

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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
 Councillor Paul Miranda
 Earla Wagar, CAO

ABSENT:

GALLERY: Sharla McCullough and Miikael Rahn of ATCO Electric
 Herman Petersen arrived at 6:00 p.m. and left at 6:15 p.m.
 Bruce Smith arrived at 6:20 p.m. and left at 6:30 p.m.

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

1. AGENDA:

RES: 069-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Agenda be accepted presented.

CARRIED

1. AGENDA		
	Additions/Changes	
2. DELEGATION		
a.	Sharla McCullough, ATCO	
b.	Herman Petersen re: Lot 14, Block 4, Plan 1887 CL	
3. MINUTES		
a.	July 27, 2022	
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES		
5. REPORTS		
a.	Mayor	
b.	Deputy Mayor	
c.	Councillor Report	
d.	Administration Report	
6. BUSINESS:		
a.	ATCO Franchise Agreement	
b.	Herman Petersen, re: Lot 14, Block 4 Plan 1887CL	
c.	NE MuniCorr Meeting	
d.	Inter-municipal Development Plan Agreement	
e.	Employee Benefit Program	
f.	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	
g.	Fall Clean-up Week	
7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES		
8. FINANCIAL REPORT		
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9. ADJOURNMENT		

2. DELEGATIONS:

a. Sharla McCullough and Miikael Rahn of ATCO Electric presented to Council the proposal to extend the existing Franchise Agreement for an additional 5 years rather than renegotiating the agreement at this time.
 The Current Agreement is a 10 year agreement expiring in 2023, however, there is a clause in the agreement that will allow two 5 year extensions.

3. MINUTES

a) **July 27, 2022**

RES: 070-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Minutes of the July 27, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

a) **Mayor Kunyk**

Citizens on Patrol – July 28, 2022

- Preparation for Vilna Centennial Sunday with annual Family Fun Day BBQ Fundraiser. Promotion of Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association and RCMP apps for reporting crime and staying up to date with crime hot spots. Patrols to step up going into fall.

Vilna & District Agricultural Society August 15, 2022

- Planning of Boomtown Fair Days. Schedule of events, such as school tours, parade, meals, speeches, dance, afternoon entertainment, auctions and sponsorship.

Vilna & District Agricultural Society – September 5, 2022

- Boomtown Fair debriefing. Improvements for next year.
- Planning of Volunteer Appreciation.
- Bookings of hall increasing moving into fall and Christmas.

Highway 28/63 Water Commission August 17, 2022

- Issues with Whitefish Lake power supply. Proposed changes to their Water Supply Agreement.
- Inquiries by Co-ops as well as Northern Lights Campground, etc. Possible future nodes may be Bonnie Lake Resorts, Metis Crossing. Population and usage statistics are necessary.
- After 15 years, Warspite Reservoir is already exceeding its 25th year expected water demands. Water demands had been based on 2% annual growth. Discussion of distribution leaks in Vilna, scanning of lines.

Evergreen Regional Waste Commission August 18, 2022

- Annual Board tour of St. Paul site.

Vilna & District Library Board August, 2022

- Summer usage skews more from seniors to children. Usage statistics at 3 year high. Pop-Up library will start soon.
- Guest author visit.
- Proposed Haunted House Sunday prior to Halloween.
- The Library Board is considering moving to a 5 day week.

Northern Lights Library System August 26, 2022

- Small percentage increase to municipalities for 2023. Will not affect the Village significantly.

Regional Fire & Rescue August 29, 2022

- Discussion of consultant's report on sharing services. Issues with recruitment and scheduling for weekend coverage.

Regional Fire & Rescue September 8, 2022

- Consultant's report.

Vilna Volunteer Fire Department – August 30, 2022

- Discussion on recruitment and retention of members. Suggest a recognition policy may help. Would like better snow removal in winter around the front and rear bay doors. Are discouraged of future water meter and reducing of fill pipes.
- Have implemented policy of water filling off site for county calls, at Bellis or Spedden fill stations.
- Interactive discussion of fire risks around town. All buildings are older and close together, particularly on Main Street. Highlighted Vilna Hotel development as highest fire danger risk.

Vilna School Welcome Back Breakfast – September 8, 2022

- Attended with Deputy Mayor Thompson. Served a hot breakfast of pancakes and sausages for all students and staff.

Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation – September 8, 2022

- Review of activities at all sites.

Vilna Golf Course Appreciation Event – September 10, 2022

- Delivered a speech thanking Ed Cordero and family, of the Vilna Golf Course, for the numerous generous donations to our community this year, as well as their continued support.

Joint Municipalities Meeting September 12th, 2022

- Sharing of collaborative activities between Vilna, Waskatenau, Smoky Lake and Smoky Lake County.

b) Deputy Mayor Thompson**Smoky Lake Foundation –August 17th and September 9th, 2022**

- Completed the Foundation Business Plan

- Preparing for Union Negotiations
- Had MCSnet installed in the Vilna Lodge. It needs to be boosted in order to reach all the rooms.

MuniCorr – August 15th and September 12th, 2022

- Completed the 10 Year Strategic Plan and it will be presented at the Joint Municipalities Meeting on September 12th.
- The Fall Trail Tour is scheduled for October 7th.

c) Councillor Miranda

Regional Community Development Committee August 29, 2022

- Had a presentation from Group Solutions who are developing a framework for internally promoting Economic Development
- A discussion was held regarding setting up emergency alert systems in each municipality, to warn about community emergency situations.

d) Administration Report

BALANCE Current Taxes June 14, 2022	\$91,334.76
ARREARS	\$98,541.12
<u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u>	<u>\$189,885.88</u>
<u>Interest & Penalties</u>	<u>40,421.39</u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
	<u>\$205,467.28</u>

CENTENNIAL

• The Centennial celebrations are over At least for this year. The actual anniversary date is June 23, 2023. I expect there will be some celebrating next year as well. Thank you everyone for making it so successful.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

• I have scheduled the Tax Sale for September 20th, 2022. Two of the properties have been taken off the list, the taxes have been paid, and/or payment has been committed.

BYLAW CONCERNS

• The County has hired a Community Peace Officer. At the Inter-Municipal Collaboration Meeting next week, there will be discussions pertaining to us being able to enter into an agreement for these services. It will have a budgetary impact, but I can't see a way around it. Our current system is not working.

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE

• The study to create a Regional Fire Service is moving forward. The report presented creates a County run service that has the Department becoming an entity with it's own administration. This will continue to support the 2 hired Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief, and each Fire Department will continue to have their own Chief. The difference being, the County owning all of the equipment and be in charge of the training. The firefighters will be paid during their firefighting time. Each department will continue to recruit volunteers.

• There was discussion around the time taken to clean and restock the vehicles after each call, and should the volunteer be expected to do this, or should this be left to the paid employees. Didn't make sense to me. If they return for a fire, the equipment should be readied for the next call.

GIGAIR

• I have arranged to have internet extended to the Water Plant. This will allow us to transfer reports electronically. It is also one step closer to possibly getting the bulk water system back up and running. But that's a \$12,000.00 investment that will support the rural population.

• MCSnet is looking into putting a HotSpot at the Pool Hall. Currently there is one at the Cultural Centre and the Lodge as well as the Village Office. It was suggested that if the Pool Hall was connected it would bring the kids out of the dark skating shack at the park and into the lighted area.

VILNA COMMUNITY BUS

• The bus was donated to the Boomtown Celebration to transfer people throughout the Village. Except for one complaint that the air conditioning wasn't working, it was appreciated.

• Smoky Lake Pumpkin Fair Committee has also asked if they could use the bus for the same reason. I have agreed to let them have it, if they pay the insurance for the event.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER Management Program

• As you recall, we took on the managing partner role for the County to an ACP grant where they are creating a North Saskatchewan River Management Plan.

• Because of their work, they have had the North Saskatchewan River nominated as a designated Canada Heritage River.

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BUDGET ITEMS TO PONDER

- As the year is winding down, we have to be aware of items that are coming up that will affect next year's budget.
 - NLLS is asking for an increase in their requisition
 - We will be paying approximately \$14,000.00 for policing next year (\$8,600 in 2022)
 - Regional Fire will have a cost of approximately \$14,000.00.
 - There was a suggestion that the Ukrainian Twinning Committee was considering requisitioning the partners.

PUBLIC WORKS

- They are servicing the summer equipment and getting ready for that other season.
- Fall Clean-Up Weeks is scheduled for September 30th to October 11th, 2022 with the waste bins again being provided by Vinette Salvage.

EMERGENCY ALERTS

- At the Joint Muni Meeting on Monday it was brought up that with our changing world municipalities should be preparing and creating an emergency alert system, especially in circumstances where it is required that we want our residents to shelter in place.

RES: 071-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS**a) ATCO Electrical Franchise Agreement**

RES: 072-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that Council resolve to enter into a 5 year renewal of the current Electrical Franchise Agreement with ATCO Electric.

CARRIED

RES: 073-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Franchise Fee for ATCO Electric remain at 20% for the year 2023.

CARRIED

b) Herman Petersen Re: Lot 14, Block 4, Plan 1887CL

RES: 074-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that based on the legal opinion obtained from the Village's Legal Counsel, Brownlee LLP, on September 1st, 2022, which confirms that the Legal Decision made on October 23, 2013, by the Court of Queen's Bench to dismiss the claim made by Mr. Petersen against the Village pertaining to a modular home located on Lot 14, Block 4, Plan 1887CL, and in accordance with the time limits allowed in the Limitations Act, the issue be concluded.

CARRIED

c) Inter Municipal Development Plan Agreement

RES: 075-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that a meeting be scheduled with the Council of Smoky Lake County to discuss the adoption of a new Intermunicipal Development Agreement between Smoky Lake County and the Village of Vilna.

CARRIED

d) NE MuniCorr request for a Meeting

RES: 076-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that Smoky Lake County be contacted to determine if they would be interested in sharing a meeting with NE MuniCorr Ltd. to discuss issues such as sustainability, maintenance, communications and bylaws.

CARRIED

e) Employee Benefit Program

RES: 077-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the proposal for a Group Benefit Plan be tabled with Administration researching more providers.

CARRIED

f) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

RES: 078-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna recognize the importance of observing September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a way of commemorating the history and legacy of residential schools.

CARRIED

Vilna Lodge Fundraising

RES: 079-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that Council acknowledge the efforts of the Vilna Lodge in fundraising to offset some of the costs of their activities, and encourage everyone to participate.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES**8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

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RES: 080-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Financial Reports, as presented for July and August, 2022, be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

RES: 081-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the correspondence be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

10. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. September 14, 2022 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- b. September 15, 2022 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m. – ZOOM option
- c. September 15, 2022 – Smoky Lake Interagency – 11:30
- d. September 19, 2022 – Inter-Municipal Collaboration Committee – 10:00 a.m. - ZOOM
- e. September 20, 2022 – Tax Sale – 11:00 a.m.
- f. Vilna Library Board – September 22, 2022
- g. September 26, 2022 – Highway 28/63 Water Commission – 1:00 p.m. – ZOOM
- h. HUB – October 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – St. Paul (Lakeland College)
- i. October 7, 2022 – MuniCorr – Trail Ride
- j. October 7, 2022 - MuniCorr – Prior to Trail Ride
- k. October 12, 2022 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- l. October 13, 2022 – RCDC – 9:00 a.m. - ZOOM
- m. October 19, 2022 – Annual Organizational Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- n. October 20, 2022 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m.
- o. October 31, 2022 – Smoky Lake Foundation – 9:00 a.m. – ZOOM

RES: 082-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the meeting schedule, as presented, be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

RES. 083-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 14, 2022 be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. **CARRIED**

Leroy Kunyk

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Earla Wagar, CAO