

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

STAFF

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

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 – APRIL 13, 2021

- 081 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that the agenda for the April 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 23, 2021

- 082 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

Wilde & Company – Financial Audit - Virtual

Amiee Campbell, Wilde & Company, presented the 2020 Town of Bonnyville Financial Audit virtually to Council.

- 083 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the 2020 Financial Statements by Wilde & Company be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Aimee Campbell signed out of the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Community Futures – Programs and Projects Update

Lisa Ford, General Manager with Community Futures presented Council with an update on programs and projects from the past year and on projects coming up in the future.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bylaw No. 1509-21 – Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, a Public Hearing is required to be held for amendments to the Land Use Bylaw. Notifications were sent to the adjacent landowners and

**Bylaw No. 1509-21 – Proposed
Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

agencies regarding this matter. The Bylaw has been advertised in accordance with legislation.

This Public Hearing is for an application to amend Land Use Bylaw 1447-16 for the purpose of amending the Land Use Districting from UR – Urban Reserve District to C4 – Shopping Centre Commercial District.

- 084 **Moved by Councillor Ray Prevost** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned and Council enter into a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1509-21 Application to Amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1447-16 (LUBA 20-001)

Time: 6:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Sobolewski declared the Public Hearing open at 6:37 p.m.

Katherine Currie, General Manager of Planning and Community Services, introduced the subject of the Public Hearing noting that the purpose for the proposed redistricting is for creation of a commercial parcel.

Mayor Sobolewski called for a first, second and third time if there was anyone present who would like to speak for or against Bylaw No. 1509-21. No one spoke.

There being no one present to speak either for or against, Mayor Sobolewski declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1498-20 closed.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

- 085 **Moved by Councillor Elisa Brosseau** that Council adjourn the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1509-21 Application to Amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1447-16 (LUBA 20-001) and go into the Regular Council meeting.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED

**MOVE TO SUBDIVISION
APPROVING AUTHORITY
MEETING**

- 086 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and enter into a Subdivision Approving Authority Meeting.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED

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**ADJOURN SUBDIVISION
APPROVING AUTHORITY**

- 087 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the Subdivision Approving Authority Meeting be adjourned and Council enter into the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 6:42 p.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW

**Bylaw No. 1509-21 Proposed
Land Use Bylaw Amendment**

This was the Bylaw from the above Public Hearing, which needs second and third reading.

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- 088 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council provide second reading to Bylaw No. 1509-21 Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

CARRIED

- 089 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council provide third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1509-21 Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 1512-21 – Amend
Land Use Bylaw No. 1447-16**

The Planning and Development Department received an application to amend the land use district on the North Bonnyville Industrial Subdivision Area property. The amendment to the land use districting is from UR – Urban Reserve District to M1 – General Industrial District.

The purpose for the proposed redistricting is for creation of a general industrial parcel for future expansion of the Bonnyville Forest Nursery. This proposed amendment is consistent with the North Bonnyville Industrial Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 1294-07. There was a previous application for subdivision and land use amendment for this area which was not finalized by the developer due to changes in the economy. This redistricting and proposed development area is for a smaller portion of that original 2014 application.

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.



**Bylaw No. 1512-21 – Amend
Land Use Bylaw No. 1447-16**

- 090 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council provide first reading of Land Use Bylaw Amendment (LUBA21 001), Bylaw No. 1512-21 and that the Public Hearing for the Bylaw Amendment be held on May 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. with advertising as required.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Request for Extension of Off-Site Levy Deferral

In September of 2020, Council granted a deferral of off-site levies for Mas-Tec Canada, who setup a temporary development at 6804-50th Avenue. A temporary Development permit was also issued at that time.

Currently, Mas-Tec is requesting an additional 6 months' extension of the off-site levy payment deferral. Offsite Levies of \$46,040.28 are owing on the land in question. It has been the Town's practice to collect off-site levies owing when properties are developed.

The original deferral of off-site levies was granted in 2020 for a temporary development, with no permanent structures in place, to give Mas-Tec an opportunity to establish a long-term business presence in our area.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions limiting face to face meetings with potential customers and other factors, Mas-Tec has not been successful in obtaining business contracts in the region. For these reasons, they are requesting an additional 6-month extension of the off-site levy deferral.

- 091 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council approve an additional 6 months' deferral of off-site levy payments for Mas-Tec Canada for their temporary development located at 6804-50th Avenue.

CARRIED

**2021 Lac La Biche County
Healthier Communities Golf
Tournament**

A letter was received from Lac La Biche Mayor Omer Moghrabi, inviting Council to register a team in the 2021 Healthier Communities Golf Tournament to be held Friday, July 9, 2021 at the Lac La Biche Golf and Country Club.

The proceeds from the Golf Tournament will benefit the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation and Portage College for the future development of healthcare services and training in the region.

Last year, Lac La Biche County invited Council to attend the 2020 Healthier Communities Golf Tournament and a team of 4

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Tournament**

was registered to attend the event, which was subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

- 092 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council register a team of four for the Healthier Communities Golf Tournament at the Lac La Biche Golf & Country Club on Friday July 9, 2021 at a cost of \$1,200.00.

CARRIED

**Bonnyville Chamber of
Commerce "Our Resilience
Runs' Deep Awards"**

A request was received for the Town of Bonnyville to sponsor a new awards program being offered by the Bonnyville Chamber of Commerce called "Our Resiliency Runs' Deep Awards".

The Chamber plans to host this event virtually on May 27th and are billing the awards as a chance to celebrate successes of businesses during the last year.

The sponsorship package includes several categories of sponsorship opportunities, ranging from \$250.00- \$5,000.00.

So far in 2021, the Town, in partnership with the M.D. of Bonnyville and Community Futures, has allocated \$30,000.00 in direct assistance funding to small and medium businesses affected by Covid-19.

Support for the planned awards ceremony would also support Council's goals of maintaining a presence in the Community, through the Town's Community Donation Policy.

- 093 **Moved by Councillor Chad Colbourne** that Council purchase a Sponsorship at a cost of up to \$2,000.00 for the Chamber of Commerce 'Our Resiliency Runs' Deep Awards' being held virtually on May 27, 2021.

CARRIED

**Funding Request – Bonnyville
& District Historical Society**

The Bonnyville & District Historical Society, at its Board meeting on March 31, 2021 made a motion to accept the donation of the St. Anne Chapel from the St. Louis Parish. The project involves relocation of the Chapel from 47th Avenue in Bonnyville to the Bonnyville Museum Site on 54th Avenue.

They are requesting funding in the amount of 50% of the \$40,000.00 moving cost, to be split between the Town of Bonnyville and the M.D. of Bonnyville with the Society contributing the remaining project funding by way of grant applications, sponsorships and their Building Fund Reserve to assist with other expenses. The total funding request to the Town of Bonnyville is \$20,000.00. Discussion ensued.

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**Funding Request – Bonnyville
& District Historical Society**

- 094 **Moved by Councillor Lorna Storoschuk** that Council approve a one-time contribution in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Bonnyville & District Historical Society for the relocation of the St. Anne Chapel from 47th Avenue to 54th Avenue, with funding to come from Contingency.

CARRIED

Councillor Colbourne declared a conflict with the next Agenda item and left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**Funding Request – Bonnyville
Agricultural Society**

A letter was received from Katrina Reid, Office Manager of the Bonnyville Agricultural Society requesting a donation from the Town in the amount of \$20,000.00; they are also requesting funding from the M.D. of Bonnyville for \$20,000.00 and propose to fundraise or contribute themselves another \$20,000.00.

The Bonnyville Agricultural Society would like to host a virtual Rodeo in the Town of Bonnyville on June 4th and 5th 2021. The event has a proposed budget of \$60,000.00. They are proposing to do this while conforming to Alberta Health Services Protocols. To this end, we are currently unsure if they have requested AHS approval for the event, or even if approval is something that could be obtained given the recent move back to Stage 1 pandemic restrictions, which limit outdoor gatherings to 10.

Extensive discussion ensued.

- 095 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that this agenda item be tabled until the next meeting, when Mr. Michaud from the Bonnyville Agricultural Society can attend as a delegation.

CARRIED

Councillor Colbourne returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Katherine Currie, General Manager of Planning and Community Services left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Rene Van Brabant

Councillor Van Brabant had nothing to report.

Councillor Elisa Brosseau

Councillor Brosseau attended a meeting with Rik McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs on behalf of the ABMA (Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association), a Canada Day Committee meeting, a Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting, a Provincial Polling update and the Economic Development Committee meeting.

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Councillor Ray Prevost

Councillor Prevost attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Lakeland Lodge and Housing meeting, the BRFA (Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority) meeting, an AB HUB meeting, a virtual Seniors Convention and a Town Hall with Dr. Hinshaw.

Mayor Gene Sobolewski

Mayor Sobolewski attended a meeting with the M.D. of Bonnyville Reeve and BRFA Fire Chief regarding joint projects between the M.D. and the BRFA, Centennial Centre recruitment phone discussions and an interview with Wilde & Company regarding the Financial Audit. He also had a phone call with MLA Dave Hanson regarding restrictions for Covid-19, the Joint Press Release regarding the ICF and a Centennial Centre Staff meeting with Managers.

Councillor Chad Colbourne

Councillor Colbourne attended a meeting at the Centennial Centre, Centennial Centre Board discussions and a discussion regarding the direction for the New GM at the C2. He also attended the Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting, the Community Policing Committee meeting and the Economic Development Committee meeting.

Councillor Lorna Storoschuk

Councillor Storoschuk attended an FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) Board meeting, Elected Officials Training – Municipal Policy, the Telephone Town Hall with Dr. Hinshaw, the Bonnyville & District Historical Society Annual General Meeting and Regular Board meeting and the Joint Press Release regarding the ICF.

Councillor Brian McEvoy

Councillor McEvoy attended the Lakeland Community Health Advisory Board Online session, the BRWSC (Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission) meeting and the Community Policing Committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Letter – Dragonfly Centre – Sexual Violence Awareness Month – May 2021

A letter was received from the Dragonfly Centre regarding Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in May 2021.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Colbourne asked about an email that was received from CBC looking for a response to the letter written by several MLA's regarding the Covid-19 restrictions, and if anyone was responding.

It was decided collectively that Council would not respond to the email from the CBC.

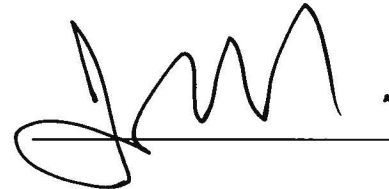
ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 27th day of April., 2021.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer