

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA**  
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
 5135 – 50<sup>TH</sup> STREET, VILNA AT 5:30 P.M.

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

**ABSENT:**

**GALLERY:** Herman Petersen arrived at 6:45 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**1. AGENDA:**

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Agenda be accepted presented.

**CARRIED**

<p><b>1. AGENDA</b>              Additions/Changes</p> <p><b>2. DELEGATION</b></p> <p><b>3. MINUTES</b>              a. June 15, 2022</p> <p><b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>5. REPORTS</b>              a. Mayor              b. Deputy Mayor              c. Councillor Report              d. Administration Report</p> <p><b>6. BUSINESS:</b>              a. Centennial Contributions              b. Tax Sale Minimum Prices              c. ATCO Electric Franchise Agreement</p> <p><b>7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES</b>              a. Review Community Standards Bylaw              b. Review Pet Bylaw</p> <p><b>8. FINANCIAL REPORT</b>              a. <b>Accounts paid June 1-30, 2022</b> <span style="float:right"><b>\$56,344.23</b></span>                  i. <b>A/P June 1 – 30, 2022</b> (14120-14132) <span style="float:right">\$20,182.96</span>                  ii. <b>EFT June 1- 30, 2022</b> (2022049-2022056) <span style="float:right">\$15,869.79</span>                  iii. <b>EFT Payroll June, 2022</b> <span style="float:right">\$16,900.20</span></p> <p><b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>
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**2. DELEGATIONS:**

**3. MINUTES**

a) **June 15, 2022**

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**5. REPORTS**

a) **Mayor Kunyk**

**Evergreen Regional Waste Commission – June 16, 2022**

- The proposed study on a new bio-digester was cancelled and it has been recommended that a smaller study be proposed.
- A new landfill for Saddle Lake Nation, on the reserve is not possible, so new partnership options are being proposed.

- Kikino Metis Nation Council has visited Smoky Lake and Bellis operations and is interested in partnering with new transfer stations.

#### **Joint Municipalities Meeting – June 28, 2022**

- Smoky Lake Hospital is closing 3 active treatment beds, not enough nursing staff.
- New Smoky Lake School is looking for \$250,000.00 in new playground equipment.
- Discussion on new quarterly municipal letter.

#### **Vilna & District Municipal Library – June 30, 2022**

- Goodfish Lake Pop-Up library finished for the summer;
- Operating grants approved for Reading Program and Rural Services Grant.
- Funding from NLLS for balloon animals for Centennial Weekend.
- Raffle Fundraiser denied by AGLC.
- Outdoor improvements approved, waiting on Ag. Society to implement.
- New partnership with Smoky Lake Learning Council to provide Adult Technology courses.
- Cree program paused.
- Will showcase Indigenous Reading Program with NLLS, County, Metis Crossing, etc.

#### **Vilna Lodge Christmas in July Fundraiser – July 16, 2022**

- Residents and guests, roughly 250, enjoyed an outdoor BBQ event in lieu of cramped and crowded visiting.

#### **Coffee with the Cops, Vilna Pool Hall – July 21, 2022**

- Attended by 3 member of the RCMP. High turnout, approximately 16 people over 3 hours.
- Excellent engagement and sharing of ideas, suggestions and observations.

#### **Evergreen Regional Waste Commission – July 21, 2022**

- New Bylaw to enforce attendance at meeting, 3 consecutive absences will result in removal and replacement.
- 3% COLA increase approved for staffing.
- Shredding rental and study to be conducted, all invited to observe.

#### **Vilna & District Municipal Library – July 21, 2022.;**

- Yearly review is not completed.
- Indigenous Communities Report will be presented in September.
- Silent Auction donation collection for Centennial fundraising. Parade float will need to be assembled.
- Author, Mary Margaret, is booked for August 28<sup>th</sup> for reading, book signing, etc. Will need to be promoted heavily.
- New part time worker hired.

#### **b) Deputy Mayor Thomlinson**

##### **Smoky Lake Foundation – June 21, 2022**

- CAO Evaluation completed
- Masking is still required in public areas.
- Working on Business Plan.

##### **MuniCorr – June 30, 2022**

- Iron Horse Trail Strategic Development Plan

#### **c) Councillor Miranda**

##### **Regional Community Development Committee – June 29, 2022**

- Discussed Economic Development Strategy
- Promotion and Diversification
- Attracting new residents
- Maintain quality of Life

#### **d) Administration Report**

<b>BALANCE Current Taxes June 14, 2022</b>	\$106,076.14
<b>ARREARS</b>	\$108,094.74
<b><u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u></b>	<u>\$214,170.88</u>
<b><u>Interest &amp; Penalties</u></b>	<u>43,664.90</u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	<u>(\$24,839.99)</u>
	<b>\$232,995.79</b>

**UTILITIES**

- The water break in June was costly, but at least it was a summer break. The contractor costs were \$12, 285.00.
- There was a sewer break on 51 Ave in June as well. That one cost \$2,360.50.
- Our aging infrastructure is going to be a cost every year.

**CENTENIAL PARK**

- I've been grant hunting, but so far I've not been successful.

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

- I have scheduled the Tax Sale for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**BYLAW CONCERNS**

- There are less dogs running at large, but there still are some owners who don't believe that they need to follow rules. I've sent out a few more letters.
- More people are taking responsibility in cleaning their yards.

**WATER RESERVOIR**

- We were not successful in getting the grant for the reservoir. They prioritized and gave the money to communities who needed to upgrade their water supply and treatment. Apparently our application was good, so we will re-submit for next year.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- We ordered a mower that we thought was a rough cut mower, but when it was delivered it was a finishing mower. We're still looking for a rough cut.

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Reports be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS****a) Centennial Plans**

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that Council and Administration dedicate the next few weeks to assisting the Centennial Committee in preparing for the event, by preparing a Village Float, Preparing for the Car Show, work with the Pool Hall for their BBQ and send out invitations to dignitaries, etc.

**CARRIED**

**b) Set Reserve Bids for Tax Recovery Auction on September 20, 2022**

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Reserve bids for the properties being offered for sale at the Tax Recovery Auction on September 20, 2022 be the Assessed Values, as noted below:

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|-------------------|----------------------|---|--------|------------|-------------|
| • LINC 0016984296 | 1                    | 2 | 1022CL | Assessment | \$12,300.00 |
| • LINC 0020182458 | 19                   | 3 | 1887CL | Assessment | \$ 6,300.00 |
| • LINC 0020182456 | 20                   | 3 | 1887CL | Assessment | \$ 6,300.00 |
| • LINC 0013322680 | 7                    | 7 | 4994KS | Assessment | \$13,100.00 |
| • LINC 0016251118 |                      | A | 6413ET | Assessment | \$21,100.00 |
| • LINC 0016251134 |                      | A | 6413ET | Assessment | \$55,600.00 |
| • LINC 0020018553 | Pt of SW 20 59 13 W4 |   |        | Assessment | \$30,900.00 |

**CARRIED**

**c) ATCO Electric Franchise Agreement**

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that a representative of ATCO Electric be invited to the next Council meeting to explain the Franchise Agreement and the process required to complete the agreement.

**CARRIED**

**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES****a) Community Standards Bylaw #492-12 to be Reviewed****b) Bylaw 560-21 Pet Bylaw to be Reviewed**

**RES: 050-22** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Community Standards Bylaw and the Pet Bylaw be reconsidered at such time as discussion with the County are resolved regarding a Regional Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

**CARRIED**

**8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

a. <b>Accounts paid June 1-30, 2022</b>	<b>\$56,344.23</b>
i. A/P <b>June 1 – 30, 2022</b> (14120-14132)	\$20,182.96
ii. EFT <b>June 1- 30, 2022</b> (2022049-2022056)	\$15,869.79
iii. EFT Payroll <b>June, 2022</b>	\$16,900.20
iv.	
b. <b>Bank Reconciliation</b>	
<b>GL Bank Opening Balance June 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$58,046.46</b>
Revenues	\$265,618.74
Expenditures	(\$49,907.61)
Payroll	(\$16,900.20)
<b>GL Closing Balance as of June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$256,857.39</b>

**RES: 065-22** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Financial Reports, as presented, be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**9. **CORRESPONDENCE**10. **DELEGATION:**

- a. Herman Petersen addressed Council with a letter regarding the property described as Lot 14, Block 4, Plan 1887CL.

**RES: 065-22** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the letter from Herman Petersen be accepted for information and be brought forward to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**11. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. July 28, 2022 – Seniors Foundation – Business Plan – 9:00 a.m. ZOOM option
- b. August 8, 2022 – 10:00 MuniCorr – ZOOM option
- c. August 16, 2022 – Ukrainian Twinning – 9:00 a.m. – ZOOM option
- d. August 17, 2022 – Seniors Foundation – 9:00 a.m. ZOOM Option
- e. August 17, 2022 – 28/63 Water Commission – 9-:00 a.m.
- f. August 18, 2022 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m. – ZOOM option
- g. August 29, 2022 – Smoky Lake Regional Fire Committee – 2:00 p.m.
- h. September 12, 2022 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m. – ZOOM option
- i. September 12, 2022 - Joint Municipalities – ZOOM – 5:00
- j. September 13, 2022 – Ukrainian Twinning – 10:00 – ZOOM option
- k. September 14, 2022 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- l. September 15, 2022 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m. – ZOOM option
- m. September 19, 2022 – Inter-Municipal Collaboration Committee – 10:00 a.m.
- n. September 20, 2022 – Tax Sale – 11:00 a.m.

**RES: 066-22** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the meeting schedule, as presented, be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**RES. 068-22** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 27, 2022 be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with the Council proceeding to a tour of all of the municipal facilities.

**CARRIED**


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