

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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, Katherine Currie, Director of Planning and Development, and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

**GUESTS**

Morris Mickalyk and Sue Wojcik – Bonnyville Museum

Leah Woodford and David Sharun – Bonnyville Library

Lauri Fitzpatrick and Janet Gobert – Bonnyville Friendship Centre

Todd Muir – Centennial Centre

Mark Laver – Economic Development Office – Town and MD

Silke Skinner, Charlene Rask, Sharon Ducharme, Lillian Wight, Carolyn Kellett and Erwin Thompson – SPCA

**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 – September 22, 2020**

- 279 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the agenda for the September 22, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment:

Add Item 12a) In Camera – Land – FOIP Sections (21) and (27) and move other In Camera items to 12b) and 12c)

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 8, 2020**

- 280 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

**Centennial Centre – Capital Plan – Todd Muir**

Todd Muir, General Manager, Centennial Centre stated that the Budget presented has not yet been approved by the C2 Board. He discussed how they have been able to cut \$563,000.00 from the Staff Budget due to a reduction in 1/3

**Centennial Centre – Capital  
Plan – Todd Muir**

of full-time staff and more than ½ of the part-time staff. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on revenue generating abilities as well, with decreases in many activities within the facility. He also spoke about some of the plans for Capital projects over the next few years.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Todd Muir for his presentation and Todd left the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

**Bonnyville Municipal Library –  
Leah Woodford**

Leah Woodford, Library Manager, presented the Plan of Service overview, and that some increases will be needed as they bring the Library up to OH&S compliance. She stated that some of the Budget highlights include a decrease in funding from the Provincial Government, that free memberships will continue for 2021 and there may be potential effects going forward from the pandemic. There has also been a slight increase in salaries, accounting fees, janitorial services and memberships for the Alberta Library Trustee Association.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Leah Woodford for her presentation and Leah left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**Bonnyville & District SPCA**

Erwin Thompson, President and Carolyn Kellett, Treasurer, presented for the Bonnyville & District SPCA. Erwin Thompson stated that the ask this year is for the Town to continue with the funding of \$50,000.00 for the year 2021. He stated that many of their fundraising efforts have been shut down due to the pandemic, so the funding from the Town is imperative. He also discussed the need to expand their cat shelter from 30 cats to 60, which he has already discussed with Administration about acquiring a small piece of land from the Town Shop and that has been approved, so they will be looking to move another trailer onto the side of the shelter for the additional 30 cats.

Councillor McEvoy asked about contingency plans should their fundraising next year be unable to proceed.

Carolyn Kellett stated that they do have money in the bank right now that would help to keep them running for the year, as well as the fact that 75% of wages are covered by a Federal Government Grant, and if that Grant continues they will be able to cover all costs.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Erwin and Carolyn for their presentation and they both left the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

**Bonnyville Native Friendship  
Centre**

Lauri Fitzpatrick, Executive Director and Janet Gobert, Community Initiative Coordinator from the Bonnyville Friendship Centre presented their request of \$20,000.00 to Council for funding for the new Homeless Shelter in Bonnyville.

**Bonnyville Native Friendship Centre**

Janet Gobert stated that the shelter has 4 clients at present, and they are looking to make this a long-term project. They have funding until the end of February, but would like to keep it open at least during the winter months and they have Grants applied for, however, if those grants are not approved they are looking for funding from the Town to make that a possibility.

Laurie Fitzpatrick added that they are not requesting any funds for the Food Bank as they have received many generous donations and they are in a good place with the food bank.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Laurie and Janet for their presentation and they left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce – Serina Parsons**

Rescheduled for October 13, 2020.

**Bonnyville Historical Society – Morris Mickalyk**

Morris Mickalyk, President, and Sue Wojcik from the Bonnyville Historical Society presented their ask of \$30,000.00 from the Town of Bonnyville.

Morris stated that they have also lost revenue due to Covid, as there was no school attendance at the Museum this year. He also stated that they are looking at hiring a full-time Manager for next year in order to have the Museum open all year round, instead of just May to August. He stated that the Museum is now an accredited member of the Alberta Museum Association. Morris also stated that they are still exploring the possibility of moving St. Anne Chapel to the Museum site.

Mayor Sobolewski thanked Morris and Sue for their presentation and they both left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**Extreme Mudfest**

Rescheduled for October 13, 2020.

**SUBDIVISION APPROVING AUTHORITY**

**See Separate Minutes**

- 281 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and go into the Subdivision Approving Authority meeting.

Time: 7:21 p.m.

**CARRIED**



**SUBDIVISION APPROVING  
AUTHORITY**

- 282 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council adjourn the Subdivision Approving Authority meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time 7:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAW**

**Bylaw No. 1503-20 2021  
Residential Assessment and  
Supplementary Assessment  
Sub-Class Bylaw – Second  
and Third Reading**

In 2019, Council passed Bylaw No. 1490-19, the 2020 Residential and Supplementary Assessment Sub-Class Bylaw. This was the first year such a bylaw was passed. The rationale behind creating a residential sub-class for Multi-Family properties is based on the fluctuation of the assessments year over year as the economy fluctuates. Multi-Family Assessments are based on the valuation of Income Approach and with fluctuations in the economy as has happened in the Lakeland Area in the past few years, the tax dollars for these properties have also seen some major increases and decreases. By creating a residential sub-class for Multi-Family properties, Council has the option of adjusting the Mill Rate to lessen these fluctuations.

This Bylaw received first reading on September 8, 2020. This Bylaw would have to be passed before February 28th in the year it is to take effect.

- 283 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide second reading for Bylaw No. 1503-20 – 2021 Residential Assessment and Supplementary Assessment Sub-Class Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

- 284 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council provide third reading for Bylaw No. 1503-20 – 2021 Residential Assessment and Supplementary Assessment Sub-Class Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE**

**August 2020 Financial Report  
– Operating**

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

**CARRIED**



**August 2020 Financial Report – Capital** 286 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the August 2020 Financial Report – Capital, for information.

**August 2020 Bank Reconciliation** 287 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council accept the August 2020 Bank Reconciliation for information.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS**

No new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, the Friendship Centre Homeless Shelter Open House and some AUMA Online Education Sessions.

**Councillor Lorna Storoschuk**

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, Bonnyville Historical Society Board meeting at the St. Anne's Church location, the N.E. Muni-Corr Golf Tournament, the Friendship Centre Homeless Shelter Open House and a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting. She also attended some AUMA Online Education Sessions, and regular meeting of the Bonnyville Historical Society Board, and an FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) Board meeting.

**Councillor Chad Colbourne**

Councillor Colbourne attended the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, a Community Policing Committee meeting, the Business Resiliency Committee Wrap Up meeting and a meeting with Ronald McDonald House Charities regarding an update on the Hockey Tournament. He also attended an Economic Development meeting with Stakeholders and later that night with Business Owners.

**Mayor Gene Sobolewski**

Mayor Gene Sobolewski attended the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, had several conversations with M.D. Reeve Sawchuk and MLA Dave Hanson on the waterline and attended the Bonnyville Friendship Centre Homeless Shelter Open House. He also attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) meeting, a phone call with the office of the Minister of Transportation and a meeting regarding the Intermunicipal Cooperation Program (IMCP).

**Councillor Elisa Brosseau**

Councillor Brosseau attended the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, the NE Muni-Corr Golf Tournament, the Bonnyville Friendship Centre Homeless Shelter Grand Opening and the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting. She also made a presentation at the M.D. of Bonnyville on behalf of the Bilingual Association, attended the

**Councillor Ray Prevost**

Economic Development meeting with Stakeholders and later that night with Business Owners, participated in the AUMA Online Education Sessions and attend the FCSS Board meeting.

Councillor Prevost attended the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, an inspection tour of Bonnylodge, the NE Muni-Corr Golf Tournament, an Economic Development Stakeholders virtual meeting, another inspection of the Bonnylodge and the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation meeting. He also attended the BRFA meeting and a meeting regarding the IMCP.

**Councillor Rene Van Brabant**

Councillor Van Brabant attended a Bonnyville Agricultural Society meeting, the Elected Officials – Emergency Management Training, the Bonnyville Friendship Centre Homeless Shelter Grand Opening and the Community Policing Committee meeting. He also attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation meeting, the BRFA meeting and participated in the AUMA Online Educational Sessions.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Letter – Alberta  
Transportation – Curb and  
Gutter along Highway 659 (50  
Avenue)**

A letter was received from the Minister of Transportation stating that the curb and gutter along Highway 659 (50 Avenue) will not be repaired by Alberta Transportation, and repairs will be the responsibility of the Town.

**Proclamation – World  
Cerebral Palsy Day – October  
6, 2020**

Mayor Sobolewski proclaimed October 6, 2020 World Cerebral Palsy Day in the Town of Bonnyville.

**Proclamation – Orange Shirt  
Day – September 30, 2020**

Mayor Sobolewski proclaimed September 30, 2020 Orange Shirt Day in the Town of Bonnyville.

**QUESTIONS**

Councillor Colbourne asked about the number of Doctors leaving the community.

Mayor Sobolewski confirmed that four physicians are leaving the area for various reasons.

- 288 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda items 12a) Land, b) Personnel and c) Personnel as per Section 27, FOIP.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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

Time: 9:31 p.m.

**CARRIED**


## **ADJOURNMENT**


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

Time: 9:31 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

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