

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE  
TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018  
COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**REGRETS**

Councillor Brian McEvoy

**STAFF**

Mark Power, CAO, Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

**PRESS**

Robynne Henry - Bonnyville Nouvelle  
Mike Marshall – Country 99  
Michael Menzies – Lakeland Connect  
Kyle Moore - KOOL

**GUESTS**

Thya Savisky  
Ryan Chornohos  
Sgt. Sarah Parke

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
COUNCIL**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
MEETING – September 11,  
2018**

241 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the September 11, 2018 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended with the following addition:

5. e) Committees

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
– August 28, 2018**

242 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the minutes of the August 28, 2018 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Delegation**

**RCMP Quarterly Report**

Sgt. Sarah Parke briefed the Committee on the five different areas that the Performance Plan focuses on: Youth, Traffic, Drugs, Prolific Offender Management and Police Community Engagement and Relations.

Youth: Cst. Hall took over the organization of the RCMP Bike Rodeo in June, the event has grown and has become a welcome and annual expectation of the public. Also, in June,



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H.E. Bourgoin Middle School held its first (possibly annual) Color Run. The Detachment had 4 Members participate, in uniform and Victims Services Unit dog Odie also ran with them. In September, Members will meet with their designated school principals to introduce themselves and review the school's needs and expectations for the year. RCMP have also asked Victims Services to inform them of any presentations Victims Services may be making at the schools so an RCMP Member can join them.

Traffic: Sgt. Parke organized a large-scale check stop that involved 13 Peace Officers on May 18, 2018. Some of the stats from that check stop include: 260 vehicles checked, 31 Warning tickets, 20 Violation Tickets, one Criminal Code Charge, two Warrants executed, one 24-hour suspension, one 30-day seizure and three vehicles towed.

During the months of June – August there were 99 violation tickets issued.

July was Distracted Driving Month and several check stops were organized throughout the month. August was Impaired Driving Month, and again several check stops were held throughout the month to target this offence. September the focus is “back to school” and Members will resume school zone patrols.

During the months of June-August Members were dispatched to 40 Investigations of Impaired driving, 14 of those investigations resulted with charges.

Inland Water Transport Patrols were conducted on Moose Lake and common offences were: not having the proper safety equipment on board and not displaying the boat registration number. Warnings were issued as these situations were more of an education opportunity.

Drugs: The Bonnyville GIS Unit completed a project that involved assistance from ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams). This large-scale project has resulted in 16 suspects being charged to date, with 42 offences, the majority of which are trafficking cocaine and trafficking Meth. Additionally, the project led to further information that enabled GIS to obtain Search Warrants relating to these drug dealers, which resulted in an additional 44 charges laid. Sgt. Parke also included several media releases that were issued over the summer regarding drug trafficking.

Prolific Offender Management: Overall 44 new Breach Charges were laid over the summer months, this is in large



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part due to the regular curfew checks and follow up with suspects identified during the GIS drug operation in the Spring. Eastern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) continues to work throughout the district including the Bonnyville area. Police Community Relations: On July 1, 2018, 13 Members participated in the Annual Canada Day Parade in Red Serge. Nearly every single General Duty Member, that is operational, volunteered their time to come out and participate in this event.

Human Resources: The Detachment Commander position remains vacant, but the selection process for choosing the incumbent is nearly at the end. The vacant Corporal position is being advertised again. There are two Constables who remain off work indefinitely and another on Parental Leave due to return in October. The three senior Constables who were all due to transfer out sold their homes and moved to their new units in July. The Bonnyville Detachment received 3 Cadets from the RCMP Training Academy between May and July.

Councillor Prevost asked if the stats for vehicle thefts included rural areas.

Sgt. Parke stated that the stats in her report are within the Town of Bonnyville only.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Sgt. Parke and she left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

## Business

### Ecole Notre Dame High School Grad Golf Tournament – September 15, 2018

243 Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne that Council approve a financial contribution of \$250.00, and a donation for their silent auction in accordance with Policy No. 15-FN-068 towards the Ecole Notre Dame High School Grad and decline participation in their Golf Fundraiser on September 15, 2018.

## CARRIED

### The Hive Cannabis Co. – Review of Sign Regulations

Mark Power, CAO, stated that a letter was received from The Hive Cannabis Co. asking Council to revisit the Bylaw limiting Cannabis businesses to one sign. He stated that the sign regulations were one area where there was no clear mandate. Should Council wish to review the Bylaw, a majority of Council would have to agree, then Administration will bring back an amendment to Council for first reading, and then another public hearing will be required before second and third readings.

Councillor Prevost stated that he believes a review to the Land Use Bylaw signage requirements is a fair request.



**The Hive Cannabis Co. –  
Review of Sign Regulations**

Councillor Colbourne agreed that the bylaw should be revisited.

- 244 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council reconsider the signage component of the Land Use Bylaw No. 1472-18 regarding Cannabis.

**CARRIED**

**AltaGas Distribution Revenue  
Forecast**

Thya Savisky and Ryan Chornohos left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

- 245 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council advise AltaGas Utilities that we do not wish to amend the annual franchise fee percentage for 2019.

**CARRIED**

**Cancel/Postpone September  
25, 2018 Regular Council  
Meeting**

- 246 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council cancel the Regular Council Meeting of September 25, 2018 and call a Special Council meeting if needed.

**CARRIED**

**Committees**

Mayor Sobolewski stated that with the organizational meeting coming up soon, he is asking for any requests to change committee appointments be given to him before the first week of October. He stated that he will send a spreadsheet with the existing appointments for reference.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended an Agricultural Society meeting and the Community Policing Committee meeting.

**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended the Glendon Pyrogy Festival, the first meeting of the newly formed Pool Committee and the Francophone and Francophile Cities Network Meetings in Grande Prairie.

**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Councillor Prevost attended a Muni Corr special meeting, a Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission and a tele-conference with lawyers regarding a legal matter with the Lakeland Lodge. He also attended the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day Flag Raising Ceremony, a regular meeting of Muni Corr and the M.D. Public Open House regarding Hwy 28 and Hwy 41 Area Structure Plan.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with Jim Chorley regarding development, a conference call with Cold Lake First



**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Nations regarding consultation and the waterline, and took part in numerous discussions and a meeting regarding a legal matter with Muni Corr. He was also involved in phone calls regarding the issues with the arena ice, a Doctor Recruitment meeting, the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission meeting and the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Flag Raising Ceremony. Mayor Sobolewski also attended a meeting in Edmonton regarding Muni Corr, the M.D. Public Open House regarding Hwy 28 and Hwy 41 Area Structure Plan and a conference call with Cold Lake First Nations for an update and feedback on consultation and the waterline.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended the Glendon Pyrogy Festival, the first meeting of the newly formed Pool Committee, a Bonnyville Municipal Library meeting and a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the upcoming Ronald McDonald House Hockey event. He also attended the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day Flag Raising Ceremony, toured the old M.D. Building with the Bingo Association, the Community Policing Committee meeting and the M.D. Public Open House regarding Hwy 28 and Hwy 41 Area Structure Plan.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Bonnyville & District Daycare Centre Graduation Ceremony, the Special meeting of Muni Corr, the first meeting of the newly formed Pool Committee, and the Alberta CARE (Association of Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Fort. McMurray. She also attended the Northern Lights Library meeting in Elk Point, brought greetings at the Covenant Health's Relay of the Decade and attended the M.D. Public Open House regarding Hwy 28 and Hwy 41 Area Structure Plan.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Covenant Health's Relay of the Decade**

Council accepted the letter from Covenant Health regarding the Covenant Health's Relay of the Decade from September 10-14, 2018 for information.

**SPCA Raise the Woof Event – September 29, 2018**

Councillors Colbourne and Van Brabant have agreed to attend and Councillor Storoschuk and Mayor Sobolewski are tentative.

- 247 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council purchase a table of eight at a cost \$400.00 for the SPCA Raise the Woof Event on September 29, 2018.

**CARRIED**

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**Proclamation – World  
Cerebral Palsy Day – October  
6, 2018**

**QUESTIONS**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski proclaimed October 6, 2018 to be World Cerebral Palsy Day in the Town of Bonnyville.

Councillor Prevost asked if there was anyone the Town could contact regarding a hole that TELUS has dug in his back alley before July 1, the hole is still there.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that he will send a request through the Public Works Director.

Councillor Prevost also asked when Council would be meeting the new General Manager of the C2, Todd Muir.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that a meeting will be arranged.

Councillor Van Brabant stated that the Town had replaced some sidewalks and one still has the trenches on either side and wanted to know who was responsible for completing the job.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that it was the Contractors responsibility.

Councillor Storoschuk asked what the status on the street by Atco was.

Mark Power, CAO, stated that the weather is holding up the project.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that he would like to see a policy with protocols and procedures for Question period, as the questions that are being brought up for the last few meetings are questions that can be asked to Administration outside of the meeting.

Councillor Van Brabant suggested removing the question period all together.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that Council needs some semblance regarding what types of questions are appropriate for question period.

Councillor Brosseau stated that the Town should see what policies other Municipalities have regarding question period. Or if other Municipalities even have question periods.

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## QUESTIONS

- 248 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council direct Administration to research what question period is about and what other Municipalities are doing and bring back some examples to Council.

### CARRIED

In addition to all of Council present, Mark Power, CAO and Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance attended the In Camera session to provide Administrative and Procedural support.

## IN CAMERA

- 249 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** 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: 6:56 p.m.

### CARRIED

## IN CAMERA

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

Time: 7:37 p.m.

### CARRIED

7:37 p.m. - The Regular meeting of Council resumed with no public present.

- 251 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council authorize Administration to enter into an agreement for banking services with ATB Financial beginning December 1, 2018 for a term of five years with the option to renew for a further five years.

### CARRIED

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**ADJOURNMENT**


252 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:43 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes read and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer