

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 2023, 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 (Virtual)
 Earla Wagar, CAO

ABSENT:

GALLERY: James McDonald, NLLS
 Cpl. Roxanne Genereaux, RCMP

Greg Ward	Linda Fenerty	John McCormack
Mike & Sue Nay	Kevin Eves	Pastor Wayne & Karen Johnson
Darlene O'Donoghue	Ray Copeland	Mary Piwowar
Shannon Johnson	Alton Mazur	Marlaine Pidluzny
Darrel Shevolup	Donna & Bob. Orleski	Cameron & Crystal Gschaid
Linda Burns	Linda & Hank Keller	

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

1. AGENDA:

RES: 027-023 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

1.	AGENDA	
	Additions/Changes	
2.	DELEGATION - - James MacDonald & Vicky Lefebvre NLLS Board Linda & Hank Keller, Health Centre Proposals Delegation Cpl Roxanne Genereaux, RCMP	
3.	MINUTES	
	a. Regular Council Meeting – February 8, 2023	
4.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
5.	REPORTS	
	a. Mayor	
	b. Deputy Mayor	
	c. Councillor Report	
	d. Administration Report	
6.	BUSINESS:	
	a. Director of Emergency Management	
	b. Intermunicipal Development Agreement & Bylaw	
	c. Medical Services Session Notes	
7.	BYLAWS AND POLICIES	
	a. Bylaw 584-23 Inter Municipal Development Plan	
	b. Bylaw 560-21 Pet Ownership Bylaw	
	8. FINANCIAL REPORT	
a.	Accounts Feb. 1, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2023	\$181,669.27
	b. A/P Feb 1 - 28, 2023 (14222-14253)	\$151,663.15
	c. A/P Eft's (Feb 1 – 28, 2023 2023001-011)	\$ 17,008.14
	d. Payroll February, 2023	\$ 12,997.98
9.	CORRESPONDENCE	
10.	NEXT MEETINGS	
11.	CLOSED SESSION	
12.	ADJOURNMENT	

2. DELEGATIONS:

a) James MacDonald & Vicky Lefebvre or the Northern Lights Library System Board made a presentation to Council regarding the 2022 year and the projections for 2023. The 2022 statistics indicate that the Vilna Library has issued 100 Membership cards to Vilna residents, this shows 100 families have taken advantage of the services offered. They further noted that the Alberta 2023 Budget has increased the contributions to each library substantially. Vilna will be receiving \$10,624.00, an increase of \$4,024.00 from 2022.

b) Concerned Community Members with spokesperson Linda Keller.

A concern was raised from information obtained from the notes of a brainstorming session that Mayor Kunyk and CAO Wagar attended, held in Smoky Lake with representatives from Alberta Health Services, Rural Health Professional, Town of Smoky Lake, and County of Smoky Lake. The meeting was called to discuss potential options of services that can be brought into Vilna and Smoky Lake and to find uses for the vacant space at the Vilna Health Centre. The interpretation of the notes indicated that a "Safe Injection Site" was being proposed for the Vilna Health Centre. This was a major concern for the delegation and the reason for their presence at the Council meeting. Mayor Kunyk explained that one of the multitudes of ideas that came forward with the possibility of a "Controlled Opioid Dosing facility". This suggestion was presented because "as high dose opiates are no longer available through pharmacies or for at home dosing, facilities are needed to become a controlled space where people with opiate addictions can go to have their doses administered by professionals."

A list of many of the other suggestions that came out of the brainstorming session were presented. Most of them were received very positively, some of them were felt to not be practical for Vilna. They were very agreeable to having physiotherapy and counsellors for mental health and addiction therapy were very positive.

The Delegation made it very clear that they did not want any drug giving or drug taking services in Vilna.

Mayor Kunyk concluded the discussion indicating that Council has heard their concerns and Alberta Health Services will be notified that the proposal for a "Controlled Opiate Dosing Facility" or a "Supervised Consumption Site" are not acceptable services for the Vilna community.

The discussion then turned to the possibility of regular community gatherings, volunteerism and better communication.

- c) Cpl. Roxanne Genereaux presented the 2022/23 summary of the community priorities and asked what the priorities for 2023 would be. The community delegation indicated a great concern of vandalism and thefts. Suggestions were made to make the community safer, including cameras on the streets. She indicated that the school liaison program has been very successful and they will continue that. They will also continue to be available in the community on a scheduled basis for meet with the residents and discuss their concerns. The next "Coffee with a Cop" gathering is scheduled for May 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Porky's Side Street restaurant.

MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of Council February 8th, 2023

RES: 028-023 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 8th, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4. REPORTS

a) Mayor Kunyk

Evergreen Regional Waste Commission – Feb 16, 2023

- Discussion of purchase of previously used waste compactor will not be purchased.
- Leachate hauling tenders.
- Waste Disposal comparison of tippage rates.

Vilna & District Municipal Library – February 16, 2023

- Organizational Meeting with the executive being:

Chair – Marion Vinette
Vice Chair – Leroy Kunyk
Secretary/Treasurer – Rebeka Harakal

- Volunteer planning for fundraising.

Northern Lights Library System – February 24, 2023

b) Deputy Mayor Thompson

Ukrainian Gala was held February 25th with about 100 in attendance

MuniCorr – March 13, 2023

c) Councillor Miranda

No Committee meetings.

d) Administration Report

BALANCE Current Taxes December 31 2022	13,344.23)
ARREARS	\$166,080.51
<i>TOTAL TAXES OWING</i>	<u>152,736.28</u>
<i>Interest & Penalties</i>	<u></u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
	<u>\$127,896.29</u>

PUBLIC WORKS

- Most of the summer equipment has been serviced and ready for spring.
- The equipment is starting to get old, an assessment of it should be done and replacement reserves should be considered.
- We spoke to the contractor about getting the two excavations cleaned up. He has indicated that it will have to warm up a bit in order for equipment to be able to break up the frozen dirt. I have withheld 10% of his payment.

WATER RESERVOIR

- The chorine levels seem to be stable. Alberta Environment has indicated that we can reduce the special testing to bi-monthly or even tri-monthly. We paid \$14,129.63 for the testing in 2022. Hopefully we will be awarded the replacement grant this year.

BANK FRAUD

- I have contacted the Insurance Company and they have created a file. The bank was able to recover \$8,391.28.

RCDC

- Michelle has orchestrated the two meetings next week with Thomas Barr and Unstoppables. This will be a conversation with Michelle alone. She wants to talk about where we see Unstoppables taking us and when we should start inviting the public to become involved. I think that Linda and Hank have made a great inroad for us by getting people interested in Vilna and where it’s going to be in the next few years. I would recommend that since it’s spring and since people are keen about Vilna moving forward and now is the time to get them involved.
- A phone call I received from Yolo Nomads may be a direction we can be looking in.

BONNIE LAKE

- Matthew has confirmed that he does not want to continue the contract to operate the Bonnie Lake Campground. I have prepared an ad to go into the next weeks Review. Should it go into the St. Paul paper as well?
- Our contract has always required that the operator has his own equipment and liability insurance.
- Public Works helps with road work and moving the dock.

RES: 029-023 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS**a) Director of Emergency Management**

Frank Barry the Director of Emergency Management for the Village of Vilna has tendered his resignation.

RES: 030-023 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that an inquiry be made to Smoky Lake County to determine if they would be willing to enter into an agreement with the Village whereby the County Director of Emergency Management would act as the DEM for the Village of Vilna.

CARRIED**b) Inter Municipal Development Plan & Bylaw**

RES: 031-023 Moved by Councillor Miranda that that the Village of Vilna enter into a revised Intermunicipal Development Agreement with Smoky Lake County, and that a Special Council Meeting, both virtual and live, be held on March 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at which time a Public Hearing will be hosted at the Smoky Lake County Council Chambers and will be virtually carried at the Vilna Council Chambers, for the revised Intermunicipal Development Agreement to be presented to the General Public for their information and questions.

CARRIED**c) Presentation of the Medical Services Session – February 8, 2023**

RES: 032-023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the notes from the Medical Services Information Session held in Smoky Lake Town Council Chambers on February 8th, 2023 be accepted for information, and that ideas and suggestions to further any of these ideas be brought forward and taken to the next Regional Health Board meeting.

CARRIED**d) Ukrainian Dancer Club Donation**

RES: 033-023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that a donation be made for the Dance Club's Dinner Silent Auction.

CARRIED**6. BYLAWS AND POLICIES****a) Bylaw 584-23 Inter Municipal Development Plan Agreement**

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 631.1 **Intermunicipal development plans Section 631(1)** Subject to subsections (2) and (3), 2 or more councils of municipalities that have common boundaries and that are not members of a growth region as defined in section 708.01 must, by each passing a bylaw in accordance with this Part or in accordance with sections 12 and 692, adopt an intermunicipal development plan to include those areas of land lying within the boundaries of the municipalities as they consider necessary.

RES: 034-023 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that 1st reading be given to Bylaw #584-23 the Inter Municipal Development Plan Agreement Bylaw, which shall have second and third readings considered after the Public Hearing scheduled for March 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Smoky Lake County Council Chambers.

CARRIED

RES: 035-023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that Council re-affirm the Code of Conduct Bylaw #551-20 be followed in all aspects and that it be brought forward for review at the annual Organizational meeting in October.

CARRIED**b) Pet Ownership Bylaw**

Council reviewed the sections of the Bylaw pertaining to ownership of exotic pets. It was recommended that the regulations around the ownership of hens be circulated so that people wanting to own hens will be familiar with the guidelines and requirements. The ownership of bees was reviewed. A discussion was held pertaining to the possibility of queen bees leaving the hives and developing hives on or around residential buildings. The issue with controlling this caused the discussion of removal bees from the Pet Ownership Bylaw.

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RES: 036-023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Financial Report, as presented for February 2023, be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. March 8, 2023 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- b. March 9, 2023 – 28/63 Water Commission
- c. March 10, 2023 – Evergreen Waste Commission
- d. March 13, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m.
- e. March 14, 2023 – Thomas Barr “Next Steps” ZOOM – 9:00 a.m.
- f. March 14, 2023 – Unstoppables – ZOOM – 10:00 a.m.
- g. March 16, 2023 – Special Council Meeting – ZOOM - 1:00 p.m.
- h. March 16, 2023 – Vilna Library
- i. March 16, 2023 – Public Hearing–Inter Municipal Development Agreement–1:15 p.m.
- j. March 17, 2023 – Seniors Foundation – 9:00 a.m.
- k. March 21, 2023 – Yolo Nomads – ZOOM – 5:30 p.m.
- l. March 23, 2023 – COPS – 7:30 p.m.
- m. April 10, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m.
- n. April 12, 2023 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.

RES: 037-023 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the meeting schedule, as amended, be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

RES. 038-023 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 8, 2023 be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. **CARRIED**

Leroy Kunyk

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Earla Wagar, CAO