

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 – Amend  
Animal Control Bylaw No.  
1459-17 – First Reading**

- 305 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council provide first reading to Bylaw No. 1466-17; a Bylaw to amend Animal Control Bylaw No. 1459-17.

**CARRIED**

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 – Amend  
Animal Control Bylaw No.  
1459-17 – Second Reading**

- 306 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide second reading to Bylaw No. 1466-17.

**CARRIED**

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 – Amend  
Animal Control Bylaw No.  
1459-17 – Proceed to Third  
and Final Reading**

- 307 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council consent to proceed to third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1466-17.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Bylaw No. 1466-17 – Amend  
Animal Control Bylaw No.  
1459-17 – Third and Final  
Reading**

- 308 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council provide third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1466-17.

**CARRIED**

## BUSINESS

**Memorandum – Deputy Mayor  
– 8 Month Term Schedule**

- 309 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council approve the Deputy Mayor 8 Month Term Schedule as listed:

November 1, 2017- July 1, 2018 – Rene Van Brabant  
July 1, 2018 – March 1, 2019 – Lorna Storoschuk  
March 1, 2019 – November 1, 2019 – Elisa Brosseau  
November 1, 2019 – July 1, 2020 – Brian McEvoy  
July 1, 2020 – March 1, 2021 – Ray Prevost  
March 1, 2021 – November 1, 2021 – Chad Colbourne

**CARRIED**

**Regional Assessment Review  
Board and ARB Training –  
email – Mayor Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski stated that he wanted to bring the Assessment Review Board (ARB) Training to Council's attention. He suggested working out a Regional Assessment Review Board with neighboring communities.



**Regional Assessment Review Board and ARB Training – email – Mayor Sobolewski**

Councillor Van Brabant stated that there has been talk for years about having a Regional Assessment Review Board.

Councillor Storoschuk is in agreement of a Regional Board. And she also stated that in 16 years there has only been 2 Assessment Review Board Hearings.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that there can only be 1 Councillor sitting on a 3 member board, and if it is a 1 member board, that member cannot be a Councillor. There was one Member at Large who had the ARB training, however his training has expired. His recommendation was to have a Regional Assessment Review Board and have a Member at Large sit on it.

Councillor Storoschuk asked when Mayor Sobolewski, Rene Van Brabant and her training expires.

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, replied that they expire in 2018.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the new training is now 4 days instead of 2.

Councillors Brosseau and Colbourne both committed to taking the training in the future.

**Regional Assessment Review Board and ARB Training – email – Mayor Sobolewski**

- 310 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council direct Administration to approach neighboring Municipalities regarding a Regional Assessment Review Board.

**CARRIED**

**Regional Assessment Review Board and ARB Training – email – Mayor Sobolewski**

- 311 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve Councillor Elisa Brosseau and Chad Colbourne taking the Assessment Review Board Training Session.

**CARRIED**

**Regional Assessment Review Board and ARB Training – email – Mayor Sobolewski**

- 312 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council direct Administration to search for Lay Members who would like to take the training and sit on the board.

**CARRIED**

**2018 FCM Conference Attendance – Halifax – email – Mayor Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski wanted to speak to Council about attendance at the Annual FCM Conference. He stated that there is a cost to the Town of Bonnyville for these conferences and wanted to know if Council would like to develop a policy regarding how many attend or would like to make a gentleman's agreement.



**2018 FCM Conference  
Attendance – Halifax – email –  
Mayor Sobolewski**

Councillor Colbourne stated that it should be 3 Councillors one year and the other 3 the next and keep on that schedule.

Councillor Prevost agreed that in these economic times Council should set an example and limit the amount of people who attend.

Mayor Sobolewski asked if it would be 3 plus the Mayor or 3 including the Mayor. He also stated that when attending these conferences the tours they take should be relevant to the Town, not touristy things, and should offer a benefit to our community.

Councillor Storoschuk stated she would like to see the Mayor attend, 3 Councillors and 1 Administration, with the 3 Councillors alternating years.

Councillor Prevost stated he would like to add "pending the program provided for that year"

**2018 FCM Conference  
Attendance – Halifax – email –  
Mayor Sobolewski**

- 313 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council send the Mayor, 3 Councillors and 1 Administration to FCM Conferences, with the 3 Councillors alternating yearly, pending the program provided, is relevant.

**CARRIED**

Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development and Bonnie Wood, CHS Manager left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**2018 World Junior A Hockey  
Challenge**

Mayor Sobolewski stated that the Town has an amazing opportunity to submit a bid for the 2018 World Junior A Hockey Challenge. He stated that he did a straw poll that indicated Council was in favor of making the bid and he would like to ratify that the Town of Bonnyville would be joining the M.D. of Bonnyville in making a bid to host the 2018 World Junior A Hockey Challenge.

- 314 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council direct Administration to join the M.D. of Bonnyville in a bid to host the 2018 World Junior A Hockey Challenge.

**CARRIED**

**Committee Reports**

**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Councillor Prevost attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Station 5 Volunteer Appreciation Night, and the Organizational meeting for Muni-Corr and which was then opened up to the debate around the Cold Lake Water line.



**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Station 5 Volunteer Appreciation Night and the Community Policing meeting. He also attended a meeting with the Agricultural Society and they are sending out tenders to build a patio around an existing trailer and they also changed insurance brokers. Councillor Van Brabant also attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Bonnyville Centralized High School and Dr. Brosseau Elementary School.

**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended the FCSS Board meeting, where they gave funding to the Boys and Girls Club, the amount was less than the Club was asking for because financial reports were not brought to the Committee. She also attended the FCSS Conference in Edmonton and the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cold Lake Energy Centre, where she placed a wreath on behalf of the Town of Bonnyville.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski attended a Covenant Health Luncheon in Edmonton where they discussed that the Town of Bonnyville was in desperate need of an expansion in the Emergency Department. He also attended a meeting with the Air Weapons Range regarding Regional funding opportunities.

Mayor Sobolewski also had a meeting with Cold Lake First Nation to highlight where the waterline would be brought in and that the waterline would benefit Cold Lake First Nation. He attended the Bonnyville Water Commission meeting to review some contracts and pre-qualifications with moving forward with design and negotiating with land owners. He also met with the Metis Settlement on partnerships with the Town, had a meeting with the Centennial Centre regarding some policy issues, the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Station 5 Volunteer Appreciation Night and the funeral of Ed Primeau, former Bonnyville Fire Chief.

Mayor Sobolewski, along with Councillor Colbourne attended the Alberta Energy Resources Workshop looking at different approaches in the process of obtaining information. He also attended the Dr. Recruitment meeting, where the urgency for expansion of the Hospital was discussed, and Doctors are collecting statistics regarding usage of the facility and how busy it is there. Mayor Sobolewski stated that he would like to be able to bring up this topic at the AUMA with the Ministers.

Mayor Sobolewski attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Notre Dame High School, Dr. Brosseau Elementary and the Centennial Centre. He also attended the Council Workshop with Gord McIntosh. Mayor Sobolewski also attended a workshop dealing with changes at the Aboriginal Consultation Office and the Alberta Energy Regulator are looking at in terms of Aboriginal and Indigenous consultation and engagement.



**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

As a result of this meeting Mayor Sobolewski will be attending a meeting with Minister Feehan and everyone who attended the first meeting, for more discussion.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended the Bonnyville "Don't Shop Local" Chamber of Commerce meeting, which was a strategic meeting to help local businesses come up with a way to get people to shop local without saying "shop local", they are also trying to team up with the City of Cold Lake on this initiative. Councillor Colbourne also attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Station 5 Volunteer Appreciation Night, the Policing Committee Meeting, the Alberta Energy Regulators meeting and the Council Workshop with Gord McIntosh.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the FCSS Board meeting where they also gave funding to the Friendship Centre and Councillor Storoschuk was named Chair. She also attended the FCSS Conference in Edmonton, the Daycare Board meeting, met with the Executive Director of LICA for a private Board orientation, the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Station 5 Volunteer Appreciation Night and the funeral of Ed Primeau. She also attended the Organizational meeting for Muni-Corr and the Council Workshop with Gord McIntosh.

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Centennial Centre, the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority Station 5 Volunteer Appreciation Night and the funeral for Ed Primeau.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Opening Celebration of École Notre Dame High School - Invitation**

An invitation was received for Mayor and Council to attend the Opening Celebration of École Notre Dame High School on December 8, 2017.

Mayor Sobolewski and Councillors Brosseau, Colbourne, Storoschuk and Prevost all indicated they would attend.

**4 Wing Commander/CA AETE Christmas Reception**

An invitation was received for Mayor and Council to attend the 4 Wing Commander/CA AETE Christmas Reception on December 10, 2017.

Mayor Sobolewski and Councillors Colbourne, Brosseau, Prevost, Van Brabant and Storoschuk all indicated attendance.

**Osum Meeting**

A request to meet with Mayor and Council was received from Osum for November 16, 2017.

Mayor Sobolewski and Councillors Prevost, Storoschuk, Brosseau and Colbourne all indicated they would attend.





**Chamber Speed Networking –  
January 10, 2018**

An invitation was received to attend the Chamber Speed Networking on January 10, 2018.

Councillors Brosseau, Colbourne and McEvoy all indicated they would attend.

**IN CAMERA**

- 315 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go In Camera, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

Time: 7:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

- 316 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 9:03 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Alternate Member for the  
Bonnyville Water Commission**

- 317 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council appoint Councillor Brian McEvoy as Alternate for the Bonnyville Water Commission.

**CARRIED**

**Public at Large Member  
Appointment for Community  
Policing Committee**

- 318 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council appoint Donna Padleski to the Community Policing Committee as a Public at Large Member for a 3 year term.

**CARRIED**

**Public at Large Member  
Appointment for Library  
Board**

- 319 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council appoint Patti Skuba to the Library Board as a Public at Large Member for a 3 year term.

**CARRIED**

**Public at Large Member  
Appointment for Bonnyville &  
District Leisure Facility  
Corporation**

- 320 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council appoint Morris Mikalyk to the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corporation as a Public at Large Member for a 3 year term.

**DEFEATED**



**Public at Large Member  
Appointment for Bonnyville &  
District Leisure Facility  
Corporation**

- 321 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council appoint Byron Johnson to the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corporation as a Public at Large Member for a 3 year term.

**CARRIED**

**Obtain Legal Opinion re:  
Commissions and the Role of  
Councillors**

- 322 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council obtain a Legal opinion regarding Council on Commissions and the role of Councillors.

**CARRIED**

**Rodeo Grounds Remediation**

- 323 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council request the Agriculture Society provide a plan by January 10, 2018 for remediation of the Rodeo Grounds re: buried bus with completion of the remediation by June 1, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**


- 324 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.


Time: 9:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes read and adopted this 28 day of  
November, 2017.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer