

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022, 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 (ZOOM)
 Councillor Paul Miranda
 Earla Wagar, CAO (ZOOM)

ABSENT:

GALLERY: Heather Starosielski , MCSnet (ZOOM)

ORDER: Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. AGENDA:

RES: 001-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

1. AGENDA

Additions/Changes

2. DELEGATION

a. **MCSnet – Broadband Partnership - Heather Starosielski**

3. MINUTES

- a. Regular Council – December 8, 2021
- b. Special Council Meeting 0 December 15, 2021

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

- a. Mayor
- b. Deputy Mayor
- c. Councillor Report
- d. Administration Report

6. BUSINESS:

- a. Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Committee Study
- b. Iron Horse Trail Groomers Report
- c. MuniCorr Code of Conduct
- d. Ag Society Boom Town Days
- e. Alberta Provincial Policing proposal

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. **Accounts paid –Dec.1 – Dec. 31, 2021**

\$122,526.54

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|---|-------------|
| i. A/P Dec.1 – Dec 31, 2021 (14016-14031) | \$77,415.38 |
| ii. EFT Dec.1 – Dec. 31, 2021 (2021107-2021121) | \$28,204.64 |
| iii. EFT Payroll Dec.1 – Dec. 30, 2021 | \$16,906.52 |

2. DELEGATION

Heather Starosielski of MCSnet made a presentation to Council regarding the potential of having broadband internet throughout the Village using their GIGair technology. This would have higher speed internet available throughout the Village without the necessity of digging the fibreoptic cables into the alleys or streets.

She said the GIGair option offers 1 gigabite speed for uploading as well as downloading. There would be no cost to the Village. MCSnet would be asking for the Village to support the proposal.

3. MINUTES

a. Regular Council, December 8, 2021

RES: 002-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 8th, 2021 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

b. Special Meeting, December 15th, 2021

RES: 003-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of December 15th, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**5. REPORTS****a. Mayor Kunyk**

- **Northern Lights Library System** was an introduction and general board meeting.
- **Highway 28/63 Water Commission – December 22, 2021**
 - Election of Board of Directors
- **Highway 28/63 Water Commission – January 12, 2022**
 - Discussion on the Member Orientation package
 - Presented a draft of the Administration Bylaw and the board agreed to form a subcommittee consisting of one director from each member municipality, to meet and review the draft Bylaw, for the purpose of incorporating any necessary changes, in preparation for second and/or third reading within the first quarter of 2022.
- **MuniCORR – January 10, 2022**
 - There was discussion regarding the staging areas in Glendon
 - Code of Conduct Bylaw was introduced.

b. Deputy Mayor Thompson

- **MuniCorr – December 13, 2021**
 - Discussions were held regarding grazing rights and fixing approaches.
- **MuniCorr – January 10, 2022**
 - The structure of MuniCorr was shared with the Board and a Code of Conduct Board as well as an Oath of Confidentiality was introduced.
 - There was concern about members not being able to share issues if there was an Oath of Confidentiality. It was explained that the Oath acts the same as the Municipality using the Closed Meeting protocol where issues talked about in Closed Meetings will not be discussed openly until the item is brought to an open meeting.

c. Councillor Miranda did not have any meetings since the last Council Meeting.

d. CAO Report**Administration****Report to Council Meeting December 8, 2021****TAXES**

BALANCE Current Taxes December 31, 2021		(\$60,814.99)
	ARREARS	\$104,169.84
	<u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u>	<u>\$164,984.83</u>
	<u>Interest & Penalties</u>	
	Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
		\$140,144.84

UTILITIES

- At the end of November we had 100 new remote read meters installed. Now we're waiting for the technology to catch up. We have a hand held reader but I didn't realize we had to have the software installed on the office computers in order to be able to download the readings. I dragged my heels a little. Thought I would just manually enter the readings and save money on the software. Oops.

We should have the readings in the next day or 2 and I can complete the billings.

PUBLIC WORKS

- I agreed with Public Works that using the equipment when it was minus 30 or minus 40 just was not a good idea. They kept the main roads clear and the alleys for garbage collection.
- With the severe weather they left a good snow pack so the water lines would be insulated.
- We will have to hire a truck to haul the snow piles away before too long.

Water Meter Replacements

- We still have about 50 properties to be fitted with the new meter. We didn't replace any of the larger meters yet. They are waiting. Many of the regular sized ones are in crawl spaces so we've decided to wait until spring to complete the project.

Water Reservoir

- Just received a memo from Alberta Environment indicating that the tests all indicate that the water is stable and there does not appear to be any sign of infiltration.
- The grant application was sent to Alberta Transportation but the grant deadline was moved to February 28th with the awarding probably not until March or April. And so, we wait.

CENTENIAL PARK

- I'm preparing a grant application for federal money under "Celebration and Commemoration Program". I need someone who is far more creative than I am to design the park.

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 late January.

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YEAR END Got the Interim Audit out of the way, now I'm working on closing all the books on 2021.

RES: 004-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

a. MCSnet Proposal

RES: 005-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna will support the initiative of MCSnet to provide GIGair service to the Village of Vilna increasing the bandwidth of service currently available to the Village.

CARRIED

b. Smoky Lake Regional Fire & Rescue Committee Study

RES: 006-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the decision of Council on December 15th, 2021 be confirmed, to recommend the Regional Fire and Rescue Study focus on a Regional Fire and Rescue Committee proposal rather than a Commission Option.

CARRIED

c. Iron Horse Trail Groomers Annual Report

RES: 007-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the reports submitted by the Iron Horse Groomers Association be accepted for information.

CARRIED

d. MuniCorr Code of Conduct and Oath of Confidentiality

RES: 008-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Council of the Village of Vilna, as a voting member of the Board of Directors of North East MuniCorr Corporation agree that the representatives of the Village shall follow the Code of Conduct as set forth and agreed upon by said Board of Directors.

CARRIED

RES: 009-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Council of the Village of Vilna, as a voting member of the Board of Directors of North East MuniCorr Corporation agree that the representatives of the Village shall sign the Oath of Confidentiality as set forth and agreed upon by said Board of Directors.

CARRIED

e. 2022 BOOMTOWN DAYS

RES: 010-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village of Vilna support the Vilna Agricultural Society 2022 Boomtown Days Celebration in a letter acknowledging the importance of the Ag. Society and the need for the community to come together and celebrate.

CARRIED

f. Alberta's Provincial Policing Proposal

RES: 011-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that a letter be sent to the Province indicating the Village's concerns about the cost of policing and potential increase in costs with the potential of less policing under a Provincial system, and recommend that rather than a new police service, that amendments be made to the existing agreement with the RCMP to provide the recommended new services.

CARRIED

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RES: 012-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Financial Report, as presented, beaccepted for information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Crowsnest Pass – re: Streaming Foreign Physicians Assessment
- b. Crowsnest Pass – re: Fast Tracking Immigrant Nurses for Certification
- c. Gas Tax Fund – re: Updated to the Community Building Fund
- d. Brownlee Fryett – re: Emerging Trends Workshops
- e. Aspen View School – Newsletter

RES: 013-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Correspondence be accepted as presented.

10. CARRIED

11. MEETING SCHEDULE

12. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 014-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 12, 2022 be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED

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