

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

Councillor Ray Prevost

STAFF

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Katherine Currie – General Manager of Planning and Community Services, Renee Stoyles – General Manager of Corporate Services, Jeanine Chornohos – Director of Finance and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Jay Melvin, Fire Chief – Bonnyville Reginal 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 – MARCH 23, 2021

066 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the March 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment:

Remove Item 6e) Request for Fisheries Protection

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2021

067 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BYLAW

**Bylaw No. 1511-21
Supplementary Assessment
Bylaw**

The Supplementary Assessment Bylaw is passed annually in the Town of Bonnyville to reflect the value of an improvement that has not been previously assessed or the increase in the value of an improvement since it was last assessed.

The Municipal Government Act states in Section 313:

313 (1):

If a municipality wishes to require the preparation of supplementary assessments for improvements, the council must pass a supplementary assessment bylaw authorizing the assessments to be prepared for the purpose of imposing a tax under Part 10 in the same year.

**Bylaw No. 1511-21
Supplementary Assessment
Bylaw**

313 (3):

A Supplementary assessment bylaw or any amendment to it applies to the year in which it is passed, only if it is passed before May 1 of that year.

- 068 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council provide first reading to Bylaw 1511-21 Supplementary Assessment Bylaw.

CARRIED

- 069 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide second reading to Bylaw 1511-21 Supplementary Assessment Bylaw.

CARRIED

- 070 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council proceed to third reading for Bylaw 1511-21 Supplementary Assessment Bylaw.

CARRIED

- 071 **Moved by Councillor Rene Van Brabant** that Council provide third and final reading to Bylaw 1511-21 Supplementary Assessment Bylaw.

CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 1509-21 – Amend
Land Use Bylaw No. 1447-16**

The Planning and Development Department has received an application to amend the land use district on Part SE 17-61-5-W4 in the Eastgate Subdivision area. The amendment to the land use districting is from UR – Urban Reserve District to C4 – Shopping Centre Commercial District.

The purpose for the proposed redistricting is for creation of a commercial parcel. This proposed amendment is consistent with the Eastgate Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 1354-10.

Letters were sent out to adjacent landowners and agencies notifying them of this proposed change in land use districting. The bylaw will be advertised in accordance with legislation and a public hearing is required to be held.

- 072 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council provide first reading of Land Use Bylaw Amendment (LUBA21 001), Bylaw No. 1509-21 and that the Public Hearing for the Bylaw Amendment be held on April 13, 2021 at 6 p.m. with advertising as required.

CARRIED

FINANCE

February 2021 Financials – Capital

- 073 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council approve the February Financial Report Capital as presented.

CARRIED

February 2021 Financials – Operating

- 074 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve the February Financial Report Operating as presented.

CARRIED

February Bank Reconciliation

- 075 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council approve the February Bank Reconciliation as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

ICF – Town and M.D. of Bonnyville

The Town and M.D. of Bonnyville have been working on an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF), as required by the Municipal Government Act.

As per the MGA, Municipalities that share a common boundary, unless they are members of a Regional Growth Board, must pass an ICF by April 1, 2021. ICF's must be reviewed every 5 years and must be passed by resolutions of both Councils. The ICF between the Town and MD of Bonnyville needs to take into account services that benefit residents of more than one Municipality, identify which municipality provides the services, outline how services are delivered and funded, and include a process for resolving any disputes. The ICF between the Town and MD of Bonnyville provides a base funding amount of \$1.5 Million Dollars annually for the provision of services in the Town of Bonnyville that benefit the residents of the MD of Bonnyville. The ICF recognizes that the MD of Bonnyville contributes to the RCMP General Investigative Services Unit through the base annual funding amount. In addition, the ICF reaffirms the MD's continued contribution to the Centennial Centre, Fire Authority and other commitments through separate funding agreements. The ICF also recognizes the importance of the ID 349 funding formula that was recently approved by the Province, which will benefit residents of our Region through amalgamation of the ID into the MD of Bonnyville, with revenues to be distributed as per the formula with the Province and Municipalities. This funding will be critical to the future Infrastructure deficit funding of the Town of Bonnyville.

- 076 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council approve the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between the Town and MD of Bonnyville, as presented.

CARRIED

National 3-digit Suicide Prevention Hotline

A letter was received from MP Shannon Stubbs stating that on December 11, 2020 the House of commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada.

M.P. Stubbs is requesting that Council consider passing a motion of support for the 988 Crisis Line initiative and to send letters of support to our local elected representatives and neighboring Municipalities.

077 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council pass the following motion in support of a 988 Crisis Line:

WHEREAS the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Bonnyville Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bonnyville Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

And that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

CARRIED

MADD Message Yearbook Advertising

Administration received a request from Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) to place an Ad in their annual MADD Message Yearbook.

Although the Town has not subscribed to this advertisement yearly, and the last time the Advertisement was approved was for a Business Card Ad in May 2014, Administration feels that this request would fall under the Category of "General exposure and Profile" criteria from the Town of Bonnyville Community Donation Policy 15-FN-068 and would be suitable to consider for a donation.

MADD Message Yearbook Advertising

- 078 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council approve a Business Card Ad for the MADD Message Yearbook at a cost of \$299.00.

CARRIED

Letter of Support – Ecole Notre Dame Elementary

Administration received a request from Lea Cousins, Notre Dame Elementary Parent Partnership Association President (PPA), for a Letter of Support from the Town of Bonnyville to submit various grant applications for the upgrades to playground equipment, including all-inclusive playground items.

The playground has been in need of some upgrades and the current school council and PPA have made a goal to update some of the playground equipment in the coming year or two. Currently they are looking at upgrades which will include all-inclusive playground items to allow kids of all abilities the availability for play. They have also received feedback from an occupational therapist to include climbing objects for working on gross motor skills for all ages of children.

- 079 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council provide Ecole Notre Dame Elementary with a Letter of Support for upcoming Grant Applications for the upgrades to their playground equipment.

CARRIED

Request for Fisheries Protection

Removed from the Agenda

20th Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

At the March 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting, Administration was asked to bring suggestions for submissions to the Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence to the March 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Administration suggested the following:

Partnership category: Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority
Partnership category: Bonnyville Regional Waterline
Service Delivery Innovation category: Water Treatment assistance, Elizabeth Metis Settlement
Enhancing Community Safety category: RCMP General Investigative Services Unit, Bonnyville Detachment

Extensive discussion ensued.

Council agreed to apply for all categories mentioned, and if only limited number of applications can be submitted the order of Council importance is as follows:

**20th Annual Minister's Awards
for Municipal Excellence**

1. Bonnyville Reginal Waterline
2. RCMP General Investigative Services Unit, Bonnyville Detachment
3. Water Treatment assistance, Elizabeth Metis Settlement
4. Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant attended the Bonnyville Agricultural Society Board meeting and the Bonnyville & District SPCA meeting.

Councillor Elisa Brosseau

Councillor Brosseau attended the Beaver River Waste Commission meeting, the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association meeting, Skirt making day with Balancing the Wheel, the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) meeting and the Canada Day Committee meeting.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended a Covid meeting with Dr. Hinshaw and her staff, some virtual seminars with the Rural Municipalities Association, the weekly Covid update with Dr. Hinshaw and a WebEx regarding Bylaw changes for commissions. He also attended the BRFA meeting virtually, the Bonnyville Leisure Facility Corporation Board meeting, and had multiple phone calls regarding a resignation of a Centennial Centre Administration staff.

Chad Colbourne

Councillor Colbourne attended the Bonnyville Leisure Facility Corporation Board meeting and the Canada Day Committee meeting.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended the Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) meeting, the Bonnyville & District Daycare Board meeting and the Ask me anything webinar with Doug Griffith.

Councillor Brian McEvoy

Councillor McEvoy attended the AB HUB meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

**Letter – Alberta Municipal
Affairs – Government of
Alberta's Disaster Recovery
Program (DRP)**

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs outlining changes to the Government of Alberta's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP), which are in effect for DRP's that occur in 2021 and onward.

Council accepted this letter for information.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Colbourne gave a shout out to the Bonnyville Pontiacs for cleaning up the Slawuta Pond Parking lot.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Colbourne asked Administration if talks about the pool could commence with the M.D. now that the ICF negotiations are complete.

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that he will start making arrangements for the Study to be presented to both Councils.

Councillor McEvoy asked about progress on the clean up of the property of the hotel fire.

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that an order for clean up has been issued and the owner of the property is in talks with insurance on beginning the clean-up process.

Councillor Colbourne asked if the Town had received a response to the letter sent to Muni-Corr regarding their proposed changes to Agreement.

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that no response had been received.

ADJOURNMENT

080 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 13th day of April, 2021.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer