

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

Mayor Gene Sobolewski (Virtually)

STAFF

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Mark Power – Advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer, Renee Stoyles – Director of Finance, Joe Kopala – Building Safety Codes Manager and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

PRESS

Michael Menzies, Lakeland Connect

GUESTS

Tim Duhamel – BLOOM CME
Ryan Duhamel – BLOOM CME
Serena Parsons – Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce
Mark Laver – Town & M.D. Economic Development Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – August 25, 2020

- 252 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the August 25, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 14, 2020

- 253 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the minutes of the June 14, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF TOWN OF BONNYVILLE AND M.D. OF BONNYVILLE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 21, 2020

- 254 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the minutes of the July 21, 2020 Town of Bonnyville and M.D. of Bonnyville Joint Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 23, 2020

- 255 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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DELEGATION

Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce – Resiliency Runs Deep Campaign – Serena Parsons

Serena Parsons, Executive Director for the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce, informed Council of their “Resiliency Runs Deep” Campaign they are running along with the Chambers from Cold Lake and St. Paul. The Campaign is a Grant Program for Chamber Members, by which the proceeds of the sale of the “Resiliency Runs Deep” T-shirts will go towards small businesses who have been affected by COVID-19. They have printed 500 T-Shirts, which once all sold, will give them a total amount of \$12,000.00 to distribute amongst various businesses. Businesses can apply thru the Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce.

Deputy Mayor Ray Prevost thanked Serena Parsons for her presentation and Serena left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Community Vision Plan – Tim Duhamel – Bloom CME

Tim Duhamel, Boom CME, reviewed the Community Vision Plan with Council, which included the seven (7) priority focus areas chosen by Council. They include Economic Sustainability, Regional Collaboration, Recreation and Wellness, Safe Community, Service Excellence, Financial Sustainability and Community Identity.

- 256 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve the Community Vision Plan as presented and to proceed with public engagement of the plan.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Ray Prevost and Mayor Gene Sobolewski thanked Mr. Duhamel for his presentation and both Tim Duhamel and Ryan Duhamel left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

See Separate Minutes

- 257 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and go into the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:46 p.m.

CARRIED

- 258 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time 6:49 p.m.

CARRIED

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Joe Kopala, Building Safety Codes Manager, left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

FINANCE

June 2020 Financial Report – Operating

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented the June 2020 Financial Report – Operating.

- 259 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the June 2020 Financial Report – Operating, for information.

CARRIED

June 2020 Financial Report – Capital

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented the June 2020 Financial Report – Capital.

- 260 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council accept the June 2020 Financial Report – Capital, for information.

CARRIED

June 2020 Bank Reconciliation

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented the June 2020 Bank Reconciliation.

- 261 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council accept the June 2020 Bank Reconciliation for information.

CARRIED

July 2020 Financial Report – Operating

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented the July 2020 Financial Report – Operating.

- 262 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council accept the July 2020 Financial Report – Operating, for information.

CARRIED

July 2020 Financial Report – Capital

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented the July 2020 Financial Report – Capital.

- 263 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council accept the July 2020 Financial Report – Capital, for information.

CARRIED

July 2020 Bank Reconciliation

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented the July 2020 Bank Reconciliation.

- 264 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council accept the July 2020 Bank Reconciliation for information.

CARRIED

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**Receptions & Public Relations
– Mid Year Summary**

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented Council with the Mid Year Summary for Receptions and Public Relations budget.

Council accepted the summary for information.

**Business Licensing –
Economic Development
Report**

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, presented Council with the Business Licensing - Economic Development Report.

Council accepted the report for information.

BUSINESS

**Iron Horse Trail – Riverland
Recreational Trail Society**

Administration received a letter from Marvin Bjornstad, President of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society (RRTS) requesting funding for Alberta's Iron Horse Trail 10 Year Strategic Development Plan. RRTS recently received a grant from Trans Canada Trail to complete a 10-year strategic development plan from Waskatenau to Heinsburg but would like to extend the plan to include Abilene Junction to Cold Lake. The cost to include this portion of the trail with the current project will be \$35,000.00. Should RRTS wait to complete this portion of the trail later the cost would increase to \$53,000.00.

RRTS is requesting funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be split between the M.D. of Bonnyville, Town of Bonnyville and City of Cold Lake with RRTS contributing \$15,000.00 towards this project. The total funding request to the Town of Bonnyville is \$6,666.67. RRTS has applied for a grant from Western Economic Development which they have not heard back from and will be applying for a CIP grant but will not know if funding is approved until 2021. Should RRTS funding applications be approved, they would refund the three municipalities a portion of the monies received.

- 265 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve a contribution in the amount of \$6,666.67 to Riverland Recreational Trail Society for Alberta's Iron Horse Trail 10 Year Strategic Development Plan subject to the M.D. of Bonnyville and City of Cold Lake approving their contribution.

CARRIED

**Options for Municipal
Stimulus Program**

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that through the recently announced Municipal Stimulus Program, the Province is providing additional Capital Infrastructure funds to Municipalities with the primary objective to sustain and create local jobs. Based on the Province's per capita funding formula, the Town of Bonnyville should be eligible for approximately \$763,377.00 under this program.

Options for Municipal Stimulus Program

Several alternatives were presented to Council for their consideration.

- 266 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council direct Administration to complete the application for the Municipal Stimulus Program for the following projects: Option 1) Hospital Area Sanitary Line Replacement at an estimated cost of \$135,000.00, Option 2) 52nd Avenue Storm Sewer Upgrade at an estimated cost of \$130,00.00 and Option 3) Construction of Sidewalks in areas of Town where there are currently no sidewalks, at an estimated cost of \$500,000.00.

CARRIED

Bloom CME – Ratify Town of Bonnyville Strategic Plan

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that earlier this year, Bloom CME was hired to conduct Strategic Planning with Council and Administration.

During their project work with the Town, additional activities were identified that Administration asked the Consultant to perform regarding Organizational and Non-Union staff position review and recommendations.

As most of the above mentioned work has been completed during the Summer break, Administration would ask that Council pass a resolution to ratify hiring Bloom CME for the additional review activities that were undertaken, for \$7,000.00 with funding to come from 2020 Contingency funds.

- 267 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve hiring Bloom CME for the additional review activities for \$7,000.00 with funding to come from 2020 Contingency funds.

CARRIED

Justice Rally 4 Jake and Morris

A poster was received by Administration regarding a Justice Rally to be held in Glendon, AB for Jacob Sansom and Morris Cardinal.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski stated he would be attending.

AUMA Proposed Assessment Model Review – Pipelines – WALK ON

An email was received by Administration regarding the AUMA Proposed Assessment Model Review – Pipelines report.

Council accepted this report for information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Brian McEvoy

Councillor McEvoy attended the AUMA Proposed Assessment Model Review – Pipelines Zoom meeting, the Town and M.D. Joint Council meeting, the Town Special Council meeting and the meeting with MLA David Hanson.



Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended a Bonnyville & District Historical Society Board meeting, a Bonnyville & District Daycare Board meeting, a Special meeting of the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board and the Town and M.D. Joint Council meeting. She also attended a Daycare Town Hall with the Alberta Minister of Children's Services, Rebecca Schulz, and the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen, the Town Special Council meeting and the meeting with MLA David Hanson. Councillor Storoschuk also attended the Mistikwaskihk (Drummer) Day at the Bonnyville Museum, the AUMA Zoom meeting, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Golf Tournament, another Bonnyville & District Historical Society Board meeting and a Zoom meeting with the Northern Lights Library System Board.

Councillor Chad Colbourne

Councillor Colbourne attended the Town and M.D. Joint Council meeting an Economic Development meeting, the Town Special Council meeting and a Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Ray Prevost

Deputy Mayor Prevost attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority meeting, the Town and M.D. Joint Council meeting, the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission meeting and the meeting with MLA David Hanson. He also attended the meeting with Premier Jason Kenney, a NE Muni Corr Ltd. Meeting, the NE Muni Corr Ltd. Planning meeting, the AUMA Zoom meeting, a Lakeland Lodge and Housing meeting and a Bonnylodge Insurance walk through.

Councillor Elisa Brosseau

Councillor Brosseau attended the Town Special Council meeting, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Committee meeting, the meeting with MLA David Hanson and a group discussion with the ABMA (Bilingual Association of Alberta Municipalities) and CDÉA (Economic Development Council of Alberta). She also attended the Ronald McDonald House Charity Golf Tournament, the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting, the AUMA Zoom meeting and the Mistikwaskihk (Drummer) Day at the Bonnyville Museum.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended a meeting with the Chamber Executive Director, went shopping for the BBQ for the winner of Hospital Gala Auction, a Bonnyville Agriculture Society meeting, the AUMA Zoom meeting and Lakeland Lodge and Housing meeting.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority meeting, the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Board meeting, the Town and M.D. Joint Council meeting and participated in a telephone meeting with Mr. Lloyd Cardinal regarding the Justice Rally. He also spent time composing a letter to the Minister of Transportation, attended the meeting with MLA David Hanson, a meeting with Premier Jason



Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Kenney, attended the Hospital Gala auction winners BBQ, the memorial for Sister Mary Ellen and the AUMA Zoom meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Introduction of Members on the Newly Appointed Alberta Police Advisory Board

A letter was received from the newly appointed members of the Alberta Police Advisory Board.

Council accepted this letter for information.

City of Cold Lake – Criminal Code Amendment

Administration received a copy of a letter the City of Cold Lake sent to the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness regarding the Criminal Code Amendment approved under an "Order of Council" on May 1, 2020.

Council accepted this letter for information.

Premier Jason Kenney – Discussion – Alberta's Recovery Plan

Administration received a thank you letter from Premier Jason Kenney for joining himself and MLA David Hanson to discuss the issues facing municipalities in the Bonnyville area.

Council accepted this letter for information.

Oreen Skiba – 2020 Ronald McDonald House Golf Event Report

Administration received an email from Oreen Skiba, Stakeholder Relations Manager, Lakeland Region, with the 2020 Ronald McDonald House Golf Event Report.

Council accepted this report for information.

Westlock County – Letter to Premier Kenney – Proposed Model Assessment Changes

Administration received of a copy of a letter Westlock County sent to the Premier Kenney regarding the impacts of the Proposed Assessment Model.

Council accepted this letter for information.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Colbourne asked for an update on the Regional Waterline.

Councillor McEvoy stated that there are a couple issues that have pushed the end date back and he is estimating that the water will be turned on in Bonnyville late September, early October.

Councillor Colbourne asked about the M.D. deciding not to purchase new fire apparatus this year.

Councillor McEvoy explained that the decision has not been made, however, they are exploring the option of changing the life of an apparatus from 15 to 20 years.

Mayor Sobolewski acknowledge that tonight was former CAO, Mark Power's last official Council meeting, and again thanked him for his service and dedication over the last 15 years.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 8th day of September, 2020.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer