

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Bill Rogers, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, Brad Trimble, Director of Public Works and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

**PRESS**

Robynne Henry – Bonnyville Nouvelle  
Mike Marshall – Country 99  
Michael Menzies – Lakeland Connect (entered at 6:11 p.m.)

**GUESTS**

Jay Melvin – Regional Fire Chief

**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 – FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

- 033 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the February 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2019**

- 034 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE**

**Tax Penalty Cancellation**

A letter was received from the Midtown Motor Inn requesting that Council reverse the penalties for the properties located at 5207, 5209 and 5215-50 Avenue. The penalties on all three accounts total \$27,901.65. In the letter, they explain that revenues over the past few years have been low, and they have put this property on the market.

Administration recommended that Council deny the request to cancel the penalties for Roll #'s 00179700, 00179800 and 00179900 due to the precedence that it would set.



## **Tax Penalty Cancellation**

- 035 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council deny the request to cancel the penalties for the Midtown Motor Inn, Roll #'s 00179700, 00179800 and 00179900 due to the precedence that it would set.

**CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS**

### **Bonnyville Centralized High School Graduation – Request for Funds**

A letter was received from the Bonnyville Centralized High School, Grad Parents 2019; they are requesting a contribution (Rental cost = \$1,200.00 per Day + plus extras) towards their graduation ceremony which will be held in the field house at the Centennial Centre in 2019. They have also sent the same request to the M.D. of Bonnyville.

Administration gave an overview of key issues:

1. A similar request was received from Notre Dame High School in 2015, as a result, our current Donation Policy 15-FN-068 was established which provided for contributions to high school graduations in the amount of \$250.00. Since the adoption of the policy, all Graduating classes have received \$250.00.
2. Policy 15-FN-068 provides for a contribution maximum of \$250.00 with an option for participation by the group in the Spring Clean-up to raise additional funds.
3. Rental requests for events at the C2 should be handled by the C2 Board as the facility is jointly run, and if one municipality makes the contribution and the other does not, it is the equivalent of making a direct contribution to the other municipality of 50% of the contribution.

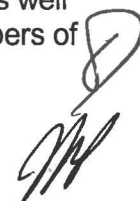
- 036 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council provide \$250.00 to the Bonnyville Centralized High School Graduation 2019 and also direct this C2 rental request to the C2 Board for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

### **Budgeting for an Additional RCMP Member**

In February 2018, Council made the decision to terminate the RCMP Enhanced Position which assists with Bylaw enforcement, and to proceed with recruitment of a Community Peace Officer to perform those duties. This position, which will cease at the end of February 2019 and has been removed from our 2019 Budget.

As discussed at the preliminary 2019 budget meeting, as well as in discussions with RCMP representatives and members of



## **Budgeting for an Additional RCMP Member**

Council, direction was given to Administration to request an additional RCMP member so that our actual numbers of 'boots on the ground' RCMP members would not decrease, and in fact, would be closer to what the Town budgets for.

S/Sgt Parke, informed Administration that a letter from the Town requesting an additional RCMP regular member will be required by the Minister's Office in order to move the process forward.

- 037 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council submit a request for an additional RCMP member for the Bonnyville Detachment to the Federal Minister of Public Safety Canada.

### **CARRIED**

## **Bonnyville 4H District Council Request for Funds**

A letter was received from the Bonnyville 4H District Council requesting a contribution of \$500.00.

This appears to be the first request from 4H for a financial contribution, in the past they have requested Council to attend their Annual Beef Show and Sale.

- 038 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council contribute \$250.00 to Bonnyville 4H District Council as per Policy #15-FN-068.

### **CARRIED**

## **Elected Officials/CAO Roles and Responsibilities Workshop – Town of Elk Point**

An invitation was received from the Town of Elk Point for Council to participate in a Roles and Responsibilities Workshop facilitated by Municipal Affairs after the Provincial Elections. The date for this session will be determined after the Provincial Election.

Council agreed that attending the Workshop would be beneficial. Administration will advise the Town of Elk Point that the Town of Bonnyville is interested.

## **Airport Flight Recorder**

In order to charge for air traffic landing and tarmac parking, public works uses a recording device located at the town shop to listen to aircraft using the airport. This recorder was installed in 2010 and recently failed. Repair parts are unavailable due to the age of the recorder. This device is used to generate invoices based on flight plan logs.

Due to the breakdown of the recorder, public works is looking for a suitable long-term replacement unit that has similar capabilities as the previous recorder to allow us to track and bill for air traffic.



## Airport Flight Recorder

- 039 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council approve the purchase of the Westcan recording station in the amount of \$22,509.00 (including cost of U.P.S), with funding to come from the Public Works Equipment Replacement Reserve.

### CARRIED

## 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail (Sidewalk)

At the January 22, 2019 Council meeting, Council moved to direct Administration to prepare a report looking at what could be done to provide a safe pedestrian walking space on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 37<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> streets.

After consulting with our Engineers, Administration has looked at 3 options which would provide a paved walking trail on 50<sup>th</sup> avenue from 37<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> streets.

Options 1 and 2 contemplate a trail on the South side of the avenue. Although a shorter run and less expensive to construct, both options involve dealing with proximity issues to a wetland/former landfill site, which may involve additional construction expense should extra fill be needed, etc. There are also potential issues with additional snow clearing being needed to be done by Town staff due to the close proximity to highway 659, as snow from the highway is possibly cleared onto parts of the trail.

Option 3 is for a paved trail to be constructed on the North side of the Avenue. This option involves a longer construction path and would be most expensive and would still involve potential issues with additional snow clearing being needed to be done by Town staff due to close proximity to highway 659.

Preliminary estimates for all 3 options are that the trail could be constructed for under \$300,000.00, but these numbers would be confirmed through subsequent tender processes. If Council would prefer this to be added to this year's project lists, Administration would recommend that this project would be completed as part of the 2019 Paving and Repair contract.

- 040 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council choose Option 3 for a paved trail to be constructed on the North side of 50<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### CARRIED



**50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail (Sidewalk)**

041 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council build the sidewalk on the Northside of 50<sup>th</sup> Ave in two stages, 1<sup>st</sup> stage to consist of building the trail to grade with a gravel top and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage will consist of paving the trail, with the funds to come from any year end surplus or reallocation of funds.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting, the BILD Alberta event in Cold Lake and the Joint meeting with the Kehewin Cree Nation Band Council.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the regular Bonnyville & District Daycare Centre meeting, the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting, the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting and the BILD Alberta Event in Cold Lake. She also attended the Joint meeting with the Kehewin Cree Nation Band Council, Councillor Brian McEvoy's retirement party for the Regional Fire Authority and the Volunteer and Board Leadership 1 Day Learning event in St. Paul.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended a Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce meeting, a Ronald McDonald House Winterland Invitational meeting, a Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce Business Support Network meeting and a meeting with Serina Parsons, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce, and Mark Power, CAO, regarding Chamber funding. He also attended a meeting with the Bingo Association and Northern Lights School District, judged a 4H Public Speaking Event, attended the Community Policing Committee meeting and the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting. Councillor Colbourne attended the BILD Alberta event in Cold Lake, the Joint meeting with the Kehewin Cree Nation Band Council, Councillor Brian McEvoy's retirement party for the Regional Fire Authority and the M.D. of Bonnyville's Open House on Recreation Strategies.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski participated in interviews with 770 CHQR Global News Radio and CTV News, attended a meeting with officials from the Province and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, participated in a survey/study by Imperial Oil and gave a speech at the BILD Alberta event in Cold Lake. He also participated in a teleconference with IMPACT Canada regarding Bill C-69, the Joint meeting with the Kehewin Cree Nation Band Council and Councillor Brian McEvoy's retirement party for the Regional Fire Authority.



**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Councillor Prevost attended a Bonnylodge construction meeting, the BILD Alberta event in Cold Lake, the Joint meeting with Kehewin Cree Nation Band Council and Councillor Brian McEvoy's retirement party for the Regional Fire Authority.

**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting, a Beaver River Waste Management workshop for Biotech Cover for Level 2 Landfills, the Joint meeting with Kehewin Cree Nation Band Council, Councillor Brian McEvoy's retirement party for the Regional Fire Authority and Volunteer and the Board Leadership 1 Day Learning event in St. Paul.

**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Community Policing Committee meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Invitation – Village of Glendon Pyrogy Bonspiel – March 9, 2019**

An invitation was received for the Village of Glendon's Pyrogy Bonspiel being held on March 9, 2019.

- 042 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council enter up to two teams in the Village of Glendon's Pyrogy Bonspiel on March 9, 2019 and provide a silent auction item.

**CARRIED**

**Letter – Town of Elk Point to Premier Rachel Notley – RE: CNRL Curtailment**

A letter was received from the Town of Elk Point that was written to Premier Rachel Notley regarding the C.N.R.L. Curtailment affecting the ECHO Pipeline in the Bonnyville, Elk Point and Lloydminster Area.

Council accepted the letter for information.

**Letter – MP Shannon Stubbs – Methane Reduction Regulations**

A letter was received from MP Shannon Stubbs regarding Methane regulations and asking the Federal Government to grant full equivalency to the province of Alberta's methane gas initiatives, and that this equivalency be granted by the end of this spring to provide certainty to the industry before the Alberta regulations come into force on January 1, 2020.

Council accepted the letter for information.

**QUESTIONS**

Councillor Colbourne thanked the Public Works Department for their work during the cold weather and snow storm. He then asked if Council has ever addressed the issue of the Homeless in Bonnyville.



## QUESTIONS

Councillor Brosseau stated that Alberta Hub did a study on homelessness in the area about 5 years ago.

Councillor Colbourne stated that homelessness is a growing concern and he would Council to discuss, in the future, the possibility of adding makeshift/popup shelters for next year.

Councillor Colbourne also asked for an update on the Dog Park in Bonnyville.

Bill Rogers, ACAO, stated that the Dog Park was lower on the priority list during strategic planning.

Brad Trimble, Director of Public Works, stated that there was pricing obtained for fencing a dog park.

Bill Rogers, ACAO, stated he will find out where we are in the planning process and advise Council of his findings.

Councillor Brosseau asked if at a future Council meeting Council could discuss Social Media options again. She feels like the Town is missing out on opportunities to hear feedback from our residents without a Social Media platform.

## IN CAMERA

- 043 **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: 7:08 p.m.

## CARRIED

## IN CAMERA

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

Time: 7:43 p.m.

## CARRIED

- 045 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council agree to participate in the IMPACT Bill C-69 project.

## CARRIED



**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 7:44 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes read and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer