

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY April 10, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE
 5135 – 50TH STREET, VILNA AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Leroy Kunyk
 Councillor Paul Miranda (virtually)
 Earla Wagar, CAO
 Loni Leslie, Administration

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Tammy Lynn Thompson

DELEGATION: Breckke Merriam

GALLERY Hank & Linda Keller

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

1. AGENDA:

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| 2. DELEGATION Breckke Merriam |
| 3. MINUTES |
| • March 13, 2024 Regular Council |
| 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: |
| 5. REPORTS: |
| 6. BUSINESS: |
| a. North Saskatchewan Watershed |
| b. Vilna Agricultural Society – Discussion |
| c. Request for Financial Information Returns |
| d. Hope Mission Jamboree |
| 7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES |
| 7.1 Bylaw 592-24 – Regional Emergency Management <i>Discussion</i> |
| 7.2 Bylaw #593-24 / 569-21 –MuniCorr <i>Discussion</i> |
| 7.3 Policy #905 – Fire Restriction Policy |
| 8. FINANCIAL |
| • Accounts paid March 1 – 31, 2024 \$58,472.51 |
| • A/P March 1 – . 31, 2024 (107-119) \$24,121.04 |
| • EFT March 1 – 31, 2024 (24011-24017) \$16,813.54 |
| • EFT Payroll March, 2024 \$17,537.93 |
| 9. CORRESPONDENCE: |
| • Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, RE: Regional Library Initiatives |
| • Minutes from HUB meeting |
| 12. ADJOURNMENT |

RES: 040-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Agenda for the April 10th Council meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of Item 6.e Community BBQ.

CARRIED

2. DELEGATIONS:

- a. Breckke Merriam** spoke to Council about three items
1. Breckke Merriam and Rebeka Harakal own and operate B & R Merchandise Co. They would like permission to create promotional materials using the Village Logo.
 2. They would like to expand their business to add a hardware business to the Village. Mr. Merriam had asked Council if they knew of any properties that might be suitable for this business. There is one building on Main Street that is vacant at this time, but he indicated that it would be too small for this type of business.
 3. His second inquiry to Council was regarding the utility bill at his B & R Merchandising business. He stated that since he hauls his garbage from the store to the transfer station himself, he didn't feel he should pay the garbage portion of the utility bill. It was explained to him that the pick up and transporting of waste to the transfer station is a small portion of the garbage charge on the bill. The majority of the charge is for the transportation of the garbage to the Evergreen Waste Disposal site at LaFond and the cost to dispose of the waste and adhere to all of the environmental requirements.

Mayor Kunyk thanked Mr. Merriam for his presentation and indicated that the items would be added to the agenda and Administration would be responding to his inquiries.

3. MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting March 13th, 2024

RES: 041-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13th, 2024 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**5. REPORTS****a. Mayor Kunyk****Associated Engineers – Water Reservoir – March 20, 2024**

- Discussion about the more than 30% increase in the project estimate and how the project can be downsized.
- The reduction of the size of the reservoir was recommended, keeping the size sufficient to provide fire protection for the school, the lodge and the general community.

Evergreen Regional Waste Commission – March 21, 2024

- Discussion regarding new MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) Cell and the weeping tile catchment material to collect gasses and leachate.
- New technologies were discussed for making landfill sites more environmentally efficient.
 - WAIV technology which is Wind Aided Evaporation technology. It was suggested that it might not be suitable for Evergreen.
 - FogDog Energy is a Catalytic Oxygen Free Waste Decomposition technology. It was suggested that Administration look into this.
 - Drone Technology is used for methane emissions monitoring
- An 18 month offer was made to Beaver River County for waste disposal.
- Evergreen is offering mattress shredding.

Inter Municipal Collaboration Committee Regional Fire– April 3, 2024

- Developed a Terms of Reference
- Fire Chief Scott Franchuk has presented a proposed Bylaw
- Setting up a Safety Program
- Eliminating the local Deputy Fire Chiefs
- Talked about purchasing a ladder truck
- They are inventorying all fire hall equipment

Highway 28/63 Water Commission – April 3, 2024

- Discussed the appointment of Managing Partner
- Presentations from contracting firms will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Chlorine is being infused at the Good Fish Lake Reservoir to maintain safe standards.

Pool Hall Society – April 4, 2024

- They will be working on exterior renovations such as a back yard fence and the coal bin.
- Gearing up for summer activities.

b. Councillor Miranda**Community Futures – March 27, 2024**

- Community Futures as a lender of last resort for small businesses;
- Offers workshops and training courses to help potential business owners prepare the business plans and budgets.
- Will be hosting a Community Engagement Food Symposium in Vermillion on April 15th.

Vilna Ag Society – April 2, 2024

- Boom Town Days is scheduled for August 16 & 17, 2024. It will be downsized a bit from previous years, focusing on "Red Neck" games.
- Cowboy Fest is scheduled for July 19 – 21, 2024
- Sandeep Kommina from the grocery store will be organizing badminton and pickle ball in the arena.
- Farmers Markets will be held the 1st Sunday of each month until October.
- The Fire Department paid for a new door in the kitchen that was smashed during a break in earlier in 2023.

- The Ag. Society will be storing the historic materials from the Vilna Hospital and the previous Our Lady’s Hospital.

d. CAO Report

BALANCE Current Taxes April 10, 2024	
2024	(\$18,761.53)
ARREARS	\$131,620.21
<u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u>	<u>\$131,620.21</u>
<u>Interest & Penalties</u>	<u>46,971.77</u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$38,824.79)
	\$121,006.06

ADMINISTRATION

- Getting busy working of previous year audit and getting ready for next month’s taxes.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Getting ready for grass cutting.
- Will be scheduling the street sweeper shortly.

WATER MAIN BREAK – 49 AVE EAST

- The water coming up at the intersection of 50th Street and 49th Avenue is frost coming out of the ground.

WATER RESERVOIR

- Engineers are preparing the documents for tender. They have arranged with Alberta Transportation to tender prior to final design. That way the contractor will be able to add their expertise to the final design.

RES: 042-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

a. North Saskatchewan Water Shed Alliance

RES: 043-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village not apply for membership to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance at this time.

CARRIED

b. Vilna Agricultural Society Arena Property

Information was brought forward indicating that the Ag. Society Arena and Curling Rink were constructed on 1974 on Village property. In 2011 they were given enduring use of the property for their building. A question was raised about the use of the kitchen for commercial purposes. The possibility of installing water meters in the building was discussed, but since the ice surfaces are natural the meters would likely freeze. It was confirmed that the Ag. Society covers the insurance on the building.

RES: 044-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the information gathered be tabled for information.

CARRIED

c. Request for Financial Information Return Extension

RES: 045-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that Administration be authorized to request an extension to submit the 2023 Financial Information Returns to Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

d. New Hope Mission Jamboree

The New Hope Pentecostal Church is proposing hosting a Jamboree on the Boomtown Days weekend, on the Iron Horse Trail within the Village.

RES: 046-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village of Vilna is in favor of the New Hope Community Church using the Iron Horse Trail to hold a Gospel Jamboree during Boom Town Days with the following considerations,

- 1) That the Church will be responsible for the setting up and taking down of any equipment,
- 2) That they will be responsible for cleaning up after the event, leaving the site in the same condition as they found it; this will include fixing any ruts or damage to the area that will affect the mowing and maintaining of the site;
- 3) That the Village will be held harmless in the event of an incident happening during the event.
- 4) That they be requested to not start until noon;
- 5) That they coordinate the function with the Agricultural Society; and
- 6) That they be charged a refundable Damage Deposit that would be used to repair any damage to the Trail caused by the function or parking to attend the function.

CARRIED

e. Community BBQ

RES: 047-2024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that consideration for a Community BBQ be deferred to a future date for discussion.

CARRIED

f. B & R Merchandise Co. Request to use Village Logo

RES: 048-2024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that leave be given to B & R Merchandise Co. to use the Mushrooms on their promotional material, however they cannot use the word "Village" or the Village's logo.

CARRIED

g. B & R Merchandise Co. Request to eliminate Garbage Fee on Utility Bill

RES: 049-2024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village of Vilna Bylaw #535-18 sets the rates for the cost of supplying water from the water distribution system including the purchase of the water, sewer rates for the sewer collecting and treatment system and the landfill/garbage maintenance and disposal fees to meet the cost of maintaining, transporting and operating the said systems and that these cost and fees are charged to any occupied site with access to the services, and therefore the request of Mr. Merriam to have the garbage fees deducted from his utility bills be denied.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

a. Land Use Bylaw – Urban Reserve description

Several inquiries have been made regarding a 26+/- acre parcel of land in the north east section of the Village that has been zoned Urban Reserve.

The general purpose of Urban Reserve District is to reserve those lands on the periphery of the municipality which, by their relationship to existing land uses, the main road system and the established utility system, will in time become suitable for general urban uses.

It permits cultivation farming of the land, but not including such agricultural uses as feedlots, hog barns, poultry farms and fur farms.

As a discretionary use, only temporary use or buildings which in the opinion of the Development Authority will not prejudice the possibility of conveniently and economically subdividing or developing the area in the future.

b. Policy #905 Fire Restriction Policy

RES: 050-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that Policy #905 Fire Restriction Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. FINANCIAL

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ii. EFT Mar. 1 – Mar. 31, 2024 (24012-24017)	\$16,813.54
iii. EFT Payroll March, 2024	\$17,537.93

RES: 051-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the accounts paid between March 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, RE: Regional Library Initiatives
- b. Alberta HUB; Minutes for information

RES: 052-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Correspondence presented at the April 10, 2024 Council meeting be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

10. MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. April 10, 2024 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- b. April 15, 2024 – Smoky Lake Regional Fire Committee - 9:00 a.m.(Postponed)
- c. April 16, 2024 – RCDC – 9:00 a.m.
- d. April 16, 2024 – Vilna Public Library – 7:00 p.m.
- e. April 17, 2024 – COPs – 7:00 p.m. Bellis
- f. April 18, 2024 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m.
- g. April 18, 2024 – Alberta Lakeland DMO – 1:00 p.m.
- h. April 19, 2024 – Smoky Lake Foundation – 9:00 a.m.
- i. April 29, 2024 – Joint Municipalities – Vilna Seniors Centre – 5:00 p.m.
- j. April 30, 2024 – RCDC – 9:00 a.m.
- k. April 30, 2024 – Physicians & Health Care Professionals – 9:00 a.m.
- l. May 8, 2024 – Highway 28/63 Water Commission – 10:00 a.m.
- m. May 8, 2024 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.

RES: 053-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Meeting Schedule be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 054-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

Leroy Kunyk

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Earla Wagar, CAO