

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 COMMENCING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT

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

STAFF

Renee Stoyles – General Manager of Corporate Services, Jeannine Chornohos – Finance Director, Robynne Henry – Communications Coordinator, Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Jesse Stein, Executive Director – Primary Care Network
Dennis Germain, Vice-President - Bonnyville Junior "A" Pontiacs
Lauri Fitzpatrick, Executive Director and Janet Gobert, Community Initiative coordinator – Bonnyville Friendship Centre
Corey Dows, Treasurer, Bonnyville Agricultural Society
Roland Theroux, Resident (entered and exited at 1:17 p.m.)

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 1:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Brosseau read the following land acknowledgement: As we gather, we are reminded that the Town of Bonnyville is situated on Treaty 6 land, that is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is the traditional homeland and home to First Nations and Métis People today. We respect the histories, languages and cultures of First Nations, Métis and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

240 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the September 14, 2022, Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Bonnyville Junior "A" Pontiacs

Dennis Germain, Vice President of the Bonnyville Junior "A" Pontiacs gave an update on the Pontiacs and asked Council to continue their \$15,000.00 "Community Ambassador Program" sponsorship. This program subsidizes ticket prices, to keep the costs low for attendees at the games.

Councillor McEvoy asked if this program has been helping with attendance at the games.

**Bonnyville Junior "A"
Pontiacs**

Mr. Germain stated that the fan attendance has been affected by Covid, however, he is hopeful that this year attendance will increase again.

Mr. Germain stated that the Bonnyville Junior "A" Pontiacs have been in Town for 31 years and that the Bonnyville Senior Pontiacs will be celebrating 70 years in the community this season.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Mr. Germain for his presentation and he left the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Primary Care Network

Jesse Stein, Executive Director for the Primary Care Network (PCN) presented on the Child & Mental Health Collaborative and the HIVE Youth Hub.

She stated that the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative supported over 100 youth from the community. They have integrated a Social Worker into the Assessment process, and as AHS changes do not support Counselling services anymore, they have brought Counselling inside the organization as well.

The Child & Adolescent Mental Health Collaborative is increasing their ask from \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 so they can continue to enhance their clinical and social supports.

Councillor Blanchette asked if their services are used by surrounding areas as well.

Ms. Stein stated that the program currently only supports youths who have a primary physician at the Bonnyville Medical Clinic, however, they are hoping to expand into surrounding areas in the future.

Ms. Stein stated that the HIVE Youth Club took approximately 3 years of work to initiate, and they included a Youth Advisory Committee to ensure the youth in our community were included in the process. The mandate of the club is prevention and early prevention. Since June 2022 they have seen approximately 180 youth access the facility, with an increase in September due to after school traffic.

Mayor Brosseau asked about any Grants they have been using for funding.

Ms. Stein stated the Government grant they have been using was for a term of two years and is up for renewal this year, they have also received grants from the Town of Bonnyville, the M.D. of Bonnyville, FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) and have the support of a number of local businesses.

Primary Care Network

Councillor Kushnir asked what will happen if the renewal of the Grant is declined.

Ms. Stein stated that without the core grant, they would be unable to expand programming for the next two years, however, with the Town of Bonnyville and the MD of Bonnyville grants they would be able to keep the doors open. They are looking for the same funding as last year, which was \$50,000.00.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Jesse Stein for her presentation and Jesse left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Bonnyville Friendship Centre

Janet Gobert, Community Initiatives Coordinator and Lauri Fitzpatrick, Executive Director for the Bonnyville Friendship Centre presented to Council.

Janet Gobert stated that their budget to operate the Men's Shelter is approximately \$10,886 per month, they have decided to change the format to a version of the MAT program, where the shelter would operate from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 a.m., and due to winter coming they have decided to keep the volunteer portion open so the clients would then go over to the Friendship Centre to do their volunteer work and have access to the Community Kitchen. This way they could decrease wages as the home would not have to be staffed 24 hours a day.

In November 2022, the Friendship Centre will have access to the Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund and this will be \$30,000.00 that they will be able to access, they are also researching another grant as well.

As of right now, the Shelter is offsetting costs of rent, utilities and Wi-Fi with the Covid funding, unfortunately these funds will be exhausted at the end of March.

They are requesting an increase in funding from \$35,400.00 to \$50,400.00 for 2023.

Councillor Langridge asked if they have current financials available.

Janet Gobert stated that they are not completed as of yet, however, she will forward them once they are completed.

Mayor Brosseau asked who has access to the shelter.

Janet Gobert stated that most of the referrals do come from the RCMP and the Emergency Department at the Hospital, however she has been given referrals from Cold Lake, Lac La

Bonnyville Friendship Centre

Biche and Saddle Lake. Priority is given to the vulnerable sector in Bonnyville.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Janet Gobert and Laurie Fitzpatrick for their presentation and the ladies left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Bonnyville Agricultural Society

Corey Dows, Treasurer for the Bonnyville Agricultural Society stated that the Rodeo, Chuckwagons and Fall Fair were a success this year. The Indian Relay Races were cancelled however, they are in discussions with another group for the races to be held next year. He also stated that the Agricultural Society is planning on applying for two Grant programs for additional funding and that they are requesting the same amount from the Town of Bonnyville as last year, which was \$15,000.00.

Councillor McEvoy asked if the Society was looking at ways to make the grounds more wheelchair accessible.

Mr. Dows stated that they are working on options to make it more accessible, such as paving and ramps. Costs are being calculated and budget plans are in the works.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Corey Dows for the presentation.


ADJOURNMENT

241 **Moved by Councillor Kayla Blanchette** that the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 1:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 27th day of September, 2022.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer