

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 17, 2013
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: Mayor Don Romanko
Deputy Mayor Frank Barry
Councillor Ron Farmer

Loni Leslie, Chief Administrative Officer
Earla Wagar, Administration

ABSENT:

GALLERY:

ORDER: Mayor Romanko called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. AGENDA:

Item 6. c. Library Audit Review
Item 6 .d. Sidewalk to Lodge
Item 6 e. Fish & Game Archery Contest
Item 6. f. Fire Bans
Item 6. g. Riding Mower

Res. 089-13 Deputy Mayor Barry moved the agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

2. DELEGATION:

3. MINUTES:

a. Regular Council Meeting May 20, 2013

Res. 090-13 Moved by Councillor Farmer that the minutes of May 20, 2013
Regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

a. Councillor Farmer indicated that through discussions with past Mayor Carol Trider, the mushrooms at Mushroom Park require a special paint, using an air brush technique to paint. Further investigation will be done before the statues are resurfaced.

5. REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION REPORT & PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Presented by CAO, Loni Leslie

- Tax Notices were mailed on May 31, 2013 and the necessary “Notices mailed” advertisement was put in the Redwater Review for the following week’s paper.
- Of the 12 tax recovery notifications, two are now paid in full, two are applying for the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program through the Alberta government, two will be signing a payment arrangement agreement, one has indicated they will pay before December, four have status unknown as yet, and one there is virtually no chance of payment and we will have to sell (residential) when the time comes.
- The regional water line is to the plant, they are now flushing from Bellis to Spedden using Vilna’s water (raw) which is the only water in the area good enough for the contractor’s purposes. We are looking into recovery costs for this. Soon, the contractor will require treated water and we will have to decide what we will charge, and who is paying for it.
- We have received operating MSI monies into our account 2011. We should receive the MSI Capital request for 2013, it should be approved shortly, as the numbers to Municipal Affairs and Transportation have been finalized.
- The annual inspection of the waterworks system report has been responded to as required. The response letter is attached for your information, and in case you are asked any by ratepayers.
- We have been requested to close the alley south of 49th Avenue. It is not being used and in fact has been virtually absorbed by properties along it.
- The water leak on 48th Street turned out to be the hospital’s service line. It was broken in two places (cracks not holes). Today, we discovered that there is another break on 48th Street

just south of 51st Avenue. 1st calls have been placed, and we await those before repair.

- Once the County fire ban was lifted, the Vilna Fire Department burned off the wood and cardboard burn piles at the Vilna transfer station and the Spedden Landfill site.
- We have been requested to reconsider the motion of Council May 2012 #62-12 regarding following the County's lead with fire bans. Following is the wording of our Community Standards Bylaw 492-12, S.12:

FIRE BAN

- “Notwithstanding any provision of this or any other bylaw the Council or Fire Chief or their designate may declare a partial or complete ban on burning of any kind within the Village Limits.
 - “No Person shall build, ignite or allow any kind of Fire contrary to a fire ban declared by the Fire Chief or their designate. “
 - I have discussed this with a number of members of the fire department, who all feel that the Fire Chief should be the one making the call for the Village. None of the senior members of the department can ever recall a fire caused by a campfire, but most are caused by house fires, burning barrels (out of town) or intentionally lit fires. We can simply rescind motion #62-12 if it is your wish.
- **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - by Kevin Smith – Presented by Loni Leslie**
- The water break on 48th street and 51st Avenue was on the service line to the Health Centre. It actually was two breaks on the one line.
 - There is third break on that same line, this one on 48th street south of 51st Avenue.
 - The crew flushing the regional water line has asked to use about 900 cubic meters of treated water to flush the lines. What would be the cost?

- Equipment is running well, except the 1830 tractor. I believe it to be a blown head gasket or a cracked head. Once I've had a chance to look at it, I'll get you an assessment.
- The rain has put us behind with the mowing. I will push through this week and week-end to get caught up.
- My wife & I have flowers we wish to donate for Main Street. They will be put up this week.

MAYOR ROMANKO'S REPORT

Smoky Lake Foundation Regular Meeting, May 22

- The maintenance worker has resigned to take job of Town Foreman at Smoky Lake.
- ASLI report had to pay lawyers \$2 800 to confirm that Prequalification of Construction firms is legal. No date for spade in the ground.
- Seniors Week June 3 to 9. Vilna Lodge had a barbeque on June 3 at 11:45, and BarVNook June 9.
- Vilna has three vacancies, but several inquiries. Approved \$2,000.00 for the purchase linens. Now waiting for final bids for flooring and painting. Vilna newsletter complemented again.
- Norm Martiniuk has accepted an application for Vilna's R&N house.
- BarVNook has had staffing problems because of health problems, but have hired a casual aid. Jeanette back on June 3.
- Waskatenau still has 4 vacancies.
- Lodge rentals to go up on July 1.
- Draft policy for Holiday Leave Protocol was introduced and will be dealt with next meeting.
- Next meeting July 3.

28/63 Water Commission Meeting, May 27, Smoky Lake

- Leak identified on Smoky Lake / Bellis section. Response was to be dealt with on May 7, after uncovering line it was found to be not bedded properly.
- Chlorinating line between Waskatenau and Warspite started on April 27. Samples were to be taken May 27.
- Smoky Lake to begin drawing down reservoir and flushing lines this week. Discussion as to problem of insufficient water supply because of dry conditions. Still no agreement with Capital on water supply to Smoky Lake.

- Audited financial statement completed and filed with Municipal Affairs.
- Bellis/Vilna line completed and commissioning has started. Right of way cleaning is 50% complete.
- Multi-discipline contract (tie-ins) for Smoky Lake, Bellis, Vilna and Spedden with Nason to start in a month.
- Bellis Fill station tender to close on June 11.

28/63 Water Commission Meeting, May 27, Smoky Lake

- The Engineers have requested that Smoky Lake County have a representative attend all their meetings since Bellis station is a different design.
- A leak was located in the main line at RR 145.
- The Muni-Corr contract was deferred to the next meeting in order to work on some wording concerns.
- Flint Field Services has begun work on the Bellis Station.
- It has been determined that the water lines won't be ready to turn water on to Vilna until spring 2014.
- The Northeast Regional Water Commission is working on the twinning of the line from Fort Saskatchewan to Redwater.
- Vilna is to monitor and tally the volume of water used for flushing and to forward an invoice to the Commission.

DEPUTY MAYOR BARRY'S REPORT

RCDC June 11/13

- It was suggested that the Committee should have community input -which raises questions regarding the formulation of the committee;
- Its role is strictly an advisor role -no power to make decisions, it would only make recommendations to respective councils. This could create a problem getting people to serve under these conditions;
- Size of committee was discussed, - too large hard to reach consensus and manage;
- Could form a whole new committee or add to existing committee;
- Discussed reducing the number of municipal representation;
- Shane asked for suggestions for committee;
- Discussion of highway access. The cost for a highway access would be the responsibility of the municipality and is estimated to cost millions;

- Jane Dauphinee from Municipal Planning Services was in attendance and contributed to discussion;
- Under the terms of the Collaboration Grant Jane indicated that they cannot prepare a Municipal Plan for us but the study should give us all the material we would need to do so;
- She outlined some of the things she would be doing for us.

Emergency Management June 12/13

- Brian McEvoy, Bonnyville Fire Chief made a presentation;
- Importance of being aware of social media and acting quickly to correct misinformation;
- Once an area has been evacuated we have to provide security until all residents have safely returned to their homes;
- While industries have to have evacuation plans for the surrounding areas they have no authority outside their own fence -municipality act industry pays;
- Importance of decontaminating people before sending on to hospital otherwise contaminate hospital which could take weeks to decontaminate;
- Province divided into 5 regions - we are in north region have more calls than other regions combined - headquarter in Grande Prairie.

Doctor Recruitment and Retention June 12/13

- Staff in Smoky Lake Hospital have stepped up to keep things going but are now getting worn down.
- Holiday season is coming, which could stress the staffing levels;
- Staff level stable now, daily staffing;
- issue of locums and on call doctors was discussed;
- to date there has been no reply to our letter to the Minister;
- Pat Palechuk is willing to raise the issue again at Health Council this week if we wish.

COUNCILLOR FARMER'S REPORTS

Notes from Vilna Pool Hall meeting – 5/27/2013

- David reminded us again that the overhang of the roof must be watched very carefully so as not to encroach on the Hotel property. Drawings of the pool hall roof line show the fascia board is currently hanging 1 1/2" over the property line on the North side, the rafters will have to be shortened by the framers. All of Joe's phone calls for framers are going nowhere. Everyone he has contacted is too busy to take on this small project. The pool hall may not break ground this year.
- The lowest bid for the construction of the windows & doors for the addition came from a small business in High River.
- Two more quotes came in for the cost of laying down a "Torch on Roof" roofing on the addition. This method is best for low sloped roofs. The two new estimates were \$30,610.00 & \$9,071.28.
- Wendy was unable to join the pool hall meeting to assist the Board with information on getting a raffle started. The money raised from the raffle would go toward the Stry School rejuvenation.
- A copy of The Inspections Group Building Permit has been given to the Village for their records.
- Al Buss is to talk to the hotel asking for permission to kill weeds on the North side of the pool hall.
- Now that Carol Trider is back on her feet, she will go to St. Paul to set up her signing authority.

Next quarterly meeting scheduled for Monday, August 26th @
7:00 PM

N.E. Muni-Corr Board Meeting - June 10th, 2013

- A report was received from Hector Dalpe, the Board's representative on the water line construction project. Hector was kept informed of every step of the operation; he even took the time to answer questions from curious onlookers & trail users. The horizontal drilling method attracted a lot of attention.
- A \$100,000.00 overdraft has been taken out with the Credit Union. The financial report shows a bank balance of -<\$64,460.95> after paying \$183,750.00 to MacDonald & Lawrence Timber Framing for phase 1, 2 & 50% of phase 3. The guaranteed maximum price that is phase 3 will be presented to the Board at the September 9th meeting.
- Beavers are back with a vengeance this year, damming up culverts, causing water to flow into farmer's fields & onto trail surfaces. County workers are trying to keep up with the dam builders work & destroying it as fast as they can. Thank you to all Counties employees.

- A farmer, Ken Billey, in the Edwand area, wants the AIHT to put down dust control on the trail by his farm. He says that the dust from the quads & bikes on the trail is so bad he cannot open any house windows. Smoky Lake County will investigate his complaint, maybe we should install speed signs on that portion of the trail said alternate, Rick Cherniwchan.
- Victim Services, Cold Lake, informed the Board that one person is going to court on October 31st, 2 others will be working out a deal on June 12th for their part in the Beaver River trestle fire.
- The paper that is being used at the geocache sites has gotten wet from the rain & winter snow. Marianne has located some waterproof paper; it will be put at all sites along the trail by a volunteer geo-cacher from Cold Lake.
- At the Alberta TrailNet AGM held in St. Paul on Saturday June 1st, two Trail Builders Awards were presented to Jerry Bidulak & to Ray Danyluk for their efforts in getting trails built throughout the province. Jerry is currently lobbying the government to get a trail built in the Lower Athabasca Region. Members of this Council may remember Jerry when he came before us to lobby support for LARP, the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan & then informed us that the Alberta government was going to start looking at the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan next. Jerry is a fighter, he wants the province to designate land for recreational use, for building trails and campsites for people to use to get out and enjoy & explore nature.
- Marianne's performance review was discussed in camera, all members present gave their answers & comments to the 5 questions that were asked (see form attached). The totals were compiled by the Director of the Board, Dwayne Yaremkevich, representing Town of Elk Point. Dwayne will then sit down with Marianne to discuss her Performance Review.
- It was great to see Smoky Lake's Councillor Mark Watson back at the Board table.
- There will not be a monthly meeting scheduled for the month of July.

Next regular meeting – Monday, August 12th, 2013 @ 10:00 AM

Notes from Evergreen Regional Waste meeting – June 13th, 2013

- Two bids were received for the tender to haul leachate, one quoted their bid at \$12.75 per cu. metre, and the other was at \$15.00 per 1,000 kg. Ramona was asked to contact

both bidders & get them both to put their bids in both cu. metres & also in & kgs. With the amount of rain so far this month, the leachate tanks are almost full. Hollow River, one of the bidders, has offered to haul at their bid rate, until a contractor has been chosen to do the job.

- Ramona is unable to attend the SWANA conference. Mike Gill to attend in her place, this will also give Mike credits toward his yearly accreditation.
- As the garbage piles higher at the Evergreen site, the wind is picking up more paper & plastic bags. Ramona asked the Board for higher fences, she has been tasked with getting prices on fencing materials. The students from Ashmont School were out picking litter on site & also in the surrounding fields.
- AHS (Alberta Health Services) has ordered Evergreen to cap the well at the Maintenance shop. This is the only water supply at the shop & is used for washing equipment, toilets, & other non-potable uses. Evergreen has chosen to consult with legal before closing this well. The other well is used by the grazing lands. This closure has been appealed by St. Paul Grazing Reserve Association. Their waiver application was postponed until Nov. 13th. Fighting against Ms. Tomlinson (the Tomlinson's again) & the water well closures has cost Evergreen \$18,349.00 in legal fees last month alone.
- SS & M , Grizzly Disposal & Waste Management did not sign contracts for hauling waste to the Evergreen site at the lower price that was offered, by the May 23 deadline. The board was told that garbage trucks are dumping on the ground at the Bonnyville transfer stations.
- Jan. 1 to May 31, 2013, Evergreen is showing a deficit, down -2,716.69 tonnes, that translates to -\$105,429.09 from last year.
- Beaver River Regional Waste has not paid their deficit of \$67,249.76 yet.
- Barry Kolenosky, Manager, Resource Recovery, Environmental & Agricultural Services for Lac La Biche, came to the Board for information about hauling their waste to Evergreen. Evergreen, he said was his first location to come to for rates. The Board explained to him that we can guarantee him space for up to 2,500 tonnes of garbage presently, we could take all of his estimated 10,000 tonnes with approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. This approval will raise the limit that Evergreen can take from non-member municipalities. The Board agreed to send a letter to Lac La Biche County Council, inviting them to use Evergreen's facilities & in return asking them to send a letter of support to the Minister. The County of Lac La Biche is still dumping their garbage into an open dirt pit & the Minister wants this stopped ASAP.

- Board member Hank Holowaychuk went to visit the Evergreen site, he spoke about his 30 years' experience in waste management & what he thought of the mess at the Evergreen site. His biggest complaints were that staff was not covering the piles of garbage with 6" of dirt at the end of every day & not using enough clay to control the flow of leachate. Dareld Cholak told Hank about the sites that he has gone to visit when he was at SWANA meetings, "Ours is better than Regina, Winnipeg & North Battleford."

Next meeting scheduled for Thurs., July 11th @ 10:00 AM

Res 091-13

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

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Barry recommended that notes of appreciation be sent to all the people to donated time and flowers to our Streetscape.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Tennis Courts

The Senior Citizens Society has asked permission to use the Tennis Courts for Pickleball. This apparently is a game similar to tennis.

After hearing about how physically unfit we are (according to the recreation study), this seems to be a great opportunity for the community.

There has been a request from the schools to use the courts as well. The problem with leaving them unlocked is the potential for vandalism adjacent to the water plant.

The Seniors have agreed to keep the facility locked when not in use. They also agree to remove the skate board equipment and set up the new nets, and lines etc.

Res. 092-13

Moved by Councillor Farmer that the Vilna Seniors Society be given permission to use the tennis courts on the condition that they maintain the facility, address any hazardous conditions, agree to keep the facility locked when not in use, and that they allow others to schedule use of the facility upon request.

CARRIED

b) Election Calendar

The Council responsibilities in preparation for the 2013 Municipal Election were reviewed.

c) Review of Library Financial Reports**Res. 093-13**

Moved by Mayor Romanko that Earla Wagar be appointed to review the Vilna and District Municipal Library financial records for 2013 and future years.

CARRIED

d) Sidewalk 50th Street from 53rd Avenue to the Lodge

Administration was directed to erect a safeguard along the sidewalk from 53rd Avenue north to the Vilna Lodge as it slants and appears to be a safety issue.

e) Fish & Game Association – Archery Tournament

The local Fish and Game Association has requested permission to use the Ball Diamond Area of the Bonnie Lake Campground to host an Archery competition on August 10th & 11th, 2013. They have assured Council that the Village shall be held harmless of any liability for the event.

Res. 094-13

Moved by Mayor Romanko that the Fish and Game Association be given permission to use the Bonnie Lake Campground Ball Diamonds on August 10th & 11th, 2013 to host an archery tournament, subject to approval from the Campground Manager, Allan Marsh, and subject to them providing assurance that the Village shall be held harmless from any liability resulting from the event.

CARRIED

f) Fire Ban Declaration

For the past year, under the authority of Resolution #062-12, Council has resolved to follow any Fire Ban Declaration and/or conditions as made by Smoky Lake County. This policy does not seem to be applicable to the Village since fire hazard conditions in the Village are different than in the County.

Res. 095-13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barry that Resolution#062-12 which transferred Fire Ban declarations in the Village to Smoky Lake County, be

rescinded, and that the responsibility for such declarations be transferred to the Village of Vilna Fire Chief or designate.

CARRIED

g) Earla Wagar request to purchasing old lawnmower.

As part of the inventory from the tax acquisition of the Vilna Grocery Store, there is a 30 year old, 8 hp riding lawn mower. Earla has requested permission to purchase the mower for fair market value.

Res. 096-13

Moved by Mayor Romanko that the request to purchase the old R72 riding lawn mower, taken from the inventory of the tax recovery property Roll #14, be approved with the CAO determining Fair Market Value for the equipment.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

a) Re-Zoning Bylaw #501-13

The owners of Roll # 202, described as C of T, SW 20-59-13-W4 (5004 – 48 Avenue) have requested that this land be rezoned from its current Commercial Zoning to Residential Zoning (R-2). They own this lot and the 2 lots adjacent to the north. The Rezoning will allow them to build a home on the south lot.

Res. 097-13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barry that 1st reading be given to Re-zoning Bylaw #501-13 to re-zone the lot referred to as Roll #202 and described as C of T , SW-20-29-13-W4, from Commercial (C) to Residential (R2).

CARRIED

b) Road Closure Bylaw #502-13

The road described as “A portion of road as shown on Plan 3946MC containing 0.064hectares (0.159 acres) more or less.

Excepting throughout all mines and minerals described as the alley located west from 50th Street between 48th Avenue and 49th Avenue” is not, and has not been developed nor maintained as an alleyway. In all but one case the properties on both the north and south sides of the “alley” are owned by the same people. It is therefore deemed expedient to close the road and award the properties to the adjacent owners.

Bylaw 502-13 will allow for the closure of the titled road.

Res. 098-13 Moved by Councillor Farmer that 1st reading be given to the Road Closure Bylaw #503-12 for the closure of the road as shown on Plan 3946MC containing 0.064hectares (0.159 acres) more or less.

CARRIED

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Res. 099-13 Moved by Councillor Farmer that cheques #11857 – 11896 in the amount of \$61,727.72 and Electronic Fund Transfers in the amount of \$12,890.03 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Town of Smoky Lake, re: Connection to Water line
- b. Alberta Recreation, re: 2016 Alberta Summer Games
- c. Alberta Transportation, re: Grants
- d. MP Brian Storseth, re: New Horizons Seniors Program
- e. Alberta Culture, re: Alberta Culture Days
- f. Municipal Affairs, re: Regional Collaboration Program
- g. Municipal Affairs, re: MSI Grants

Res. 100-13 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barry that the correspondence be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Mayor Romanko declared a brief recess at 8:40 p.m.

10. "IN-CAMERA"

Res. 101-13 Moved by Mayor Romanko that Council move "In-Camera" at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the potential sale of a Tax Recovery property.

CARRIED

Res. 102-13 Moved by Mayor Romanko that Council move "Out-of-Camera" at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Res. 103-13 Moved by Councillor Farmer that Administration be authorized to accept the offer to purchase of the tax recovery property described as Part of

Lot 3, and Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 1022 CL on an "As Is Where Is" basis for an amount no less than the Assessed Value.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

- a) Regular Council Meeting July 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Res. 104-13

Mayor Romanko adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Donald Romanko, Mayor

Loni Leslie, CAO