

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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) and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant, Renee Stoyles -Director of Finance and Brad Trimble – Director of Public Works

**PRESS**

Robynne Henry – Bonnyville Nouvelle

**GUESTS**

Jay Melvin, Fire Chief, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority

**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 – November 24, 2020**

- 348 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the November 24, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 10, 2020**

- 349 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE**

**October 2020 Financial Report Operating**

- 350 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council accept the October 2020 Financial Report – Operating, for information.

**CARRIED**

**October 2020 Financial Report – Capital**

- 351 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the October 2020 Financial Report – Capital, for information.

**CARRIED**

**October 2020 Bank Reconciliation**

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

**CARRIED**

## BUDGET

### 2021 Draft II Operational Budget

Council reviewed Draft II of the proposed 2021 Operational Budget which includes total expenditures of \$21,992,865 and has a deficit of \$932,746. Draft I of the 2021 Operating Budget had total expenditures of \$22,219,074 and a total deficit of \$1,633,360.

Extensive discussion ensued.

- 353 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council present Draft II of the Operational Budget to the public at the Budget Open House and change the Budget Open House which is scheduled for December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to a virtual event.

### CARRIED

### 2021 Draft II Capital Budget

Council Reviewed Draft II of the proposed 2021 Capital Budget. Administration is forecasting a deficit in the amount of \$23,149,126.00. We are anticipating \$1,765,662.00 in Provincial Grant funds.

- 354 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council present Draft II of the Capital budget to the public at the Budget Open House which will be held virtually on December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### CARRIED

## BUSINESS

### ATCO Contract Buy-Down Transfer Station

During the Town of Bonnyville annual review with AMSC Energy, it was suggested that there may be cost savings obtained by buying down the contract from ATCO for the Landfill Transfer Station. This site was originally set up with a load requirement of 147kW and is only using approximately 47kW.

Administration requested a quote from ATCO to buy down the contract; the amount of the buy down will be \$27,644.00 plus GST and the rate would be switched from D31 to D21 based on the load requirement for the site.

The annual cost savings, as a result of the switch in rates, would equate to approximately \$10,800.00 per year. The current contract end date for the D31 rate is August 25, 2033 which would mean a total cost saving on power at this site, until then, would be approximately \$137,700.00.

**ATCO Contract Buy-Down  
Transfer Station**

- 355 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve the contract buy down for ATCO for the Landfill Transfer Station Site ID#1004566767 in the amount of \$27,644.00 plus GST.

**CARRIED**

**Support of Letter for WHL and  
AJHL from the Town of  
Okotoks**

Administration received an email request from the Town of Okotoks requesting confirmation of our support for a letter they are sending to the Province with regards to the WHL & AJHL recent funding requests.

The letter in question, dated October 26, 2020, was sent by the WHL and AJHL to the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation and the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women requesting a proposed partnership with the government for funding of both leagues to ensure the highest level of Alberta amateur hockey systems survives the Covid-19 pandemic.

An email poll was sent out to Council and responses received were all in favor of adding the Town of Bonnyville to the Letter of Support.

- 356 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council ratify the approval of adding the Town of Bonnyville to the Letter of Support, in principle, from the town of Okotoks to the Government of Alberta to support the WHL and AJHL funding request.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bonnyville Agricultural Society regular meeting and an additional meeting regarding Bylaws. He also attended the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH (Chief Medical Officer of Health) and the Bonnyville Regional Fire (BRFA) Authority meeting.

**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Councillor Prevost attended the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH, the BRFA meeting and the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission (BRWSC) meeting.

**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended a Bonnyville Municipal Library meeting, a Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee meeting, a Regional Economic Development Committee meeting and the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Sobolewski attended the Bonnyville Legion Remembrance Day Celebration, the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH, the BRFA meeting and the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp. Board meeting.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended a meeting at the Bonnyville & District Centennial Centre, the Regional Economic Development Committee meeting and the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) N.E. Zone meeting, a Webinar hosted by the Northern Lights Library System, and the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH and the Bonnyville & District Historical Society meeting. She also attended a Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) meeting, a Bonnyville & District Daycare Board meeting, the Northern Lights Library System Board meeting and another Webinar hosted by the Northern Lights Library System.

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Telephone Town Hall with the Premier and CMOH, an Alberta HUB Virtual meeting and the BRWSC meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Letter – Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – 2020-21 Municipal Policing Assistance Grant (MPAG) and Police Officer Grant (POG)**

A letter was received from the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General office informing the Town that the first disbursement of grant funds from the Municipal Policing Assistance Grant (MPAG) and the Police Officer Grant (POG) have been made. Council accepted this letter as information.

**Letter - MLA David Hanson – Letter of Support – 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements**

A copy of a Letter of Support was received that was sent to the Infrastructure Manager – North Central Region from MLA David Hanson with his support of the 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements STIP (Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program) Grant application filed by the Town of Bonnyville.

**QUESTIONS**

Councillor McEvoy asked if Council should be moved again to virtual meetings due to the Pandemic.

It was agreed that meetings would be moved to the ZOOM format again going forward.



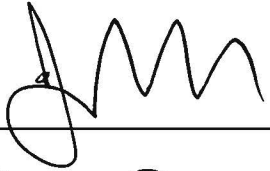
**ADJOURNMENT**

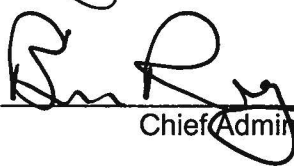
357 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer