

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau: Councillors David Sharun, Brian McEvoy, 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, Robynne Henry – Communications Coordinator, Ted Traikovski – General Manager of Planning and Community Services, Rachelle Lavoie – F.C.S.S Director, and Lorna Wagner – Records Management Clerk

**GUESTS**

Bonnyville Regional Fire Chief Dan Heney

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2023**

- 001 **Moved by Councillor Byron Johnson** that the revised agenda for the January 10, 2023 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2022**

- 002 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendment to Motion No. 333 to read:

**Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1539-22 – Bylaw to Establish Fees and Charges for Recreation Services and that Bylaw No. 1095-95 is hereby repealed.

**CARRIED**

## BYLAW

### BYLAW NO. 1544-23 – REPEAL OBSOLETE AIRPORT BYLAWS

- 003 Administration presented Bylaw No. 1544-23 to Repeal Obsolete Airport Bylaws. Bylaw No. 686, a bylaw to establish an airport commission for the purpose of constructing and operating the Bonnyville Municipal Airport and Bylaw No. 1091-95, a bylaw to authorize the operation of the Bonnyville Regional Airport and to establish fees and charges for the operation of the Bonnyville Regional Airport are obsolete as the MD of Bonnyville purchased the Bonnyville Regional Airport in December of 2020.

### BYLAW NO. 1544-23 – REPEAL OBSOLETE AIRPORT BYLAWS – FIRST READING

- 004 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council provide first reading to Bylaw No. 1544-23 to repeal Bylaw No. 686 and Bylaw No. 1091-95 with Schedule “A” – the Airport Bylaws.

#### CARRIED

### BYLAW NO. 1544-23 – REPEAL OBSOLETE AIRPORT BYLAWS – SECOND READING

- 005 **Moved by Councillor Kayla Blanchette** that Council provide second reading to Bylaw No. 1544-23 to repeal Bylaw No. 686 and Bylaw No. 1091-95 with Schedule “A” – the Airport Bylaws.

#### CARRIED

### BYLAW NO. 1544-23 – REPEAL OBSOLETE AIRPORT BYLAWS – PROCEED TO THIRD AND FINAL READING

- 006 **Moved by Councillor Byron Johnson** that Council proceed to third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1544-23 to repeal Bylaw No. 686 and Bylaw No. 1091-95 with Schedule “A” – the Airport Bylaws.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### BYLAW NO. 1544-23 – REPEAL OBSOLETE AIRPORT BYLAWS – THIRD READING

- 007 **Moved by Councillor David Sharun** that Council provide third and final reading to Bylaw No. 1544-23 to repeal Bylaw No. 686 and Bylaw No. 1091-95 with Schedule “A” – the Airport Bylaws.

#### CARRIED

## FINANCE

### November 2022 Financial Report - Operating

- 008 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that Council accept the November 2022 Financial Report – Operating for information.

#### CARRIED

### November 2022 Financial Report - Capital

- 009 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the November 2022 Financial Report – Capital for information.

#### CARRIED

**November 2022 Bank Reconciliation**

- 010 **Moved by Councillor David Sharun** that Council accept the November 2022 Bank Reconciliation for information.

**CARRIED**

**2022 Utility Write Off's**

Renee Stoyles, General Manager of Corporate Services, an account for a customer who has passed away. This account is deemed uncollectible as the estate has been finalized and the property sold.

**2022 Utility Write Off's**

- 011 **Moved by Councillor Neil Langridge** that Council direct Administration to write off \$18.59 to bad debts for 2022 Utility Write Offs.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS**

Councillor Neil Langridge declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**Funding Commitment and Letter of Support for the 2024 or 2025 National Junior A Championships Bid**

The Town of Bonnyville received a letter from Ron Rusnak, President of the Bonnyville Jr. A Pontiacs requesting a letter of financial commitment in their bid to host the 2024 or 2025 National Junior A Championship.

This tournament, formally known as the RBC Cup includes a ten-team format featuring league champions from all nine member leagues of the Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) and the Host team.

Should the bid be successful, the Pontiacs are requesting a financial commitment from the Town in the amount of \$175,000.00 plus half of the cost of the Centennial Centre for the 11-day tournament (estimated at \$38,500.00, based on the 2016 World Jr. "A" Challenge tournament we hosted) for a total financial commitment from the Town, estimated at an amount of \$213,500.00.

- 012 **Moved by Councillor Byron Johnson** that Council approve a letter of financial commitment in the amount of \$175,000.00 plus half for the facility costs, estimated to be \$38,500.00 for a total commitment of \$213,500.00, to be included in the 2024 budget to be funded from any surplus from 2022 or 2023 or the General Operating Reserve.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Neil Langridge returned to the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

**Northern Lights Library  
System 2023 Levy**

The Town of Bonnyville contributes annually to the Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) based on a levy calculated using municipal populations. In 2022, the Town paid \$36,196.83 based on a population of 6,921 at \$5.23 per Capita; the population used in the calculation is the 2016 population figures.

- 013 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council accept the presented Northern Lights Library System Board 2023 Budget at 1.5% Levy increase.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Phil Kushnir**

Councillor Kushnir attended the Santa's Elves Wrapping Party, the BRFA (Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority) meeting, the Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers deliveries, the City of Cold Lake Zoom Healthcare Announcement, and a dinner with Alberta Municipalities Long Term Service award recipients Rene Van Brabant, Lorna Storoschuk, and Ray Prevost.

**Councillor Brian McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy attended the City of Cold Lake Zoom Healthcare Announcement, a dinner with Alberta Municipalities Long Term Service award recipients Rene Van Brabant, Lorna Storoschuk, and Ray Prevost, and the Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting.

**Councillor Kayla Blanchette**

Councillor Blanchette attended the Senior AA Pontiacs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Game, a dinner with Alberta Municipalities Long Term Service award recipients Rene Van Brabant, Lorna Storoschuk, and Ray Prevost, the Lakeland Lodge & Housing meeting, a Christmas lunch with the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board members and the FCSS staff, and the Events Committee meeting

**Mayor Elisa Brosseau**

Mayor Brosseau attended the Senior AA Pontiacs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Game, a dinner with Alberta Municipalities Long Term Service award recipients Rene Van Brabant, Lorna Storoschuk, and Ray Prevost, a Meet and Greet with Covenant Health, and an executive meeting with the Bilingual Association.

**Councillor David Sharun**

Councillor Sharun attended the Ag Society AGM, the Pathways Alliance Webinar, the Northern Lights Library System Board meeting, the Town Christmas Parade, the Lakeland Lodge and Housing meeting, the Town Christmas Party, the Kehewin Cree Nation Pow Wow Committee Glitz and Glam Gala, the Town Budget Open House, an Ag Society Board meeting, the Ag Society Christmas Party, the City of Cold Lake Zoom Healthcare Announcement, the Lakeland

**Councillor David Sharun**

Lodge and Housing Board meeting and Christmas Social, and an Ag Society meeting.

**Councillor Neil Langridge**

Councillor Langridge attended the City of Cold Lake Zoom Healthcare Announcement, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting, and the Events Committee meeting.

**Councillor Byron Johnson**

Councillor Johnson attended the Santa's Elves Wrapping Party, the Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission meeting and AGM, the Senior AA Pontiacs 70th Anniversary Celebration Game, a Daycare Board meeting and Christmas Supper, the City of Cold Lake Zoom Healthcare Announcement, a dinner with Alberta Municipalities Long Term Service award recipients Rene Van Brabant, Lorna Storoschuk, and Ray Prevost, a Christmas lunch with the FCSS Board members and the FCSS staff, and attended the Events Committee meeting.

## **INFORMATION**

**Email – Government of Alberta – Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan Released**

Administration received an email from the office of Melonie Doucette, Regional Economic Development Specialist, North East Region to announce that the Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan is released.

Council accepted this email for information.

**Invitation – Smoky Lake Family Cultural Gala – February 25, 2023**

Administration received an invitation from the Smoky Lake Ukrainian Twinning committee inviting Council to attend the Smoky Lake Family Cultural Gala on February 25, 2023 to raise funds for their Twin community Kosiv, Ukraine.

Council accepted this invitation as information.

**Invitation – Lakeland Centre for FASD – Open House – January 11, 2023**

An invitation to Council was received from the Lakeland Centre for FASD to their Open House on January 11, 2023.

Council accepted this invitation as information.

**Letter – 2022 Alberta Vacancy and Rental Cost Survey (AVS) – Senior, Community and Social Services of Alberta**

A notification letter from Senior, Community and Social Services Alberta was received with the 2022 Alberta Vacancy and Rental Cost Survey Report.

Council accepted this letter as information.

**JSG Engagement, Government of Alberta – Virtual Community Justice Centre Engagement Sessions – January 20, February 3, February 24, 2023.**

An email invitation from JSG Engagement, Government of Alberta was received to participate in Virtual Community Justice Centre Engagement Sessions on January 20, February 3, and February 24, 2023.

Council accepted this email as information.



**Email – Healthcare Improvement Update – Minister Jason Copping, Minister of Health, Government of Alberta**

An email update on Healthcare Improvement in Alberta was received from Minister Jason Copping, Minister of Health, Government of Alberta.

Council accepted this email as information.

**Letter – Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Alberta Municipalities Conference – Fall 2022 Meeting**

A letter was received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police thanking the Town of Bonnyville for the meeting at the Alberta Municipalities Conference in the Fall of 2022.

Council accepted this letter as information.

## **QUESTIONS**

Councillor Phil Kushnir asked Fire Chief Dan Heney about the Ministry of Health's program regarding interfacility transfers and what was the outcome in Bonnyville which was one of four designated areas for this program.

Fire Chief Dan Heney stated that the pilot project was successful and that it brought down the transfers by 12 percent.

## **IN CAMERA**

- 014 **Moved by Councillor Kayla Blanchette** that Council close the meeting to the public and move to In-Camera for Council Agenda item 11.a) Personnel – FOIP Sections (17) & (27).

Time: 6:27 p.m.

### **CARRIED**

## **OUT OF CAMERA**

- 015 **Moved by Councillor Phil Kushnir** that Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 7:35 p.m.

### **CARRIED**

**Economic Development Strategy Proposal Award**

- 016 **Moved by Councillor Neil Langridge** that Council award the Economic Development Strategy Proposal award to Deloitte LLP up to an amount of \$63,000.00.

### **CARRIED**

**Northern and Regional Economic Development Program (NRED) Grant**

- 017 **Moved by Councillor Brian McEvoy** that Council direct Administration to apply for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program (NRED) Grant to cover 50% of the costs of the Town's Economic Development Strategy .

### **CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 7:37 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer