

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN  
OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT  
THE TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022  
COMMENCING AT 1:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau; Councillors Phil Kushnir, Brian McEvoy, Byron Johnson, Kayla Blanchette, Neil Langridge, David Sharun (entered at 1:33 p.m.)

**STAFF**

Bill Rogers - Chief Administrative Officer, Renee Stoyles – General Manager of Corporate Services, Jeannine Chornohos – Finance Director, Robynne Henry – Communications Coordinator, Tracy Ghostkeeper – Executive Assistant

**GUESTS**

Morris Mickalyk, Bonnyville Museum  
Colin Hanusz, Bonnyville Curling Club  
Shon Gamache, Bonnyville Gear Grabbers  
Leah Woodford, Bonnyville Municipal Library  
Charlene Rask, Judith Rodriguez, Ashley Hebert and Silke Skinner, Bonnyville SPCA

**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 15, 2022**

242 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the agenda for the September 15, 2022, Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

**Bonnyville Gear Grabbers**

Shon Gamache stated that attendance at the Gear Grabbers Drag Weekend increased, they had 100 vehicles sign up and the Car Show, moved from the Centennial Centre to the Airport, which was also a huge success. He stated that they are going to combine the events again next year. Their request this year remains the same as previous years at \$5,000.00.

### **Bonnyville Gear Grabbers**

Councillor Johnson asked if there are any new events planned for the future.

Mr. Gamache stated that they did have a mini cruise planned to go through Town, however, it was rained out this year, so they are hoping to expand the cruise for next year.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Mr. Gamache for his presentation, and he left the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

### **Bonnyville & District SPCA**

Charlene Rask, President, stated that the SPCA has been a registered Not for Profit organization since July 2000 and celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year during the pandemic. She stated that they have started a new project in honour of a long-time volunteer and advocate who passed away this year, it is called Erwin's Pet Project, which focuses on fundraising for spay and neuter programs.

Ms. Rask stated that funding comes from fees charged, the Town and M.D. and fundraising. This year they are asking to increase their funding from \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 yearly.

Councillor Langridge asked what the Safety Fees line included on their Financials was for.

Ms. Rask stated that this year they had a Safety Company come in do an overhaul of the organization to ensure safety and that they were OH&S compliant. They are now compliant and up to date on all policies and OH&S, and it was a one-time fee.

Councillor McEvoy asked if they have thought about having the Council members as voting members on their board, as that might help with interest and engagement from other municipalities.

Ms. Rask stated that as of right now there is no limit on Terms for Board members, so the majority of their Board are long term members. She did also state that they are looking at other organizations to see what they are doing in regards to their membership and boards and will be making some changes to their policies, at which time they will review who they have as voting members.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Ms. Rask for her presentation, and she left the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

### **Bonnyville & District Historical Society**

Morris Mickalyk, President, gave Council an update on the on the last couple years of activities including the addition of the St. Anne's Church that was moved to the Museum property. He also stated that the Visual Arts Society now rents a space at the Museum for their monthly meetings, they hired three additional employees for the summer and attendance was up



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Historical Society**

again due to schools and organizational groups being able to visit.  
Mr. Mickalyk stated that they are increasing their request this year from \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00 for additional enhancements to the property, including a day use camp area and a golf cart for staff and to use for people with mobility issues to tour the grounds.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Mr. Mickalyk for his presentation.

Councillor Sharun entered the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

**Riverland Recreational Trail  
Society**

Marvin Bjornstad, President, informed Council of the activities of the Society over the last year and the costs associated with them. He stated the Staging Area in Spedden is now complete and open. He advised Council that they are working on a 10-year plan and will be back in the future to share that plan with Council.

Councillor Kushnir asked Marvin for an explanation of how the Muni-Corr and Society work together.

Mr. Bjornstad stated that the Society is a group of volunteers and is a non-profit organization, which allows the society to apply for some grants that the Muni-Corr organization cannot. He stated they do have a 20-year agreement with Muni-Corr for operating the trails, and they have a great relationship sharing different duties in relation to the upkeep of the trail.

The Riverland Recreational Trail Society is requesting the same funding as previous years.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Marvin Bjornstad for the presentation.

**Bonnyville Curling Club**

Colin Hanusz, President, stated their request remains the same as in previous years, \$23,000.00, however, they would like permission to use a portion of this money for utilities as well as repairs and maintenance. He stated that last year they were able to break even, due to revenue from the Casino fundraiser and he is expecting the membership and advertising revenues to increase this year as well.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Colin Hanusz for the presentation, and he left the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Morris Mickalyk and Marvin Bjornstad left the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

**Bonnyville Municipal Library**

Leah Woodford, Library Manager, presented Council with a presentation detailing the activities happening at the library

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and future plans for and at the library. The request from the library remains the same as previous year at \$137,964.00.

Councillor Sharun asked if the library conducts proctored exams.

Ms. Woodford stated that they can proctor exams for students who need to take a supervised exam and they can call the library to book these times.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Leah Woodford for the presentation and she left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

243 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 2:23 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer