

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 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), Renee Stoyles - General Manager of Corporate Services, Katherine Currie – General Manager of Planning and Community Services and Tracy Ghostkeeper (virtually)– Executive Assistant

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 – JANUARY 12, 2021

- 001 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the January 12, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

Add: 7d) Feedback from Residents regarding current Covid 19 restrictions

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 8, 2020

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

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2020

- 003 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that the minutes of the December 12, 2020 Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

See Separate Agenda

- 004 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and go into the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Time: 6:02 p.m.

CARRIED



**MUNICIPAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

- 005 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time 6:04 p.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW

**Amending Bylaw No. 1507-21
– Establish Election
Procedures**

- 006 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide first reading for Bylaw No. 1507-21 – Election Bylaw.

CARRIED

- 007 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council provide second reading for Bylaw No. 1507-21 – Election Bylaw.

CARRIED

- 008 **Moved by Councillor Renee Van Brabant** that Council proceed to third and final reading for Bylaw No. 1507-21 – Election Bylaw.

CARRIED

- 009 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council provide third reading for Bylaw No. 1507-21 – Election Bylaw.

CARRIED

FINANCE

**November 2020 Financial
Report - Operating**

- 010 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve the November 2020 Financial Report – Operating as presented.

CARRIED

**November Financial Report –
Capital**

- 011 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve the November 2020 Financial Report – Capital as presented.

CARRIED

**November Bank
Reconciliation**

- 012 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve the November Bank Reconciliation – Capital as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Funding Request – Signage – Riverland Recreational Trail Society

A letter was received from Marvin Bjornstad, President of the Riverland Recreational Trail Society (RTS) requesting funding for a sign to be located at the staging area that would be identical to all other signage along the trail. The quote received from Sign Solutions to build and install the sign is \$5,353.42 plus GST. RTS is requesting a donation from the Town in the amount of \$1,500.00 towards the cost of the staging area sign. The sign will be installed in early January in time for the snowmobile season.

- 013 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Riverland Recreational Trail Society for the construction and installation of a sign to be located at the staging area and to be funded from the 2020 Council Receptions and Public Relations budget.

CARRIED

Committee Appointment Vacancies

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that due to conflicts with Councillor Van Brabant's work schedule, vacancies have come up regarding 4 Committees that typically meet during daytime business hours, that Council appoints members to.

- 014 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council approve the following Committee Appointments for the remainder of the one-year term, to be revisited at a future organizational meeting:

Muni-Corr (Alternate member) – Councillor Storoschuk
Community Policing Committee – Councillor McEvoy
Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority – Councillor Brosseau
Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce – Councillor Prevost

CARRIED

Letter of Support – Bonnyville Curling Club

An email was received from the Bonnyville Curling Club who are in the process of applying for a CIP grant from the Alberta Government to help cover the cost of operating and maintaining the ice surface during the current pandemic. Currently, the curling club does not qualify for any of the federal or provincial governments financial COVID relief programs.

- 015 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide a Letter of Support to the Bonnyville Curling Club for their Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Grant Application to the Government for operations and maintenance of their facility.

CARRIED

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Walk-On – Feedback from Residents Regarding Current Covid-19 Restrictions

Mayor Sobolewski stated that he has been approached by numerous residents regarding further restrictions for Covid-19. He stated he also spoke to MLA David Hanson and he has also taken several calls regarding the issue. MLA Hanson will be approaching the Premier urging him to implement small businesses into the same restrictions as the large ones, which would allow them to remain open as well.

Councillor Colbourne read two emails he received regarding the same issue, one from a restaurant owner and one from a salon manager.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Katherine Currie, General Manager of Planning and Community Services, left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) meeting.

Councillor Elisa Brosseau

Councillor Brosseau attended the Provincial Town Hall on new restrictions, an Aboriginal Women's conference (Balancing the Wheel), the Annual General meeting for the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association and a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting. She also attended another Provincial Town Hall, a Library Inclusivity Webinar, another Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting, a Town Hall with the Education Minister and a meeting with the Boys & Girls Club.

Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended a Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission (BRWSC) meeting, a virtual N.E Muni-Corr meeting, a Special Meeting of Council and a Provincial Town Hall on new regulations. He also attended a Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation meeting, the BRFA meeting and another N.E. Muni-Corr meeting.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with local Doctors regarding health care issues, year-end media interviews, a Provincial Town Hall regarding new regulations and the BRFA meeting. He also attended a Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp Board meeting and two meetings regarding COVID-19. Mayor Sobolewski also attended media interviews with Camrose and Lloydminster and several discussions regarding COVID-19 regulations and their impact on local businesses.

Councillor Chad Colbourne

Councillor Colbourne attended the Special Meeting of Council, a Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp Board meeting and signing of paperwork at the Centennial Centre.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BR' followed by a stylized flourish.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended an Emergency Bonnyville & District Municipal Library meeting regarding new Covid-19 regulations, the Special Meeting of Council, the Provincial Town Hall regarding new restrictions, the LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association) meeting followed by a workshop, a Webinar with the Public Services Library Branch workshop, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting and a N.E. Muni-Corr meeting.

Councillor Brian McEvoy

Councillor McEvoy attended the Special Meeting of Council, several Zoom meetings with the Province and the BRWSC meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Letter – Alta Gas Utilities Inc. Name Change

A letter was received informing the Town that Alta Gas Utilities Inc. has changed their name to Apex Utilities Inc. and their new President is Graeme Feltham.

Council accepted this letter for information.

Letter – City of Cold Lake – Letter to Minister of Health – Federal Covid-19 Mobile App

Administration received a copy of a letter sent by the City of Cold Lake to the Minister of Health regarding the Government of Canada's "COVID-19 Alert" mobile app.

Council accepted this letter for information.

Jay Melvin, Regional Fire Chief, left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Prevost stated there is a sign missing at the corner of 66 Street, which was the "Vincent Way" sign and he asked that Public Works search for that sign and re-install it.

- 016 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that Council close the meeting to the public for Agenda items 11a) Land and 11b) Personnel as per Section 27, FOIP.

Time: 6:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Gene Sobolewski and Councillor Chad Colbourne left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Time: 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED



ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: 7:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 26th day of January, 2021.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer