

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau: Councillors Brian McEvoy, Phil Kushnir, Byron Johnson, Kayla Blanchette, Neil Langridge.

**REGRETS**

Councillor David Sharun

**STAFF**

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Renee Stoyles – General Manager of Corporate Services, Joe Kopala – Acting General Manager of Planning and Community Services, Jeannine Chornohos – Finance Director, Robynne Henry – Communications Coordinator and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

**GUESTS**

Wayne Rothe – Bloom CME

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2022**

017 Moved by Councillor Kayla Blanchette that the agenda for the January 25, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended with the following additions:

9.e) Email – EMS Pressure and Mitigation Plan Memo – Walk On

11.a) Land – FOIP Sections (16), (26) & (27) – Walk ON

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2022**

018 Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir that the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2022**

019 Moved by Councillor Neil Langridge that the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Special Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment:

Motion# 015 – Change name of who made the motion to Byron Johnson

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

**Bilingual Job Fair – Sylvie  
Smyl**

Delegation was not present at the meeting.

**Town of Bonnyville Strategic  
Plan –Wayne Rothe, Bloom  
CME**

Wayne Rothe, Bloom CME, presented to Council the completed Strategic Plan, which included the five priority focus areas of Communication Strategy, Economic Growth, Recreation and Wellness, Value Added Services and Service Excellence.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Wayne for his presentation.

- 020 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the Town of Bonnyville Strategic Plan as presented.

**CARRIED**

Wayne Rothe, Bloom CME, left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

**MOVE TO MUNICIPAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING**

- 021 **Moved by Councillor Bryon Johnson** that Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and enter into a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

Time: 6:37 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURN MUNICIPAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING**

- 022 **Moved by Councillor Byron Johnson** that the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting be adjourned and Council enter into the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 6:43 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE**

**December 2021 Bank  
Reconciliation**

- 023 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the December 2021 Bank Reconciliation for information.

**CARRIED**

**Tax Sale Listing Reserve Bid  
and Auction Date**

Administration provided Council with a spreadsheet of properties that have not paid their property taxes and are on the tax recovery arrears list. Numerous letters, reminder notices and current tax notices have been sent to the property owners and have not resulted in payment of the property tax arrears. The outstanding taxes include amounts from 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and penalties.

As the properties still have tax arrears outstanding, the Municipal Government Act requires that each municipality sell these properties at public auction.

**Tax Sale Listing Reserve Bid  
and Auction Date**

Due to the advertising requirements for the auction, Administration is requesting the public auction date be scheduled for March 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Prior to the auction and the advertising of the auction, the Municipal Government Act states that reserve bids and conditions of sale must be set.

- 024 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that Council set a reserve bid for the properties as per the listing, conditions of sale be as presented, and a public auction be held on March 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for the properties as per the listing and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the auction on the specified date.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS**

**Ronald McDonald House  
Charities – Winterland  
Invitational**

A request has been received to sponsor the Ronald McDonald House Charities Winterland Invitational being held this year for the entire month of February.

The Winterland Invitational has become the premier Family Day weekend event in the Lakeland. In 2021, over \$130,000.00 was raised from the events.

Because of the continued challenges of Covid-19, this year's event is once again planned as an entire month of favourite Winter activities in support of families who need to stay at Ronald McDonald House, rather than the usual sporting tournament.

In previous years, Council has approved an "Ice Level" sponsorship package of \$8,000.00, when the event was held as a weekend long tournament. Last year, Council approved an "Ambassador" level sponsorship package for the same amount, with similar benefits.

The 2022 Interim Budget does include this amount for 2022.

- 025 **Moved by Councillor Kayla Blanchette** that Council approve sponsorship of the Ronald McDonald House Charities 2022 Winterland Invitational event with an \$8,000.00 "Ambassador" Sponsorship package.

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Councillor Byron Johnson**

Councillor Johnson attended the Special Council meeting, the Alberta Municipalities - Alberta Provincial Police Service webinar, the Bonnyville & District Historical Society meeting and the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp. Board meeting.

### **Councillor Neil Langridge**

Councillor Langridge attended the Special Council meeting.

### **Mayor Elisa Brosseau**

Mayor Brosseau attended multiple meetings for the Community Planning Association of Alberta, attended a Webinar through Portage College titled the Secret History of Turtle Island, attended the Special Council meeting and the Alberta Municipalities - Alberta Provincial Police Service webinar. Mayor Brosseau also attended the Strategic Planning for a Mental Health Network with the Province, the BRFA (Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority) meeting and the Bonnyville & District Leisure Facility Corp. Board meeting.

### **Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the Special Council meeting, the Alberta Municipalities - Alberta Provincial Police Service webinar, the BRFA meeting and the Cold Lake Regional Utility Services Commission meeting.

### **Councillor Kayla Blanchette**

Councillor Blanchette attended an Bonnyville & District SPCA meeting, the Special Council meeting, the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation meeting and the Alberta Municipalities - Alberta Provincial Police Service webinar.

### **Councillor Phil Kushnir**

Councillor Kushnir attended the Special Council meeting, the Alberta Municipalities - Alberta Provincial Police Service webinar and the BRFA meeting.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Letter – City of Cold Lake – Streamline Assessment Process for Physicians and Letter of Support from Crowsnest Pass**

Administration received a copy of a letter from the City of Cold Lake to the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta requesting a more streamlined process for the assessment process for physicians moving to Cold Lake from outside Canada. There was also a letter of support from Crowsnest Pass and the response letter from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.

Council accepted these letters for information.

### **Email – Bonnyville Health Foundation – Local Dry February Fundraising Challenge – February 1 – 28, 2022**

Administration received an email inviting Council to participate in the Bonnyville Health Foundation's local Dry February Fundraising Challenge. Mayor Brosseau and Councillors Johnson and Kushnir all agreed to participate.

Council accepted this invitation as information.

**Email – Brownlee LLP –  
Emerging Trends in Municipal  
Law - February 10, 2022 -  
Virtual**

Administration received an email from Brownlee LLP regarding their Webinar for Emerging Trends in Municipal Law on February 10, 2022.

Council accepted this email as information.

**Letter – Bonnyville & District  
Fine Arts Society –  
Clarification of Comments  
from Delegation on December  
14, 2021**

A letter was received from the Bonnyville & District Fine Arts Society clarifying some information that was given to Council on December 14, 2021. They clarified that they have a lease agreement with the Lakeland Catholic School Division to use the Ecole Notre Dame High School theatre space when it is not in use by the school. They also clarified that their theatre fundraising proceeds have all been invested and continue to earn interest in a GIC and are not being used in the creation of a new theater.

Council accepted this letter as information.

**Email – EMS Pressure and  
Mitigation Plan Memo – WALK  
ON**

An email was received from Alberta Health Services regarding the introduction of a comprehensive 10-point plan for addressing the extraordinary increase in EMS calls.

Council accepted this letter as information.

## **QUESTIONS**

Councillor Blanchette asked Administration to go over the snow removal responsibility for owners in Town and the Snow Removal Policy.

Bill Rogers, CAO, stated that residents and businesses have 48 hours after a major snowfall to clear their sidewalks. Right now, the Town snow dump is full and another has been created for snow removed from public streets. He also stated that Public Works has 2 graders on the go, 7 days a week, to try to catch up from the significant amount of snow in the last little while.

Councillor Blanchette reminded residents that Snow Angel signs can be picked up at FCSS, should a resident be unable to shovel for health or other reasons.

Councillor Kushnir stated that our Town snow removal routes can be shared on our website and social media accounts.

In addition to all of Council present, Bill Rogers, CAO and Renee Stoyles, General Manager of Corporate Services attended the In-Camera session to provide Administrative and Procedural support.

**IN CAMERA**

- 026 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council close the meeting to the public and move to In-Camera for Council Agenda item 11a) Land as per Section 16, 25 & 27, FOIP.

Time: 7:11 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**OUT OF CAMERA**

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

Time: 8:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 028 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 8:11 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer