

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

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) and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

PRESS

Robynne Henry – Bonnyville Nouvelle
Michael Menzies – Lakeland Connect

GUESTS

Jay Melvin, Fire Chief, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority
Mark Laver – Economic Development Officer – Town and M.D.

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 – November 10, 2020

- 336 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the agenda for the November 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following addition:

Business 5c) Speed Limit on Gurneyville Road

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 27, 2020

- 337 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Organizational Council meeting be adopted with the following change:

Remove David Beale from the Bonnyville & District Daycare Board.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 27, 2020

- 338 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 2020

- 339 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED



BYLAW

Bylaw No. 1506-20 Election Bylaw

In 2017 Council passed Bylaw No. 1458-17 – Election Bylaw. After the 2017 General Election the Local Authorities Election Act amended various sections of the Act and as such Amending Bylaw No. 1506-20 has been created.

Administration has prepared Amending Bylaw No. 1506-20 for Councils consideration to address a number of election issues; it also contains a Schedule “A” which lists the Voter Identification accepted at a General Election under Section 53(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act.

After Council provides 1st reading to Amending Bylaw No. 1506-20, Administration will advertise this bylaw in the next 2 publications of the Bonnyville Nouvelle and bring the bylaw back to the December 8th, 2020 Council meeting for approval.

- 340 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council provide first reading for Amending Bylaw No. 1506-20 Election Bylaw.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

2021 Municipal Election

Council is required to make decisions regarding the returning officers, special ballots, automated voting and eligibility to vote in the 2021 General Election.

2021 Municipal Election

- 341 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

a) That Council appoint Bill Rogers, Chief Administrative Officer as the Returning Officer and Renee Stoyles, Director of Finance as the Substitute Returning Officer for the Town of Bonnyville

b) That Council direct the Returning Officer to conduct institutional votes in the Bonnyville Lodge, the Hospital (Bonnyville Health Care Centre) and at the Extendicare.

c) Direct Administration to provide for holding an advance vote. The Elector Assistance at Home vote can also be held on the same day as the advanced vote.

f) That Council direct Administration to continue to have electors make a statement only, confirming their eligibility to vote, provided they have proper I.D. in 2021 as has been our past practice.

CARRIED

Christmas Parade

Administration brought forward again the idea of a stationary (reverse) parade for the Christmas Parade in 2020, as well as the newest guidelines and recommendations from AHS.

Extensive discussion ensued.

- 342 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council direct Administration to proceed with planning of the stationary parade and communicate the details to the public.

CARRIED

Speed Limit – Gurneyville Road

Councillor Prevost stated that he has been approached by M.D. residents regarding increasing the 50km zone on Gurneyville Road. He stated that every other road into Town has a buffer zone except that one.

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that after discussions with Council members, the Policing Committee and some M.D. residents, it was decided to leave the speed at 50 km per hour then increase it to 60km at the second gate to the Rodeo Grounds which then increases to 80 km in the M.D.

Discussion ensued.

- 343 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council agree with the increase from 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr at the 2nd gate to the Rodeo Grounds.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Brian McEvoy

Councillor McEvoy attended the Town Council Special Meeting.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Bonnyville & District Daycare Board meeting, the Bonnyville Municipal Library meeting and the Town Council Special Meeting.

Councillor Chad Colbourne

Councillor Colbourne attended the Community Policing Committee meeting, the Town Council Special Meeting and a meeting with the General Manager at the Centennial Centre.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with the Hospital Administrator and the M.D. of Bonnyville Reeve, the Rural Municipalities Association Mayors and Reeves meeting, the Town Council Special Meeting, a meeting with the M.D. of Bonnyville Reeve regarding the waterline and airport and spoke with several M.D. residents regarding Gurneyville Road.

Councillor Elisa Brosseau

Councillor Brosseau attended several Economic Development Council of Alberta (CDEA) meetings on behalf of ABMA (Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association), attended a Regular Board meeting for the ABMA, and the Town Council Special Meeting.

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended the Town Council Special Meeting and the NE Muni-Corr Ltd. Meeting.

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Community Policing Committee meeting and the NE Muni-Corr meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Letter – Alberta Municipal Affairs – Infrastructure and Operating Spending

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs stated that in light of the COVID-19 expenses, Alberta may not be able to sustain the current levels of infrastructure and operating spending.

Council accepted this Letter for information.

Letter – Alberta Transportation – Regional Waterline Cost Overrun

A letter was received from Alberta Transportation confirming a cost-share agreement with the Town with respect to the cost overrun on the Bonnyville Regional Waterline project.

Council accepted this Letter for information.

Proclamation – International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2020

Mayor Sobolewski declared December 3, 2020 International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Town of Bonnyville.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Colbourne asked if our Emergency Management Team were ready in case of another shut down.

Jay Melvin, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management, stated that Council can rest assured that the EM Team is ready and will continue to provide information that Council and the Residents need as it is received. He also stated that he will check with the Alberta Emergency Management Association and forward any information he receives.



- 344 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda items 10a) Legal as per Section 27, FOIP.

Time: 6:52 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Time: 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED

- 346 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council accept the Bonnyville Municipal Airport transfer as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

- 347 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 24th day of November, 2020.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer