



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
4917 49 Avenue
Bonnyville, Alberta

PRESENT: Mayor Elisa Brosseau, Councillor Brian McEvoy, Councillor Kayla Blanchette, Councillor Phil Kushnir, Councillor Byron Johnson

ABSENT: Councillor David Sharun, Councillor Neil Langridge

STAFF: Bill Rogers - Chief Administrative Officer, Renee Stoyles - General Manager of Corporate Services, Jeannine Chornohos - Finance Director, Tracy Ghostkeeper - Executive Assistant, Joe Kopala - Building Safety Codes Manager, Robynne Henry - Communications Coordinator, Mark Laver - Economic Development Officer

GUESTS: Dan Heney, Regional Fire Chief BRFA, Bob Daudlin & Cory Allen - Accurate Assessment Group Ltd, Robert Latimer - Stormy Lake Consulting, Courtney Nielson, Lakeland Connect

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INDIGENOUS 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 Metis People today. We respect the histories, languages and cultures of First Nations, Metis and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion No. 071

Moved by: Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT the agenda for the March 14, 2023 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.a Council Meeting Minutes

Motion No. 072

Moved by: Councillor Kayla Blanchette

THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.a Accurate Assessment Group Ltd- Bob Daudlin & Cory Allen

Bob Daudelin and Cory Allen, Accurate Assessment Group Ltd, presented the 2022 Assessment Update to Council.

Bob Daudelin stated that residential assessments in the Town of Bonnyville increased by 4%, while non-residential decreased by 4%, total assessment value increased by 2%. He also stated that this is the first time since 2015, that residential assessments have increased in the Town of Bonnyville.

Mayor Brosseau asked how foreclosures affect the next year's numbers.

Bob Daudelin replied that when the market is reviewed the only transactions they take into account are the ones with willing buyers and willing sellers, so transactions such as foreclosures are not utilized in the analysis.

Cory Allen explained the reinspection schedule for Bonnyville and stated that the Assessors look for changes and improvements to the home that will increase the value of the home, however, homes that are older and need some improvements the value may decrease the value over the year.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Bob Daudelin and Cory Allen for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

6. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION - See Separate Minutes

Motion No. 073

Moved by: Councillor Byron Johnson

THAT Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and enter into a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED



Motion No. 074

Moved by: Councillor Byron Johnson

THAT the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting be adjourned and Council enter into the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 6:52 p.m.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS

7.a Request for Decision - Cold Lake First Nations Career Fair

Administration received a letter from Chief Kelsey Jacko, Cold Lake First Nations inviting the Town to participate and sponsor their Career Fair activities scheduled for April 19, 2023. Participation sponsorship levels range from a Bronze Level Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to a Platinum Level Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The Career Fair will focus on current career opportunities and potential future initiatives as well as allow businesses and organizations to create and enhance positive public relations and build and establish productive working relationships with First Nation communities in Treaty 6.

The Town has not participated in this event previously and due to the Covid 19 Pandemic has had limited opportunities of this nature in the past couple of years.

Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 075

Moved by: Councillor Byron Johnson

THAT Council sponsor the Cold Lake First Nations Career Fair in the amount of \$500.00 to be funded for Council Receptions and Public Relations.

CARRIED

7.b Request for Decision - Farm Safety Centre Donation Request

Administration received a Donation Request Form with accompanying letter from Jordan Jensen, Executive Director with Farm Safety Centre requesting that Council consider a donation in the amount of \$350.00 to \$500.00 for the delivery of the Safety Smarts Program to rural elementary students in the community.

The Safety Smarts Program has been delivered continuously since 1998 and is offered province wide by a regional team of instructors. In the 2022 calendar year, the Safety Smarts Program team delivered a total of 1,676 Safety Smarts presentations to 36,413 elementary students in 399 rural communities across Alberta.

Motion No. 076

Moved by: Councillor Phil Kushnir

THAT Council provide a donation in the amount of \$350.00 to Farm Safety Centre for their Safety Smarts Program.

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Kushnir attended the Brownlee Emerging Trends webinar, an AB Hub meeting, volunteered as an announcer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Winterland Invitational Hockey Tournament, an Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting, a Community Policing Committee meeting, a Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA) meeting, he joined Council to have a picture taken in Bonnyville Jr. A Pontiacs jerseys and a NE Muni-Corr Ltd meeting.

Councillor McEvoy attended the Alberta Counsel Budget 2023 webinar, the Portage College Scholarship Fundraising Dinner, a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting and a Doctor Recruitment meeting.

Councillor Blanchette attended the Alberta Counsel Budget 2023 webinar, a Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation meeting and a meeting with the FCSS (Family & Community Support Services) Director.

Mayor Brosseau attended the Alberta Counsel Budget 2023 webinar, a meeting with Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA), an introduction meeting with the Project Manager for Imperial Oil Cold Lake, a meeting with Microtel owner and area manager, and ABMA Executive meeting and the Doctor Recruitment meeting.

Councillor Johnson attended the Alberta Counsel Budget 2023 webinar and the Portage College Scholarship Fundraising Dinner

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.a Letter - Minister of Municipal Affairs - Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) and 2023 MSI Allocations

Administration received a letter from the Minister of Municipal affairs advising the Town of the 2023 MSI allocations and funding under the new Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) and the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).

Council accepted this letter for information.

9.b Letter - Minister of Municipal Affairs - Budget 2023

Administration received a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding how the 2023 Budget will impact municipalities.

Council accepted this letter for information.

9.c RMHC Winterland Invitational 2023 Event Report

Administration received the Ronald McDonald House Charities Winterland Invitational 2023 Event Report.

Council accepted this report for information.

9.d Appendix "A"

Applicable policies related to Requests for Decisions will be referred to here to assist Council when making decisions based on financial requests.

Policy No. 22-FN-083 – Sponsorships and Donations Policy

Policy No. 22-FN-084 – Grant Recognition Policy

Council Receptions & Public Relations Spreadsheet

10. QUESTIONS

No questions were asked.

11. IN CAMERA

In addition to Council, Bill Rogers, CAO and Renee Stoyles, General Manager of Corporate Services and Mark Laver, Economic Development Officer attended the In-Camera session to provide Administrative and Procedural support.

Motion No. 077

Moved by: Councillor Kayla Blanchette

THAT Council close the meeting to the public and move to In-Camera for Council Agenda Item(s): 11a), 11b) and 11c).

Time: 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED



Mark Laver - Economic Development Officer, and Robert Latimer - Stormy Lake Consulting, left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Councillor Kayla Blanchette declared a conflict with Item 11b) and left the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

12. OUT OF CAMERA

Motion No. 078

Moved by: Councillor Phil Kushnir

THAT Council adjourn In Camera and return to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Time: 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 079

Moved by: Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this 28th day of March, 2023.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Office