

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2021, IN THE COUNCIL
 CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE
 5135 – 50TH STREET, VILNA AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Leroy Kunyk
 Deputy Mayor Thompson
 Councillor Paul Miranda
 Earla Wagar, CAO

ABSENT:

GALLERY:

ORDER: Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. AGENDA:

RES: 227-21 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

<p>1. AGENDA</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Additions/Changes</p> <p>2. DELEGATION</p> <p>3. MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Regular Council – November 10, 2021</p> <p>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>5. REPORTS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Mayor b. Deputy Mayor c. Councillor Report d. Administration Report</p> <p>6. BUSINESS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Reservoir Project - Grant Application b. ACP Grant Application – Development Standards c. ACP Grant Application – N. Saskatchewan River Management d. Vilna Library Board 2022 Budget e. MCSnet Broadband Internet f. Security Proposal g. Christmas Hours h. 2022 Interim Budget</p> <p>7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES</p> <p>8. FINANCIAL REPORT</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Accounts paid – Nov.1 – Nov. 30, 2021</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$63,707.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">i. A/P Nov.1 – 30, 2021 (14002-14015)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$13,497.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. EFT Nov.1 –30, 2021 (2021101-2021106)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10,111.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">iii. EFT Payroll Nov.1 – Nov. 30, 2021</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$11,723.62</td> </tr> </table>	a. Accounts paid – Nov.1 – Nov. 30, 2021	\$63,707.62	i. A/P Nov.1 – 30, 2021 (14002-14015)	\$13,497.56	ii. EFT Nov.1 –30, 2021 (2021101-2021106)	\$10,111.79	iii. EFT Payroll Nov.1 – Nov. 30, 2021	\$11,723.62
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2. DELEGATIONS

3. MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting – November 10, 2021

RES: 228-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2021, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5. REPORTS

a) Mayor Kunyk

- **Vilna & District Library & NLLS**

- The has secured space at White Fish Lake for the pop-up library;

- The NLLS AGM is scheduled for May, our Library Manager, Rebekah Harakal has been asked to make a presentation.
- **Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission**
 - The Commission has had a meeting with Saddle Lake to see if they're interesting in accessing the Commission services.
- **Highway 29/63 Water Commission**
 - Members of the Commission discussed the possibility of having Vilna get direct access from the Commission water line for a period while their water reservoir is being replaced. No decision was made.

b) Deputy Mayor Thompson

- **Smoky Lake Foundation**
 - The first meeting was a very informative information session.
 - The Vaccination Policy is causing some worker shortages but hopefully things will improve.
- **NE MuniCorr Meeting**
 - The Board is proposing work in the Fort Kent area as well as Owlseye.
 - They are looking at trestle repairs and widening approaches.

c) Councillor Miranda

- **RCDC**
 - The 20 year Regional Economic Development Strategy was discussed, as well as the 3 year Rolling Action Plan and the Current Year Work Plan.
 - The REDO contract is being negotiated.
- **Vilna Agricultural Society**
 - The Vilna School Centennial and the Village Centennial celebration has been scheduled for Boomtown Days in August of 2022. The planning committee is in need of volunteers.
 - Apparently there is aluminum wiring in the Arena which is causing some concerns.
 - The Farmers Markets were well received and are now done for the season.

d) Administration Report

Administration Report to Council Meeting November 10, 2021

BALANCE Current Taxes November 30,2021		\$59,926.14
	ARREARS	\$104,369.84
	TOTAL TAXES OWING	164,295.98
	Interest & Penalties	
	Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
		\$139,455.99

UTILITIES

- Notices were sent with the last Utility Bill that unpaid accounts will be transferred to Taxes at the end of 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works has been trying to maintain the streets and keep the snow at a minimum. We have a couple restricting characteristics. We don't have any snow removal equipment other than the backhoe and bobcat. They move the snow off the streets into piles as soon after the snow as possible, then when time permits they move the piles of snow to off street areas.

- The weather has created some icy on the streets but we have hoping to have some sand delivered shortly.
- We have been asked why we don't clean the snow to the bare asphalt. The answer is simple. In some areas our water lines are quite shallow, especially on main street. Leaving a layer of snow creates insulation between the weather and the water lines.

Water Meter Replacements

- The water meter project Stage 1 has been completed. We still have about 50 properties to be fit with the new meter. I've been working with Neptune Co. to find a good time to schedule Stage 2. The larger meters have been back ordered, so I would suggest waiting until they arrive. Many of the unfinished sites have issues like faulty c.c. valves or needing some construction to move the meter, or underneath houses. That being said, I'm leaning toward waiting until spring.

Water Reservoir

- So far we've been able to keep the quality of water up. I attended the meeting with Minister Sawhney, Minister of Transportation, to discuss the possibility of getting a Water Waste Water Grant. The application will be attached along with a request for decision later on the agenda.

CENTENIAL PARK

The title transfer from Smoky Lake County to the Village of Vilna went through on November 3rd. The committee can start planning.

GRANT PROJECTS

- The Regional Services Study project is well underway. Each of the municipalities have had an opportunity to meet with the consultants. I believe the next stage will be in early January
- An application is being prepared to have a study done on the High Speed Internet in the region.

INTERIM AUDIT The auditors were here Dec 7 & 8th. This makes the year end smoother.

RES: 229-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

a. Grants for Water Reservoir Construction

RES: 230-21 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that Administration be directed to make application in the amount of \$4,275,000.00 to Alberta Transportation for funding through the Water for Life Program to cover the projected costs of installing a temporary water storage and pumping system as well as funding the re-construction costs of the Treated Water Reservoir and Pumphouse, to continue to provide potable water to the Village including providing fire protection to the community.

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CARRIED

b. ACP Grant – Managing Plan for North Saskatchewan River under the Canada Heritage River System

RES: 232-21 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna, as Managing Partner, apply for a 2022 Community Partnership (ACP) Grant, due by January 5, 2022, for a project titled, "Managing Plan for the North Saskatchewan River under the Canada Heritage

River System”, listing Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, as the Preferred Contact Name.

CARRIED

c. ACP Grant for Development Guidelines and Service Standards

RES: 233-21

Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna in partnership with the Town of Smoky Lake, the Village of Waskatenau and Smoky Lake County, participate in the application for the 2021/2022 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant for the **Project Titled “Smoky Lake Region Municipal Development Guidelines & Minimum Servicing Standards”**, under the “Intermunicipal Collaboration” stream, for the total project cost in the amount of \$200,000.00, with Smoky Lake County being the Managing Partner; and further to agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

CARRIED

d. Vilna and District Library Board 2022 Budget

RES: 234-21

Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the 2022 Operating Budget for the Vilna and District Library Board be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

e. MCSnet Broadband Internet Proposal

RES: 235-21

Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village explore further the proposals presented by MCSnet for their Fibre-to-Premises option as well as the GigAir program.

CARRIED

f. RF Protection and Canine Services.

RES: 236-21

Moved by Mayor Kunyk that administration be directed to contact RF Protection Services indicating that the services they are offering are appealing, they are outside our budget parameters and we therefore will decline the offer.

CARRIED

g. 2021 Christmas Hours

RES: 237-21

Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Waste Transfer Station be closed on December 25th and on January 1st, 2022, and these closure dates be posted on the Village Web Page as well as at the Transfer Station.

CARRIED

RES: 238-21

Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village Office be closed for the Christmas week from December 23rd reopening on January 3rd, 2022.

CARRIED

h. 2022 Interim Budget

RES: 239-21

Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna 2022 Interim Budget be approved.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

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RES. 240-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Financial Report for November, 2021 as presented be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Smoky Lake County, re: 2018 Flood reimbursement
- b. Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board, re: Request for Funding
- c. Minster Rick McIver, re: Grant Cuts and New Grant Format
- d. Premier Jason Kenney, re: Congratulations on Election
- e. MP Shannon Stubbs, re: Congratulations
- f. Aspen View Public Schools, re: Congratulations on Election
- g. Minister Rick McIver, re: Congratulations
- h. JMD Group, re: 2021 Audit Plan

RES. 241-21 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the correspondence be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

10. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. December 8, 2021 Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- b. December 9, 2021 – Smoky Lake Fire & Rescue– 1:00 p.m. ZOOM
- c. December 10, 2021 Ukrainian Twinning Committee 11:00 a.m. ZOOM
- d. December 13, 2021 MuniCorr – 10:00 ZOOM
- e. December 22, 2021 Highway 28/63 Water Commission – 10:00 a.m. ZOOM
- f. January 12, 2022 – Regular Council - 5:30 p.m.
- g. January 22, 2022 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m. ZOOM

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 242-21 Moved by Mayor Kunyk the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 8th, 2021 be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. **CARRIED**

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