

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

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski, Councillors: Rene Van Brabant, Elisa Brosseau, Lorna Storoschuk, Brian McEvoy and Chad Colbourne (entered at 6:01 p.m.),

**REGRETS**

Councillor Ray Prevost

**STAFF**

Mark Power, CAO, Bill Rogers, ACAO, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, Bonnie Wood, Corporate Health and Safety Manager and Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant

**PRESS**

Robynne Henry – Bonnyville Nouvelle  
Michael Menzies – Lakeland Connect  
Mike Marshall – Country 99

**GUESTS**

Jay Melvin – Regional Fire Chief  
Erin Ritchie – LICA Environmental Stewart  
Colin Hanusz - LICA Environmental Stewart

**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 – MARCH 12, 2019**

060 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that the agenda for the March 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following addition:

10. In Camera – Legal FOIP Sections (24) and (27)

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – FEBRAURY 26, 2019**

061 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

**LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association) – Update on Aeration of Jesse Lake – Colin Hanusz & Erin Richie**

Colin Hanusz, LICA, presented an update on Jesse Lake noting that after the ground truthing, the lake was found not to be 4.2 M deep at its deepest, as he had reported at a previous meeting, but is in fact only 1.75 M deep at the deepest point. He stated that this has a huge impact on the ability to aerate the lake. Because of the shallow depth, we would need a lot of aerators, the capital cost would be about \$170,000.00 and



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maintenance costs would be quite high as well. For that reason, LICA is not recommending aeration of Jessie Lake at this time. He stated that according to the 2018 Chemistry results it is noted that the phosphorous levels in Jessie Lake are extremely high, the tests also revealed that the algae blooms are not Blue-Green algae, and the levels are within Alberta Health Services safe levels.

He also stated that LICA will be continuing with the restoration of Jessie Lake, and they are planning more tree planting for this year. He noted that LICA is making the following recommendations:

- Continue to haul away decaying algae masses that wash up on shore before the odor gets too strong.
- Maintain high water levels on Jessie Lake, this will allow the adjacent reed marsh wetlands to naturally filter the nutrients from the water.
- Complete the planned tree planting of dogwood and willow trees along the riparian area through funds from the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program grant that LICA administers.
- Continue the air monitoring around Jessie Lake, this year it will be on the East side of the lake.
- Continue with water quality testing in partnership with LICA and Alberta Lake Management Society on a 5-year cycle.
- Install a dock for canoes and kayakers to access Jessie Lake.

Mayor Sobolewski noted that it was reported that a lake in Alberta would be using Alum to remove phosphorus from their lake, and he asked if that would be detrimental to the health of the lake.

Colin Hanusz, LICA, stated that there was one municipality talking about using Alum in their lake but it has not yet been used in a lake in Alberta. He stated that Half Moon Lake used a similar product in that lake, however, there are no fish species in that lake.

Colin Hanusz introduced Erin Ritchie to Council and explained that she will be taking over his position at LICA and that he is moving on to another opportunity.

Councillor Brosseau stated that she liked the idea of a pier for Jessie Lake for Kayaking/Canoeing and asked if the lake is safe to swim in.



**LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association) – Update on Aeration of Jesse Lake – Colin Hanusz & Erin Richie**

Colin Hanusz, LICA, stated that Alberta Health Services has said it is safe for recreational use, such as canoeing, however, he would not recommend swimming in it, as he believes more testing would need to be done by AHS before it was deemed safe for swimming.

Councillor Chad Colbourne left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Councillor Brosseau asked if last year was the first year there was a clean up of the algae around the lake.

Councillor Chad Colbourne returned to the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Colin Hanusz, LICA stated that last year was the first year, and it seemed to help with the smell from the lake and he would like to continue the practice going forward.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Colin and Erin for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

- 062 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council and go into the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:19 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

- 063 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time 6:21 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS**

**AUMA – Resource Communities of Canada Coalition**

An Email was received from AUMA President Barry Morishita requesting Council consider passing a motion to join the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition which the AUMA have agreed to establish as our Canadian Municipal voice to:

- Advocate for responsible resource industry
- Ensure municipal perspectives are being heard on issues impacting resource development
- Share factual information regarding resource development interests.



064 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that:

WHEREAS responsible resource development is essential for the future of Canadian municipalities.

WHEREAS there is a need to coordinate the Canadian municipal voice to:

1. Advocate for a responsible resource industry.
2. Ensure municipal perspectives are being heard on issues impacting resource development.
3. Share factual information regarding resource development interests.

WHEREAS the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and other municipal associations across Western Canada have created a Resource Communities of Canada Coalition to facilitate a coordinated approach to represent municipal resource development interests across the country.

WHEREAS the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and other municipal associations across Western Canada are asking municipalities to support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Council of The Town of Bonnyville support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition.

**CARRIED**

**OH&S Legislation Changes**

Bonnie Wood, Corporate Health and Safety Manager, stated that due to changes in the Occupational Health and Safety Legislation, the Town of Bonnyville now has added responsibilities to ensure we are meeting the legislative requirements. The legislative requirements came into effect in June 2018 and are now mandated by the Government of Alberta.

065 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve the changes and replacement of the Violence and Harassment section of the Employment Policy #12-AD-058 and replace the Workplace Respect Code from the Health and Safety Policy # 15-OHS-069.

**CARRIED**



Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development and Bonnie Wood, Corporate Health and Safety Manager left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

### **Pre-Qualifications for Paving Contractors**

Administration reviewed a letter from Stantec Consulting Ltd. regarding the submissions from construction firms interested in pre-qualifying for services as a "paving contractor" for the Town of Bonnyville's projects in 2019.

A total of four firms submitted a package for review on February 19, 2019 as outlined in the pre-qualification requirements. The firms that made submissions on time are as follows:

- E-Construction
- Knelsen Sand and Gravel
- North West Paving
- SLA Industries

Stantec reviewed each of the firm's pre-qualification package and called each of their references. The scoring results from those references were provided to administration, however, they have not been made public for confidentiality reasons. Should Council wish to see the scoring, they are available in the CAO's office.

Based on results, Stantec is recommending that all four firms be approved for pre-qualification.

### **Pre-Qualifications for Paving Contractors**

066 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council accept the firms of E-Construction, Knelsen Sand and Gravel, North West Paving and SLA Industries as approved contractors qualified to carry out paving projects in the Town of Bonnyville in 2019.

### **CARRIED**

### **Bill C-69**

Administration received an email from Mayor Gerald Aalbers, from the City of Lloydminster requesting a Letter of Support be sent to the standing committee reviewing Bill C-69 of the Senate to consider holding a Public Hearing in the City of Lloydminster.

Mayor Aalbers pointed out that Lloydminster, due to its bi-provincial nature and location between Edmonton and Saskatoon, was an excellent location and is seeking a Letter of Support from area municipal leaders with respect to his request.



- 067 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide a Letter of Support addressed to Maxime Fortin, Committee Clerk of the Senate of Canada to consider holding a Public Hearing in the City of Lloydminster with respect to the review of Bill C-69.

**CARRIED**

**Kehewin Cree Nation –  
Bonnyville Relationship**

Bill Rogers, ACAO, noted that at the March 4, 2019 Pipe Ceremony and Leaders discussions with the Kehewin Cree Nation (KCN), several issues were brought up for discussion, as well as ideas to bring the communities of Kehewin and Bonnyville closer together.

After discussions from both Councils and subsequent correspondence, the following issues were identified as requiring Council decision:

1. Regular Leaders' meetings: KCN and Bonnyville agreed that meeting on a regular basis would be beneficial for all. The suggestion is to meet every 2 months as a group. The next planned meeting is April 1st in Kehewin. This would involve the Mayor, the Chief and as many of both Councils as would be available.
2. Formation of a Working Group: Both Councils agreed to look at the formation of a working group, which would meet regularly to discuss common issues, work on projects, discuss potential reconciliation activities between both communities, etc. KCN suggests appointing 3 members from each Council to the working group. Terms of reference will be worked out by the group at the first meeting.
3. Support by Council for inclusion of Indigenous events such as Indian Relay Racing to be included in the Bonnyville Rodeo.

- 068 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve:

1. Holding Bi-Monthly Leaders' meetings with Kehewin Cree Nation
2. Appoint Mayor Gene Sobolewski and Councillors Chad Colbourne and Elisa Brosseau to the Kehewin Cree Nation Working Group.
3. Provide a general motion of support for inclusion in upcoming Rodeo events and/or use of the Rodeo Grounds for Kehewin events.

**CARRIED**

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**Kehewin Cree Nation –  
Bonnyville Relationship**

069 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council appoint Councillor Brian McEvoy as an Alternate for the Kehewin Cree Nation Working Group.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting, where they met with representatives from BR2 Architecture and RC Strategies to discuss plans and strategies for the new aquatic center.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Bonnyville & District Daycare Board meeting, the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Board meeting, the Northern Lights Library System Board meeting and the Kehewin Cree Nation Pipe Ceremony and Leaders meeting. She also attended the Open House for the M.D. of Bonnyville's Park & Recreation Master Plan, the Glendon Pyrogy Curling Bonspiel, the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting, and presented medals for Curling at the 2019 Alberta 55 plus Winter Games.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended an Open House meeting with RC Strategies and the M.D. of Bonnyville regarding the M.D. Recreation Park, attended the ceremonial puck drop for the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Winterland Invitational, attended the RMHC Winterland Invitational Sponsor Reception, the Bonnyville Health Foundation Gala, and the RMHC Winterland Invitational Tournament. He also participated in the Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event, presented medals for Bowling at the 2019 Alberta 55 plus Winter Games, attended the Kehewin Cree Nation Pipe Ceremony and Leaders meeting and the Community Policing Committee meeting. Councillor Colbourne also attended a Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Glendon Pyrogy Curling Bonspiel and the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski attended a Doctor Recruitment meeting, participated in a conference call with IMPACT regarding Bill C-69, participated in the Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event and presented medals for Curling at the 2019 Alberta 55 plus Winter Games. He also attended the Kehewin Cree Nation Pipe Ceremony and Leaders meeting, completed some research on some of the history of the Kehewin Cree Nation Land, and also participated in discussions regarding Bill C-69. Mayor Sobolewski also attended the Tribal Chiefs Employment & Training Services Association Graduation for Waste Management students, a Muni-Corr meeting and a meeting with municipalities and



**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

lobbyists regarding the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action.

**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended the Kehewin Cree Nation Pipe Ceremony and Leaders meeting, the Bonnyville Affordable Housing Annual General Meeting and the Open House for the M.D. of Bonnyville's Park & Recreation Master Plan. She also attended the Glendon Pyrogy Curling Bonspiel, the Regional Aquatic Centre Committee meeting and the Canada Day Committee meeting.

**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended Dr. Brosseau School where he talked with different classes about politics, and the Bonnyville Agricultural Society meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Invitation – Kehewin Cree Nation Round Dance – March 15, 2019**

Administration received an invitation to attend the Kehewin Cree Nation "Honouring our Treaty Right to Education" Round Dance on March 15, 2019. Mayor Gene Sobolewski and Councillors Chad Colbourne, Brian McEvoy, Elisa Brosseau and Lorna Storoschuk agreed to attend.

**Letter – Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) Funding Agreement Expiry**

Administration received a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that the MSI (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) Funding Agreement is set to expire on March 31, 2019 and the agreement is being extended to March 31, 2022.

Council accepted this letter for information.

**Letter – Covenant Health – One of Albert's Top 75 Employers for 2019**

Administration received a letter from Covenant Health advising that they have been named one of Alberta's Top 75 Employers for 2019.

Council accepted this letter for information.

**Invitation – Rednecks with a Cause – Autism Awareness Dinner, Dance & Auction – April 27, 2019**

An invitation was received to attend the Rednecks with a Cause – Autism Awareness Dinner, Dance & Auction on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mayor Sobolewski and Councillors Chad Colbourne, Elisa Brosseau and Rene Van Brabant will attend.

070 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council purchase a table of 8, for the Rednecks with a Cause – Autism Awareness Dinner, Dance & Auction on April 27, 2019 at a cost of \$400.00.

**CARRIED**





## QUESTIONS

Councillor Colbourne asked if the EMS staff shortage affects the Town.

Mayor Sobolewski stated that it is mostly an AHS issue, as employees are moving to different areas that have a higher pay structure than they have here.

## IN CAMERA

- 071 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** 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: 7:10 p.m.

## CARRIED

## IN CAMERA

- 072 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:34 p.m.

## CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

- 073 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:35 p.m.

## CARRIED

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer