

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA**  
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2023, 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  
 Councillor Paul Miranda  
 Earla Wagar, CAO

**ABSENT:** Tammy-Lynn Thompson

**GALLERY** Kyle Schole, Smoky Lake County – North Saskatchewan River Heritage Designation  
 Sgt. Anita Doktor, Smoky Lake RCMP – Quarterly Report & Community Discussion  
 Christina McFee – Community Standards Bylaw

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

**1. AGENDA:**

1.	<b>AGENDA</b>		
2.	<b>DELEGATION</b>		
		Kyle Schole, Smoky Lake County – North Saskatchewan River Heritage Designation Sgt. Anita Doktor - Smoky Lake RCMP – Quarterly Report and Community Discussion	
3.	<b>MINUTES</b>		
		a) Regular Council Meeting July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
4.	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:</b>		
5.	<b>REPORTS:</b>		
6.	<b>BUSINESS:</b>		
		a) Strategic Planning	
		b) Unstoppable Conversations	
		c) Boom Town Days, Parade and Car Show	
		d) Tax Sale Reserve Bids	
7.	<b>BYLAWS AND POLICIES</b>		
		a Community Standards Bylaw #492-12-	
		b Land Use Bylaw – Rezoning inquiries	
8.	<b>FINANCIAL</b>		
	a.	<b>Accounts paid June 1 – 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$71,313.64</b>
	i.	A/P <b>June 1 – June 30, 2023</b> (013-022)	\$32,010.69
	ii.	EFT <b>June. 1-June 30, 2023</b> (2023030-038)	\$23,423.06
	iii.	EFT Payroll <b>June, 2023</b>	\$15,879.89
	b.	<b>Accounts paid – July 1 – July 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$163,732.97</b>
	i.	A/P <b>July 1 – July 31 (023 – 030)</b>	\$124,505.46
	ii.	EFT <b>July 1 – July 31 (2023039-2023046)</b>	\$23,125.39
	iii.	Payroll – <b>July 2023</b>	\$16,102.12
		<b>June &amp; July 2023</b>	<b>\$235,046.61</b>
9.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
10.	<b>MEETING SCHEDULE</b>		
11.	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>		
12.	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		

**RES: 118-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Agenda be accepted with the addition of item 6.e-Library Board Appointment. **CARRIED**

**2. DELEGATIONS:**

**a. Kyle Schole, Smoky Lake County**

The Village of Vilna acted as Managing Partner for an ACP Grant to work toward getting Heritage Designation for the North Saskatchewan River. Kyle addressed Council, describing the process that was taken and the success they had in meeting with the Municipalities abutting the River and getting their participation in the project. They received 17 municipalities nominations to have the North Saskatchewan River designated as a Heritage River. He thanked the Vilna Council for agreeing to manage the project and administer the funds.

**b. Sgt. Anita Doktor, Smoky Lake RCMP**

Sgt. Doktor discussed the quarterly report with Council and itemized some of the issues they are dealing with.  
 The Smoky Lake Detachment will be celebrating the RCMP 150 year anniversary on Thursday, September 11, 2023.  
 The RCMP would like to partner with the Village in a Community Engagement Meeting. It was agreed that October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. would be the scheduled date.

**c. Christina McFee** spoke to Council about the enforcement of the Community Standards Bylaw and the initiative to clean the Village and the approach used for weed control. She further talked to Council about the Alberta Bee Society. She spoke about differentiating between weeds and native plants and ways to keep native plants

growing as feed for the bees and the need for bees to pollinate plants. She suggested the potential of developing a Bee Highway since bees prefer native plants to non-native plants.

### 3. MINUTES

#### a) Special Meeting of Council July 6, 2023

**RES: 119-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2023 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### 5. REPORTS BUSINESS

#### a. Mayor Kunyk

- **August 9, 2023 – Intermunicipal Collaboration**
- Regionalization of area fire departments, funding models, and staffing issues.
- Discussion on regional peace officer, bylaw officer, dog catcher.
- Need for increased housing.

#### **July 27, 2023 – Vilna & District Municipal Library**

- Insurance increased.
- Upgrades complete of computers & tablets.
- Wage increase for staff.

#### **July 27, 2023 – Citizens on Patrol**

- Family Fun Day and Historic Vilna Show 'n Shine preparations.
- Charity involvement.

#### **July 26, 2023 – Highway 28/63 Water Commission**

- Water Build Out study.
- Warspite generator design submitted.

#### **July 24, 2023 – Unstoppable Conversations**

- Create what you need and create your own solutions.

#### **July 20, 2023 – Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission**

- Tendering of bids for wastewater, etc.

#### **July 17, 2023 – Doctor Retention & Recruitment Committee**

- Changing Board name to Physicians and Health Care Professionals Committee to include all medical professionals as well as veterinarian services.

#### **July 6, 2023 – Special Meeting of Council**

- Community Standards Bylaw
- Discussion of highway development.

#### **July 6, 2023 – Unstoppable Conversations**

- Share, Create & Dedicate.

#### **June 29, 2023 – Associated Engineers**

- Reservoir Upgrade proposal and timeline for completion.

#### **June 28, 2023 – Evergreen Regional Waste Commission**

- Bonnyville instituted a card lock system to control dumping, theft and vandalism.
- Cameras have been installed.

#### **June 22, 2023 – Alberta Municipal Mayors Caucus**

- Net AB population migration.
- EMS failures covered by Fire Departments.
- Concern over Bill 6, Police Amendment Act.

#### **June 20, 2022 – Unstoppable Conversations**

- Professional Development. Listen, Repeat, Commitment.

#### b. Councillor Miranda

#### **June 13, 20 & July 6 & 24, 2023 – Unstoppable Conversations**

- Positive communication methods

#### **July 27, 2023 – HUB**

- Energy Efficiency for Net Zero

#### c. CAO Report

<b>BALANCE Current Taxes July 31, 2023</b>	(\$419,984.35)
<b>ARREARS</b>	\$132,559.63
<b><u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u></b>	<u>502,795.16</u>
<b><u>Interest &amp; Penalties</u></b>	
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
	<b>\$477,955.17</b>

**Public Works**

- The roads have been maintained and Public Works is working to get the Parade Route and the general Village in top notch condition for the Fair Week-end.

**Property Inquiries**

- We have been getting inquiries about properties for sale.
- I have included discussions about Land Use Planning under the Bylaw category.

**Bonnie Lake**

- The Campground has been quite busy. Very seldom do we get bookings for the unpowered sites, but last week end we had 2 or 3 booked.
- There will have to be some money spent on the facility before the next season. The camp kitchen needs a new roof. Perhaps we could set up a potable water tank and a sani-dump station out there, rather than people using the one in the Village. We don't have a potable water station in the Village.
- We will need to replace many of the tables and some of the burn pits.
- And perhaps upgrade the power sites.

**Tax Sale**

- The Sale is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Capital Equipment Plan**

- The Public Works equipment is starting to wear out. It has been suggested that rather than trying to constantly repair the old garbage truck and the pick up truck, perhaps we should be looking at a 1 ton truck with a hoist box on it. It can be used for both garbage and general duty. Another option to consider is the leasing of a vehicle. They are both working at this time, but replacement should be considered in the next budget term.

**Water Reservoir**

- Geotechnical testing will be done on the property next Monday.
- The site of the old well needs to be located for the engineers.

**RES: 120-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Reports be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS**

**a. Strategic Plan**

With the draft of the new Land Use Bylaw being prepared and inquiries about development in various parts of the Village if was felt that some long range planning be done to ensure the Village is going in the right direction.

**RES: 121-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that Administration be directed to consult with Municipal Planning Services and Smoky Lake County Planners to determine the process and costs to develop a Strategic Plan. **CARRIED**

**b. Unstoppable Conversations**

**RES: 122-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that community member be invited to the next sessions with Wendy Schnieder, where community projects will be discussed, and the next Unstoppable Conversations Session be scheduled in conjunction with the Strategic Planning process. **CARRIED**

**c. 2023 Fair and Car Show**

**RES: 123-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village limit its participation in the Boom Town Days week end to volunteering at the Car Show, the Pool Hall functions and the COPS BBQ. **CARRIED**

**d. Tax Recovery Auction Sale – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**RES: 124-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda the Reserve Bids for the properties being offered for sale at the Tax Recovery Auction Scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. be set as the Current Assessment Values as follows:

Roll #164	0011 506 541		B	5081ET	4913 – 49 St	\$ 37,100
Roll #181	0010 072 585	9	1	7722146	4910 – 49 St	\$ 32,300
Roll # 88	0020 896 221	4	5	829HW	5122 – 51 Ave	\$100,300

Roll # 76	0012 284 675	14	4	1887CL	4915 – 52 Ave	\$ 9,500
Roll # 46	0020 175 304	22	3	1887CL	5016 – 51 Ave	\$ 9,500
Roll # 57	0020 182 390	13	3	1887CL	5023 – 52 Ave	\$ 18,100

**CARRIED****e. Library Board Appointment**

**RES: 125-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that Susan Krawchuk be appointed to the Vilna and District Municipal Library Board for a 3-year term beginning on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES****a) Land Use Bylaw Amendment suggestions.**

**RES: 126-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that items including Tiny Homes, Smaller lots, Mini-Farms, Utility Services be discussed at such time as the Land Use Bylaw Draft is presented by Municipal Planning Services. **CARRIED**

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**RES: 127-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the accounts paid between June 1, 2023 and July 31, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

a. RCMP Quarterly Report

**10. MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. August 9, 2023 – Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee – 9:00
- b. August 9, 2023 – Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee – 1:00
- c. August 9, 2023 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- d. August 14, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00
- e. August 17, 2023 – Senior Foundation – 9:00
- f. August 23, 2023 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00
- g. August 25, 2023 – Northern Lights Library – 10:00
- h. August 31, 2023 – RCDC – 1:00 p.m.
- i. September 11, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00
- j. September 12, 2023 – Joint Municipalities – Smoky Lake – 5:00
- k. September 13, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- l. September 27, 2023 – Tax Recovery Sale – 11:00 p.m.

**RES: 128-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Meeting Schedule be approved as presented.

**CARRIED****11. ADJOURNMENT**

**RES. 129-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. **CARRIED**

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 Earla Wagar, CAO