

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 20, 2016
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Romanko
Deputy Mayor Frank Barry
Councillor Roy Dyck

Loni Leslie, Chief Administrative Officer
Earla Wagar, Administrative Clerk

GALLERY: Alicia Fox, Smoky Lake Signal

ORDER: Mayor Romanko called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M..

1. AGENDA

Additions/Changes

2. DELEGATION**3. MINUTES**

- a) Regular Council Meeting – May 17, 2016

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**5. REPORTS**

- a) Administration: Loni Leslie
- b) Public Works: Kevin Smith
- c) Council Reports

6. BUSINESS:

- d) Water Billing consideration
- e) Emergency Management Meeting (Fall)

6. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- a) Review MGA Responsibilities

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Accounts paid to May 31, 2016 - \$28,846.15
 - a. Cheques 12802-12812 \$11,523.77
 - b. EFT payments May 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016 - \$17,322.38

8. CORRESPONDENCE**9. NEXT MEETING**

- a) HUB AGM, June 22, 2016 5:30
- b) Joint Municipalities –June 27th, 2016 Smoky Lake Golf Course
- c) Monday, August 8, 2016 – Muni-Corr Meeting 8:30am and Golf Tournament 10:00am
- d) Set Summer Schedule

10. ADIOURNMENT

Res. 048-16 Deputy Mayor Barry moved the agenda be accepted.

CARRIED

2. DELEGATION:

3. MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting, May 17, 2016

Res. 049-16 Moved by Councillor Dyck that the minutes from the May 17, 2016 Regular Council meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

5. REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION REPORT & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Presented by Loni Leslie, CAO

- Taxes owing (arrears) are reduced again this month:

TAXES OWING AS AT June 20/16

CURRENT Taxes Owing (Billed May 30 2016)	\$267,370.65
Prior Years Taxes Owing	\$115,945.79
Interest Owing	\$55,254.89
TOTAL TAXES OWING	\$438,571.33

Less Village owned property (Tax Recovery) (\$34,113.63)

Less Monthly withdrawal

EFT's 2016 (Pd by Dec31/16) (\$19,570.10)

Adjusted Total Taxes Owing \$384,887.60

Total Utilities Trans to Tax 2016 \$8,432.08

Other Receivables Trans to Tax in 2016 \$2,707.70

(Both incl. in above total)

- The combined Assessment and Tax notices were sent out on May 30th. Utility billings will go out beginning of June.
- I attended a CAO information session in Vermilion on June 14th. The sessions were very good and current. They intend to continue to hold these sessions as they continue to be well attended. Two

sessions stand out and I have included them in your meeting packages with the Correspondence.

- We have finally received approval from Alberta Transportation regarding the lift station upgrades. There is some paperwork for me to do to move MSI Capital funds to the 25% only portion and other much needed projects.
- The funds from the Vilna Housing Development Corporation have been transferred to the Village operating account and the VHDC account is now closed.
- The Continuing Care final report from ICCER (Institute for Continuing Care Education and Research) has been received. We hope to do more with this information in future.
- The library's annual financial report and budget are complete and will be going to Libraries Branch by June 30.
- Bonnie Lake bookings are up and we have a 3 month booking on one stall.
- Public Works has been working weekly on 52 Street – grading and packing. It continues to be a challenge due to the poor structure of the road and the way it was built originally on a poor base. When funds become available, it will be a priority.
- The power outage on June 16th caused a problem with the emergency water pump engine. Spare parts will be obtained and on hand for any future parts failure (starter, alternator). A heat shield has been fashioned to be installed between the block and the starter to protect the starter from the block's heat and damage to the coils.

MAYOR ROMANKO'S REPORTS

Foundation Meeting, May 18, 2015

- Lodge Renewal for Vilna - no word yet.
- Engineers have indicated a need for a fire hydrant closer to the lodge for sprinkler system, supposedly will be paid for by grant.
- Parking Lot for Sunrise dealt with - moved garden 12' so will provide parking for Sunrise and Cedar Manors, power will be roughed in.
- Parking rates will be adjusted for those using power and those not using power.
- BarVNook full.

- Vilna 25/28
- New recreation aid hired for Vilna.
- Lots of damage in Native Housing in Vilna.
- New gazebo needed for Vilna, Vilna Fire Department donated \$500 to rebuild it.

- Maintenance
 - New backup lighting needed in Waskatenau Manor.
 - New energy provider to be looked into for self-contained units.
 - Warrantee issues in New BarVNook, to be looked at on June 8.
 - Mattresses are falling apart.
 - Software issues in BVN.

- CAO
 - 2% increase in LAPP financing.
 - 2% increase in maintenance for self-contained units.
 - Planning to look into modernization of Vilna Lodge.
- Meeting to be held with Mike Leathwood, Deputy Minister of Alberta Housing, Seniors Division, regarding an offer to take over payments and lodge by the province. Foundation would continue to run the buildings.

- Negotiations Committee
 - 3 year agreement.
 - 1% this year, ½ % next year with benefits, 1.5% in 3rd year.
 - Shift differential to be paid.

28/63 Water Commission, May25, 2016

- 25 Year Agreement with St. Paul County.
- St. Paul started construction on May long weekend, possible completion at end of September.
- Ruhr agreement settled at preconference trial, \$5,250 to be paid, judge said agreement was poorly worded.
- Province still owes commission \$85 000.
- One property problem still not settled.
- No word of Telus.

- Talk of reduction in number of meetings.

Library Meeting, June 16, 2016

- CFEP grant applied for to upgrade library facilities.
- New Horizons Grant person to be in Vilna on June 21, 1-4:00pm.
- Janet Rydel, FCSS coordinator needs date for Library Board and Council to meet for presentation.

- Reviewed and passed Budget.
- Will try to get increase in Budget from County since we offer so many more programs than other libraries in County.

DEPUTY MAYOR BARRY REPORTS

RCDC meeting May, 2016

- Shaun presented his report on what he has done and plans to do
- Sheila Willis from Friends of Historical Northern Alberta Society made a presentation
 - Preparing map of northern area (north of Yellowhead) have over 10K points on it;
 - Icons on map color coded, click on it tell you how many attractions in area;
 - Preparing little vignettes including one on Peter Erasmus a known Metis;
 - Agree to donate \$4000 from budget.
- Talk to Travel Alberta about getting an official info center;
- Going to try to get Smoky Lake Chamber of Commerce and Bellis Board of Trade to attend on regular basis;
- Deferred working on 20 year plan as not all communities represented;
- Talked a bit about Fort McMurray Fire Evacuation Reception Center;
- Ron mentioned Two Hills County Council has had Emergency Management training. I will contact Ian Fox (EMA officer) to see about it.
- Gave Shaun his performance review and went over it with him.
- Follow-up re: meeting with representatives from Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce to discuss possible twinning and how/what areas we could work-good discussion has potential benefits for both sides.

Evacuation/ Reception Center – Ft. McMurray Evacuation

- Activated May 4th at 11:30 p.m., open 24 hours per day but later cut hours (8 to 9).
- After May long weekend moved supplies to county office - no meals - manned by County staff - finally deactivated on Monday June 13, 2016
- 200 registered, nobody stayed overnight. Had cots for them to use.
- Provided some supplies and meals to those who showed up, - problem of not knowing how many would show up.
- Lots of donations (food, clothing, bedding, toiletries, water, toys, crayons) Sent leftovers to Food bank and Lac La Biche;
- Heard some interesting stories. Many lessons learned.

- Debriefing meeting to follow.
- After two weeks got harder to get volunteers to work - something to keep in mind
- Plan to hold public meeting in September dealing with emergency preparedness.

COUNCILLOR DYCK REPORTS

- Attended the Municipal Affairs presentation on the amendments to the Municipal Government Act, in Lac La Biche on June 2, 2016.
- The COPS members worked at the Fort McMurray Evacuation Centre in Smoky Lake as security,
- The COPS members are getting involved with Emergency Preparedness.

Res 050-16

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barry that the reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Water Billing consideration

During May and the fire in Ft. McMurray, some Vilna households were accommodating many of their family members who may or may not have lost everything. The upcoming water billing will, for at least two households show a large consumption of water.

In light of the tragedy to these families, would Council consider a reduction of the billings? It is difficult to determine a dollar amount, but a maximum could be set and determination left to administration's best judgement.

Res. 051-15

Moved by Councillor Dyck that some monetary consideration be given to those families struck by the impact of the fire in Ft. McMurray and allow administration to adjust the consumption portion of the upcoming billing to a maximum of \$100.00 per household.

CARRIED

b) Emergency Management Public Meeting

Res 052-16

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barry that a Public Emergency Management information meeting be scheduled for September 14, 2016 at the Cultural Centre, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES:**a) Review of the MGA and Amendments**

Administration presented a summary of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Government Act, indicating the previous items, the amendments and the possible ramifications. These items were discussed at the Lac La Biche workshop on June 2nd, with full Council and the CAO in attendance.

Council responsibilities as identified in the current MGA were highlighted to Council with a proposal to review any areas where Council felt that they would like further clarification.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:**a) Expenditures****Res. 053-16**

Moved by Councillor Dyck that the expenditures from May 10, 2016 to May 31, 2016 totaling \$28,846.15 through payment of cheques #12802 – 12812 in the amount of \$11,523.77 and direct deposits and payroll to May 31, 2016 in the amount of \$17,322.38 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Alberta Municipal Affairs, re: Ministers Award of Excellence
- b) Smoky Lake Region, re: Notes from Round Table meetings
- c) Alberta Municipal Affairs, re: Safety Code Exemptions
- d) Alberta Seniors & Housing, re: Aging In Place planning
- e) Shannon Stubbs, M.P., re: Letter of Introduction
- f) News Release, re: Resignation of Alberta Health Services CEO
- g) Smoky Lake Foundation, re: Requisition and Financial Report
- h) Municipal Affairs, re: Ministers tour schedule
- i) ATCO, re: Notice to change lights to LED
- j) ATCO, re: Invitation
- k) Ukrainian Village, re: Tours
- l) Victoria Home Guard, re: Event Schedule
- m) Alberta Minister of Senior & Housing, re: Grants In Lieu
- n) Brad Pickering, re: Provincial Board Amalgamation
- o) Response Letter to Alberta Health, re: X-Ray

p) Letter of Support, re: Infinity Petroleum

Res. 054-16 Moved by Councillor Dyck that the correspondence be accepted for information.

10. NEXT MEETING:

- a) HUB AGM, June 22, 2016 5:30
- b) Joint Muni – June 27, 2016 – Smoky Lake
- c) Summer Schedule

Res. 055-16 Moved by Mayor Romanko that the next scheduled Council meeting will be on September 19th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., however should the need arise for Council to meet prior to this date, a Special Meeting will be called.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Res. 056-16 Mayor Romanko adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Donald Romanko, Mayor

Loni Leslie, CAO