

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020
 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE
 5135 – 50TH STREET, VILNA AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Leo Chapdelaine
 Deputy Mayor Donald Romanko
 Councillor Roy Dyck (Arrived at 1:40 p.m.)
 Debbie Hackman, CAO
 Earla Wagar, Administration Clerk
 Malcolm Kane, PW Foreman

ABSENT:

GALLERY Sgt. Tina Chan, RCMP Smoky Lake

ORDER: Mayor Chapdelaine called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

1. AGENDA

Additions/Changes

2. DELEGATION

3. MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting – May 21, 2020

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

6. BUSINESS:

- a. Victoria District Economic Development Strategy – *letter of support*
- b. RCDC Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023
- c. Summer Meeting Schedule
- d. Bonnie Lake Group Area

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

a FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Accounts paid – May 1 – June 15, 2020	\$113,175.45
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ii. EFT May 1 – Jun 15 (2020051- 2020077)	\$21,796.53
iii. EFT Payroll May, 2020	\$12,452.01

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. MEETING SCHEDULE

10. CLOSED SESSION

11. ADJOURN

1. AGENDA:

RES: 128-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Romanko that the Agenda be accepted with the addition of item 6.e: Garage Sales.

CARRIED

2. DELEGATION:

- a. Sgt. Tina Chan of the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment addressed Council .to discuss rural crime and the RCMP working with the community to reduce crime. She encouraged residents
 - To call the detachment when they see suspicious vehicles or activities
 - Try to get descriptions and details while staying safe;
 - To talk to your neighbours when activities in the area are deemed questionable;
 - Perhaps a Neighbourhood Watch Program would be beneficial.
 - Take back our Village.

- In cases where the issues are known to be social or physiological, these

TAXES OWING AS AT June 15, 2020

CURRENT (2020)	324,447.77
ARREARS	\$140045.18
<u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u>	<u>\$464,492.95</u>
<u>Interest & Penalties</u>	<u></u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	<u>(\$27,520.19)</u>
April 2020 Transfer Utilities to Taxes	<u></u>
	436,972.76

issues should be reported to Family Services.

- b. In light of all the controversy about the RCMP and “systemic racism”, Stg. Chan wanted Council to know that they are aware of the discussion and are making every effort to provide fair and just policing.

3. MINUTES

- a. May 21, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting

RES: 129-20 Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held on May 21st, 2020 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

5. REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – MALCOLM KANE

- The Sewage Lift Station had a failure, a sensor failed and the pumps had quit working;
 - Had to use vacuum trucks to take the level down while working on the pumps
 - Called Renco to get the electrical wiring fixed
 - Discovered that the telephone line wasn’t working to the call outs weren’t coming through.
 - The electrical is fixed and Telus will be in on June 19th to fix the phone line.
- The Water Plant back-up generator will not start, nor will the computer screen re-set
 - Called Renco to get the electrical fixed
- WTP roof is leaking, we will need to re-tar around the perimeter
- Washrooms on the Trail need to have a toilet replaced, it will be operational shortly

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- We have found the cause of the loss of water through the winter. It was a residence that was vacant through the winter and not checked. We are currently calculating the amount of water lost through this period.
- Utility Accounts – Prior to levying the taxes we transferred most of the arrears utilities to the tax accounts. There is approximately \$600.00 still outstanding but these are on payment agreements.
- We have 6 properties that went on the tax recovery list this month. They will have caveats registered against their properties and unless paid we will be able to sell them after March 31, 2021.
- During the heavy rains the pumps quit at the sewer lift station. The contractor will have someone out this week to repair it.
- The campground seems to be a busy place this season, with people not able to travel far.

- Public works has been busy cutting grass (between rains), Street maintenance, they have graveled 52 Street
- Grading alleys seems to be a lost cause, but they keep trying
- The street paving grant application is being reviewed by the province
- An application has been submitted for the water meter replacement program.
- Funding has been approved for the 49th Avenue sewer project.
- Issues we've been dealing with this month
 - Barking dogs
 - Stray dogs
 - Fire works
 - Neighbors helping neighbours (or not)
- We received about 150 sets of face masks from the province. We had asked for a pack for each resident but we haven't received the rest yet.
- COVID-19 will be with us for a while, so we will be using safe distancing practices for a time yet.

MAYOR CHAPDELAIN'S REPORTS

Evergreen Waste Management - June 17, 2020

- New fences and ditches have been completed at the Evergreen site;
- There will be not students available for site clean up this year due to COVID-19, Management and staff will perform site clean up on an ongoing basis;
- Evergreen site has expanded its hours to include Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00;
- Waste from Saddle Lake is exceeding their expectations and is going very well.
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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- Paving Project:
 - M.D. of Bonnyville is ready to proceed with paving a section of the Trail, through Glendon;
- Highway 28/63 Water Commission
 - The contractor noted that there was some repair work required by Smoky Lake County, between RR 160& RR164. This has been completed.
- ATV's
 - There's a lot of activity on the Trail, ATV's are again asked to remain on the trail.
- Next meeting – July 13, 2020

DEPUTY MAYOR ROMANKO'S REPORTS

Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation

- The Foundation has received \$17,000.00 from Alberta Health Services to assist in combating COVID-19 in the facilities. They have been assured that another \$51,000.00 will be forthcoming.
- The province has indicated that they will be giving raises to the front line health care workers through the pandemic. The board has indicated that this pay should be awarded to all the care workers, whether it be kitchen, housekeeping or health care workers and are proposing that it be awarded to them in the form of a bonus.
- The Vilna Lodge truck has still not been replaced. The superintendents has been given specifications.
- Security cameras have been installed at the Vilna Lodge.
- Bar-V-Nook air vent has been repaired
- Dementia Unit security improved.
- Budget Meeting on June 9th indicated that the year was financially successful with accounts showing the status of the books being under budget.
- Next meeting June 23, 2020.

COUNCILLOR DYCK'S REPORT

- Expressed appreciation to Mike Nay for volunteering his time and equipment to mow part of the Iron Horse Trail
- Ron Cyr, Chair of Citizens on Patrol has indicated that the next COPS meeting will be held on June 23rd at the Bellis Curling Rink.

6. **BUSINESS:**

a. **Victoria District Economic Development Strategy**

RES: 130-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Romanko that the Village of Vilna recognizes the long term benefit of the Victoria District Economic Development Strategy to the Smoky Lake region, and although there doesn't appear to be any immediate benefit to the Village of Vilna, the Council of the Village of Vilna support in principle, the Strategy.

CARRIED

b. **RCDC Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023**

RES: 131-20

Moved by Councillor Dyck that the Village of Vilna amend its Policy Statement on the Smoky Lake Region 2007 – 2027 Strategic Plan to adopt the 3 year Rolling Action Plan for the Strategic Plan Years 2020-2023.

CARRIED

c. **2020 Summer Meeting Schedule**

RES: 132-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Romanko that one Council meeting be scheduled through the summer season, to be held on Thursday, August 6th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

d. **Bonnie Lake Campground**

RES: 133-20

Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine that the Group Camping Area at Bonnie Lake Campground remain closed until such time as the Province deems it safe for group gatherings, which will be reviewed by the Province on July 21, 2020, and if the Province indicates that the Provincial Group Camping areas are to be opened, so shall Bonnie Lake Group Camping area.

CARRIED

e. **Garage Sales in Vilna**

RES: 134-20

Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine that due to the potential impact of items being handled without being cleaned after each touch, Garage Sales in Vilna shall not be allowed within the Village for the 2020 season, and that the information should be posted and in the Newsletter for potential participants.

CARRIED

7. **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

a. **Bylaw #552-20 – Backyard Hens Bylaw**

RES: 135-20

Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine Bylaw 552-20 Backyard Hens Bylaw shall be tabled until Spring of 2021.

CARRIED

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Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine that the May Accounts indicating expenditures of \$113,175.45 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minister of Municipal Affairs, re: 2020 MSI Grants
- AUMA, re: What COVID Stage 2 means

- c. Aspen View Public School, re: Newsletter
- d. Letter to Alberta Health Services re: Vilna Lab Services
- e. Response from Megan Griffith

RES. 137-20 Moved by Councillor Dyck that the Correspondence identified in the agenda be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Council Meeting – August 6, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

RES. 138-20 Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine that the Council move at 11:55 a.m. to Closed Session to discuss a personnel item.

CARRIED

RES. 139-20 Moved by Councillor Dyck that Council come out of Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 140-20 Moved by Mayor Chapdelaine that the meeting adjourned at 12: 05 p.m.

CARRIED

Leo Chapdelaine, Mayor

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Debra Hackman, CAO