

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Renee Stoyles – Director of Finance, Brad Trimble – Director of Public Works, and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

**GUESTS**

Serina Parsons & Lisa Ford – Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce  
Mark Laver – Economic Development Officer  
Jay Melvin – Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority – Fire Chief  
Colin Hanusz – Bonnyville Curling Club  
Marianne Janke and Marvin Bjornstad – Riverland Recreational Trail Society  
Oreen Skiba – Ronald McDonald House  
Shon Gamache – Bonnyville Gear Grabbers  
Neil Langridge – Bonnyville Pontiacs  
Chantel Vallee – Child & Adolescent Mental Health  
Billie-Jo Aasen – Extreme Mudfest (by phone)

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – October 13, 2020**

- 291 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the October 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 22, 2020**

- 292 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 293 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the Delegations for tonight be limited to 10-minute time limits, including questions.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

**Extreme Mudfest – Billie- Jo Aasen (Telephone)**

Billie-Jo Aasen stated that the entertainment and festival area has changed a lot over the last little while and with the Festival having to be cancelled for Bonnyville, the business has been



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hit with expenses already incurred in the planning of the 2020 Mudfest. Mudfest is currently exploring options for 2021 and ways to make this event safe during a pandemic and adding entertainment value for the ticket holder. This plan includes partnering with the Alberta Cook-Off Association to host a BBQ cook off, adding entertainment to the Thursday night such as logger sports or boxing and a Craft Beer & Wine Garden to help support Alberta breweries and small business.

Extreme Mudfest is requesting a sponsorship of \$15,000.00.

Councillor Prevost asked if the company donates back to local charities and if so what amount last year.

Billie-Jo Aasen stated that in 2019 the company donated \$17,500.00 to local volunteer organizations.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Billie-Jo for joining by phone and the call was ended at 6:09 p.m.

**Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce – Serina Parsons and Lisa Ford**

Serina Parsons, Executive Director for the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce, stated that the 2021 Oil & Gas Show has been postponed, and will take place in 2022 instead. In terms of requests she stated that annual requests (2021 – 2023) will include:

\$15,000.00 Visitor Information Centre  
\$2,000.00+ tax – Chamber Membership for Town (Platinum)  
\$5,000.00 Chili Cook-off Sponsorship  
\$500.00-\$1,000.00 – Sponsorship of Golf Scramble  
\$1,500.00 – Business of the Year Awards

The request also includes sponsorship for the following Bi-annual events:

\$10,000.00 – 2022 Oil and Gas Show  
\$3,000.00 – New Winter Tradeshow and Expo.

So, for 2021 the ask is \$27,000.00.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Serina Parsons for her presentation and she left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**Bonnyville Curling Club – Colin Hanusz**

Colin Hanusz, President, stated that last year they had a tough year due to having to shut down due to COVID and they lost some of their Bonspiel dates, and decreased revenue from advertising. They are asking for \$15,000.00 again this year to go towards maintenance and coordinator costs, and this year they have additional costs related to cleaning and sanitizing. Mr. Hanusz also asked Council if there would be any additional funds available to them for the costs of daily cleaning and sanitizing.

**Bonnyville Curling Club –  
Colin Hanusz**

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, stated she will check to see if the program includes not-for profit organizations.

Councillor Brosseau asked if the membership has increased or decreased.

Mr. Hanusz stated that he is expecting all Teams to return this year. He also stated that Curling Canada has put new rules in place to promote physical distancing, and he is hopeful that will attract more participants.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Colin Hanusz for his presentation, and he left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

**Bonnyville Gear Grabbers –  
Shon Gamache**

Shon Gamache, President, stated that although all events were cancelled this year, he is fully anticipating they will run the Drag Races and Car Show in 2021. This year they are requesting \$10,000.00.

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that the M.D. of Bonnyville will be taking over the Airport and suggested they also check in with them before the end of the year.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Shon Gamache for his presentation, and he left the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

**Bonnyville Jr A Pontiacs –  
Neil Langridge**

Neil Langridge, Assistant General Manager of the Pontiacs, stated that the team has started their exhibition games, and they are still waiting to hear from Alberta Health Services regarding holding games. Hockey Canada has already issued their approval. A large hurdle remains as they are limited at 100 spectators. He stated that they would like to keep ticket prices low and they are currently the lowest ticket prices in the league. They are requesting sponsorship in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Neil Langridge for his presentation, and he left the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

**Bonnyville Primary Care  
Network, Child and  
Adolescent Mental Health–  
Chantal Vallee**

Chantal Vallee, Nurse Practitioner, stated that they had a successful evaluation from Alberta Health Services and funding will continue for this program from AHS. She also ran through some stats from last year and this year and stated that they were able to still run their summer camp, with adjustments for COVID. They have partnered with Dragonfly Centre and are now offering 5 free sessions of Family Counselling, and they are looking at the possibility of building on that as well.

Chantal stated that looking forward they would like to increase their child programming, for example, introducing one day camps throughout the year.



**Bonnyville Primary Care  
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Chantal Vallee**

The ask for funding remains the same as past years, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Chantal Vallee for her presentation, and she left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**Riverland Recreational Trail  
Society – Marianne Janke and  
Marvin Bjornstad**

Marianne Jenke, Administrative Coordinator, stated they are requesting their annual maintenance funding. The Society does not have the means to generate any revenue, however, they do work a Casino but it is unknown when they will have another date scheduled for that, and this is why they request funds from each municipality.

Marvin Bjornstad, President, stated that in 2020 they are working on two or three major projects, funding was received to a 10-year Strategic Plan to keep pace with what Municipalities and user groups are planning. Another project is an App for users to have a map on the phone for the Iron Horse Trail.

Marianne Jenke stated that this year the loading ramp was delivered over to the Staging Area and the community sign has been ordered as well.

Their ask from the Town is \$1,932.00.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Marianne Jenke and Marvin Bjornstad for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

**Ronald McDonald House  
Charities – Oreen Skiba**

Oreen Skiba, Stakeholder Relations Manager for the Lakeland Region, stated that because of Covid-19 the organizers of the Ronald McDonald House Winterland Invitational wanted to find a way to bring participants together in a safe manner and raise much needed funds. At this time Hockey Alberta is not sanctioning Tournaments, so moving forward they will be asking Teams to play games with a co-host team on their own ice from February 5 to 28, 2021 and will be opening up an Adult competition. Will be asking Teams to fundraise and share photos of their games with a hashtag. There will also be a month-long online auction going on in conjunction with the Tournament dates.

The ask from the Town is \$8,000.00.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski thanked Oreen Skiba for her presentation and she left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



## **BYLAW**

### **Bylaw No. 1505-20 Amending Bylaw - Establishment of a Municipal Library**

Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance, stated that recently, Council has considered changes to the structure of the Library Board. In consultation with Alberta Public Library Services, it became clear that a modernization of our Bylaw establishing a Municipal Library would be needed, as parts of it are no longer relevant or quote sections of the Act which have since changed.

Bylaw No. 871 was passed on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1983 for the purpose of establishing a Municipal Library. Since that time this bylaw has been amended three times, with regards to section 4 and the number of members appointed to the Library Board.

Amending Bylaw No. 1505-20 has been created to amend both Section 3 and 4 of Bylaw No. 871. The amendment to section 3 removes reference to particular sections of the Libraries Act as these can change over time and just references the Libraries Act, any Amendments and Regulations.

The amendment to section 4 removes the set number of members and references that the library board can have not fewer than 5 and not more than 10 with up to 2 members being elected representatives of the Town of Bonnyville and 1 member being an elected representative of the Municipal District of Bonnyville, all to be appointed by the Council of the Town of Bonnyville.

- 294 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council provide first reading for Amending Bylaw No. 1505-20 Establishment of a Municipal Library and that Bylaw No. 1364-11 is hereby Repealed.

**CARRIED**

- 295 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide second reading for Amending Bylaw No. 1505-20 Establishment of a Municipal Library.

**CARRIED**

- 296 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council proceed to third reading for Amending Bylaw No. 1505-20 Establishment of a Municipal Library.

**CARRIED**

- 297 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council provide third reading for Amending Bylaw No. 1505-20 Establishment of a Municipal Library.

**CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS**

### **Alberta Police Advisory Board Survey**

An email was received from the AUMA regarding a request from the Interim Alberta Police Advisory Board in participating in a Provincial Policing Priorities Survey.

The Interim Police Advisory board is asking municipalities to provide feedback on the Board's recommendations to the Province regarding the question of a Provincial Police Service.

The AUMA has been advocating for Alberta municipalities to have input into the Policing priorities process and are urging members to participate in this process.

The Board is asking that municipalities complete a survey by October 19th. Only one response per municipality is requested.

Discussion ensued.

Council chose Friday October 16 at 3:00 p.m. to meet and complete the survey as a group.

### **Northern Lights Library System 2021 Levy**

Administration received a letter dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from Vicky Lefebvre, Chairperson of the Northern Lights Library System Board advising that at their August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting the NLLS 2021 budget was approved. The presented budget includes a 0% rate increase over the 2020 rate of \$5.23 per capita. Within this levy, \$2.15 per capita is allocated to the Bonnyville Library for Library Book Allotment Funds.

- 298 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council accept the presented Northern Lights Library System Board 2021 Budget at 0% levy increase.

### **CARRIED**

### **Quality Management Plan – Fire Discipline**

Bonnyville Regional Fire Chief, Jay Melvin, stated that the Joint Quality Management Plan was required to be reviewed and updated to the most current version of the Safety Codes Act to ensure compliance.

The Quality Management Plan for the Joint Accredited Municipalities has not been updated since March 15, 1999. The Plan has been reviewed by the Administrator of the Safety Codes Council and the BRFA Board of Directors.

- 299 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve the Quality Management Plan for the Fire Discipline.

### **CARRIED**



## **2020 Loader Backhoe**

The approved 2020 Capital Budget includes \$165,000.00 for the purchase of a Loader Backhoe that will replace the existing JCB Backhoe. This unit is up for replacement due to significant combined expense of mechanical failures and the overall experience with JCB.

Prices were obtained to purchase a new Loader Backhoe with the provisional option to trade in our current JCB unit. Due to the purchase price being over the 2020 capital budget amount by \$3,750.00, Council approval is required before this unit can be purchased.

After the trade in value the preferred strategy is below the budget of \$165,000.00. This purchase will be funded from the Public Works Equipment Replacement Reserve GL #1-6-7031-761.

- 300 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council approve the purchase of the CASE Loader Backhoe (Stock Unit) from Redhead Equipment with a total purchase price of \$136,750.00 after trade in.

## **CARRIED**

Brad Trimble, Director of Public Works, left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bloom CME Elected Officials Training Webinar, the AUMA(Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) Virtual Conference, a meeting with the MD. Of Bonnyville regarding the IMCP, a tour with Minister Josephine Pon at the Cold Lake Lodge, a tour with Minister Josephine Pon at the Bonnylodge, the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, a meeting with Imperial Oil and the Community Policing Committee meeting.

### **Councillor Ray Prevost**

Councillor Prevost attended the Bloom CME Elected Officials Training Webinar, the AUMA Virtual Conference, a tour with Minister Josephine Pon at the Cold Lake Lodge, a tour with Minister Josephine Pon at the Bonnylodge, and the meeting with Imperial Oil. He also attended a Tour of the Muni Corr Trail, the Regular NE Muni Corr meeting, a virtual Alberta Social Housing Corporation Northern Zone Convention, and the Grand Opening of Richardson's Jewelry.

### **Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended a Northern Alberta Tourism meeting on behalf of the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association, the AUMA Virtual Conference and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies at both the Cold Lake Lodge and the Bonnylodge and the meeting with Imperial Oil. She also



**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

attended the Alberta Library Conference, an Economic Development meeting, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting and a Beaver River Waste Management Commission meeting.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski attended the last day of the AUMA Virtual Conference, a meeting with the M.D. of Bonnyville regarding the IMCP and the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Board meeting. He also attended the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at both the Cold Lake Lodge and the Bonnylodge, the meeting with Imperial Oil and the Minister of Indigenous Relations proclamation that Metis Crossing is now a tourist destination.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended a meeting at the Centennial Centre, a Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Board meeting and the meeting with Imperial Oil. He also attended the Community Policing Committee meeting, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Winterland Invitational meeting and the Grand Opening of Richardson Jewelry.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Bloom CME Elected Officials Training Webinar, a Bonnyville & District Daycare Annual General meeting and Regular Board meeting, a LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association) meeting the AUMA Virtual Conference and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at both Cold Lake Lodge and Bonnylodge. She also attended the meeting with Imperial Oil, the Alberta Library Conference, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board Meeting and the LICA Annual General Meeting.

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Bloom CME Elected Officials Training Webinar, the AUMA Virtual Conference, an Alberta HUB meeting and the meeting with Imperial Oil.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Letter – Bonnyville Heath Foundation – Thank You**

A letter was received thanking the Town for their donation to the Bonnyville Health Foundation Gala.

Council accepted this letter for information.

**Save the Date – Covenants Annual Community Meeting**

Administration received a Save the Date for Covenant's Annual Community meeting being held on October 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Council accepted this for information.



**Non-Tricky Tips for a Spooky  
Safe Halloween**

Administration received a handout from the Alberta Government outlining tips for a safe Halloween.

Council accepted this handout for information.

**Proclamation – Canadian  
Library Month**

Mayor Sobolewski declared the Month of October Canadian Library Month in the Town of Bonnyville.

**QUESTIONS**

Councillor Prevost asked if our CPO could investigate an unsightly property on 66 Street. He also asked about looking into the drainage issues on 54<sup>th</sup> Street.

- 301 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda items 10a) Land, b) Waterline Overages c) Land d) Airport e) Personnel as per Section 27, FOIP.

Time: 7:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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

Time: 8:57 p.m.

**CARRIED**

- 303 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept negotiated settlement on the waterline cost overages, subsequent to Provincial approval.

**CARRIED**

- 304 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council approve, in principal, the transfer of the Airport to the M.D. of Bonnyville subject to a Memorandum of Understanding.

**CARRIED**


**ADJOURNMENT**


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

Time: 9:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer