

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Bill Rogers – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Renee Stoyles – General Manager of Corporate Services, Jeannine Chornohos – Finance Director, Brad Trimble – General Manager of Operations and Engineering, Robynne Henry – Communications Coordinator and Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

**GUESTS**

Serina Parsons, Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce – Virtual  
Kayla Helling, LICA – Virtual  
Dan Heney, Regional Fire Chief, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority

Mayor Brosseau offered condolences on behalf of Council and the Town to the Castor Volunteer Fire Rescue, who lost one of their own earlier this week. Mayor Brosseau said the loss has been felt throughout the province and communities like Bonnyville who rely on volunteer firefighters.

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

- 029 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that the agenda for the February 8, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2022**

- 030 **Moved by Councillor Byron Johnson** that the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

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

Serina Parsons, Executive Director, of the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce presented Council with a Year in Review for 2021. She highlighted events, programming and funds raised for local charities in the 2021 year.

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

Mayor Brosseau thanked Serina for her presentation and Serina signed off Zoom at 6:16 p.m.

**LICA – Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for the Beaver River Watershed – Kayla Hellum**

Kayla Hellum, Environmental Coordinator for Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) presented the Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for the Beaver River Watershed to Council.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Kayla for her presentation and Kayla signed off Zoom at 6:31 p.m.

## **BUSINESS**

Councillor Kushnir declared a conflict with the next Agenda item and left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce – Oil and Gas Show Sponsorship**

Administration received a request for the Bonnyville & District Oil & Gas Show (BOAGS) Sponsorship Opportunities from the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce. The 2022 Bonnyville Oil & Gas Show is scheduled to take place on June 15th & 16th, 2022.

Since 2017, after a request from the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce for an increase in funding assistance for the Oil & Gas Show to \$10,000.00, Council approved provision of \$10,000 for this event, which is held every 2 years. Historically, the Oil & Gas Show and the Cold Lake Airshow operate on alternating years and the Town has been sponsoring both events on alternating years for similar amounts. This year, due to previous covid restrictions, both events are slated to be held in 2022.

This year the Town has \$10,000.00 included in the Interim operating budget for this event, which will not be formally approved by Council until Final budgets are passed in April.

- 031 **Moved by Councillor David Sharun** that Council approve the Friends of BOAGS "BEAR level" sponsorship for the Bonnyville & District Oil & Gas Show 2022 at the cost of \$10,000.00.

## **CARRIED**

Councillor Kushnir returned to the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**Farm Safety Centre – Donation Request**

Administration received a letter from the Farm Safety Centre, requesting a donation of between \$150.00 - \$350.00.

The Farm Safety Centre offers various programs, including "Safety Smarts", a child safety program aimed at elementary

**Farm Safety Centre –  
Donation Request**

school aged children in rural schools in Alberta, which includes children in Bonnyville.

As of late 2020, the Province of Alberta ceased grant funding for the Centre, which had accounted for approximately 35% of annual program delivery funds. For this reason, the Centre has been reaching out to Municipalities they serve for assistance.

Although not specifically covered by Town of Bonnyville Donation Policy 15-FN-068, contributing to this organization could fall under Section 4.2.1, 'General exposure and Profile', as well as Section 5.4.4, 'Benefit to the Community'.

- 032 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that Council contribute \$350.00 towards the Farm Safety Centre's events planned for the 2021-2022 school year.

**CARRIED**

**Letter of Support – BRFA –  
Emergency Management  
Exercise Grant**

Administration received a letter from the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) Chief Dan Heney requesting Council's support for a grant they are applying for from the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) for a tabletop disaster exercise.

FRIAA has invited the BRFA to apply for a Training Grant for approximately \$15,000.00 for a tabletop exercise. This tabletop exercise will be based on a one-day scenario with round table exercise in the morning and debrief activities in the afternoon. The contractor will provide a report with observations and recommendations based on the outcome of the exercise as part of the project deliverables.

The attendees that would be invited to participate would include RCMP, Agriculture and Forestry representatives, BRFA, the Town Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and Deputy DEM.

The grant would cover 100% of all costs other than the salaries of those who participate, which would be covered by their respective organizations.

Discussion ensued.

- 033 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council approve a Letter of Support for the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority's grant application to the to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta.

**CARRIED**

**Municipal Climate Change  
Action Centre – Electric  
Vehicle Charging Program  
(EVCP)**

An email was received from Alberta Hub with regards to the Electric Vehicle Charging Program (EVCP) from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC). The EVCP provides funding support for municipalities in Alberta to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure that will support and accelerate the adoption of EV's in their communities. Rebates can be received for the installation of EV charging stations for use by the public and municipal vehicle fleets on municipally owned land and community gathering places such as recreations centres, libraries, town halls, curbside locations and more.

Discussion ensued.

- 034 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that Council approve the submission of an Expression of Interest for the Electric Vehicle Charging Program (EVCP) from Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC).

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Phil Kushnir**

Councillor Kushnir attended the Canadian Planning Association of Alberta's (CPAA) 'Introduction to Planning Documents' webinar, the LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association) meeting, the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society's 'Cows and Fish' webinar, an AB HUB meeting, the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society's 'Street to Stream' webinar, the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) special meeting and a Community Policing Committee meeting.

**Councillor Kayla Blanchette**

Councillor Blanchette completed signing cheques at Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation, attended the CPAA's 'Introduction to Planning Documents' webinar, an FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) Advisory Board meeting, a Canada Day Committee meeting, Emergency Management Training and the FCSS Strategic Planning.

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the CPAA's 'Introduction to Planning Documents' webinar, Emergency Management Training and the BRFA special meeting.

**Mayor Elisa Brosseau**

Mayor Brosseau attended a meeting to discuss the establishment of a national consultation table of Francophone and bilingual municipal associations, the 'Secret History of Turtle Island' webinar, Emergency Management Training, the BRFA special meeting and a virtual meeting with Algae Control Canada regarding Moose Lake.

**Councillor David Sharun**

Councillor Sharun attended the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation meeting, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting, a Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society's 'Cows and Fish' webinar, Emergency Management Training and the CPAA's 'Introduction to Planning Documents' webinar.

**Councillor Neil Langridge**

Councillor Langridge attended an Economic Developers of Alberta Webinar, the CPAA's 'Introduction to Planning Documents' webinar, a Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Bonnyville Municipal Library Literacy Night, a Canada Day Committee meeting, the Emergency Management Training and the Community Policing Committee meeting.

**Councillor Byron Johnson**

Councillor Johnson attended the CPAA's 'Introduction to Planning Documents' webinar, a Bonnyville & District Daycare meeting, the FCSS Advisory Board meeting, Emergency Management Training and the FCSS Strategic Planning.

**INFORMATION**

**Letter – Bonnyville Friendship Centre – Invitation – Winter Festival – February 25, 2022**

Administration received an invitation to the Bonnyville Friendship Centre's Winter Festival on February 25, 2022.

Council accepted the letter for information.

**Letter – LICA – Beaver River Watershed Riparian Assessment Results Presentation – February 17, 2022**

Administration received an invitation to join the Beaver River Watershed Riparian Assessment Results Presentation on February 17, 2022.

Council accepted this invitation for information.

**Letter - Bonnyville 4H Club – Request for Communication Judges**

Administration received a request for volunteers to judge their Communication competition on February 27, 2022 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Brosseau and Councillors Blanchette and McEvoy agreed to judge the competition.

Council accepted this invitation for information.

**Letter – Cold Lake Alpine Skiing Society – Blizzard Blast – February 12-13, 2022**

A letter was received by Administration from the Cold Lake Alpine Skiing Society requesting a donation towards their Blizzard Blast race on February 12, 2022.

As the request was for \$250.00, Administration has issued the cheque and this item was put on the Agenda for information.

Council accepted this letter as information.

**QUESTIONS**

No questions were asked.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 7:11 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer