

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA**  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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 Kuyk  
Deputy Mayor Thompson  
Councillor Paul Miranda (Virtual)  
Earla Wagar, CAO

**ABSENT:**

**GALLERY:** Michelle Wright

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

**1. AGENDA:**

**RES: 045-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

<p><b>2. DELEGATION - -</b> Michelle Wright</p> <p><b>3. MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Regular Council Meeting March 8, 2023</li> <li>b. Special Meeting of Council March 16, 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>5. REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mayor</li> <li>b. Deputy Mayor</li> <li>c. Councillor Report</li> <li>d. Administration Report</li> </ul> <p><b>6. BUSINESS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Offer to Purchase</li> <li>b. Communities In Bloom</li> <li>c. Unstoppable Conversations</li> <li>d. Thomas Barr</li> <li>e. Yolo Nomads – Luke Panek</li> <li>f. Promotional AD Impact Tourism</li> <li>g. Regional Fire Joint Agreements</li> <li>h. Joint Municipalities Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Regional Newsletter</li> <li>ii. Contracting County Animal Control</li> </ul> </li> <li>i. Bonnie Lake Maintenance Contract</li> <li>j. May Clean-Up Month</li> <li>k. Community Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bylaw 584-23 Inter Municipal Development Plan</li> <li>b. Bylaw 560-21 Pet Ownership Bylaw</li> </ul> <p><b>8. FINANCIAL REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Accounts paid March 1 – 31, 2023</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$60,140.30</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A/P Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2023 (14254-14267) <span style="float: right;">\$26,480.57</span></li> <li>ii. EFT Mar. 1-Mar 31, 2023 (2023012-2023020) <span style="float: right;">\$17,010.55</span></li> <li>iii. EFT Payroll March, 2023 <span style="float: right;">\$16,649.18</span></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**2. DELEGATIONS:**

Michelle Wright, CEDO for the Region addressed Council regarding the numerous initiatives to enhance the community of Vilna and attract business and residents.

**3. MINUTES****a) Regular Meeting of Council March 8, 2023**

**RES: 046-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED****b) Special Meeting of Council March 16, 2023**

**RES: 047-023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED****3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES****4. REPORTS****a) Mayor Kunyk****Highway 28/63 Water Commission – March 9, 2023**

- Annual Account Audit was presented;
- Informed of Agreement Renewal Dates;
- Discussion of changes in water usage since 2019, potential future expansion.

**Evergreen Regional Waste Commission – March 10, 2023**

- Annual Account Audit presented,
- Only 1.2 Millage in tippage, down for 2021,
- Frog Lake started hauling their own waste to Evergreen;
- Other communities are looking to join the commission.

**Atlas Energy March 14, 2023**

- Consultant asking to evaluate our infrastructure, goals and available resources,
- Identify waste streams and goal to be energy independent in 5 years.

**Unstoppable Conversations March 14, 2023**

- Discussion of Navigator Position, service points, how to move forward with unused buildings,
- Look to identify stakeholders, seek new ideas and a new vision.

**Village of Vilna Special Council Meeting**

- Public Hearing for Intermunicipal Development Agreement.

**Smoky Lake Foundation – March 17, 2023**

- Smoky Lake Resident Bus in need of repairs, looking for alternative transportation.
- Discussion of menus and food supply contracts.

**Sustainergy.ca Peter Hart – March 21, 2023**

- Building monitoring Analysis Grant. Information on the grant and info provided.
- FCM Grant would cover 80% of their research and 20% in kind using staff contribution, so would require no cash from the Village.
- Early diagnosis of equipment, based on energy draw to measure progressive deterioration.
- Equipment would act as digital facility manager, alerting staff of irregularities, bearings, misalignments, wattage, etc.

**YOLO Nomads – March 21, 2023**

- Attracting remote workers to Vilna. Aggressive social marketing using Facebook, Instagram, TikTok etc.
- After interaction, work with user to become more informed about local area, local news articles. Targeted to professionals. Includes website.

**Vilna & District Municipal Library March 23, 2023**

- Visiting Author program;

- New email newsletter of library and community events.
- Update and reworking of existing policies.
- Bottle drive and Money Matters program, Easter activities.

**Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol – March 23, 2023**

- Promotional activities and material planned.
- Motion to keep a County Liaison position.
- New funding activities.

**Smoky Lake Region Joint Municipalities – March 27, 2023**

- Vilna hosted meeting.
- Presentation by MLA Glenn Van Dijken.
- Presentation by Rural HUB, Bob Bezpalko.
- Updates on community activities, tourism and lobbying activities.

**Vilna Pool Hall – March 30, 2023**

- Discussion on furnishing the backroom living museum area.
- Summer operation hours, new volunteer members.
- Decision to give termination notice to hair dresser, citing amenities non-consistent with historical heritage site.

**RCDC – April 11, 2023**

- Status update, tourism efforts,
- Looking for future refresh following resignation of CEDO.
- New templates for organization.

**100 Cups of Coffee**

- Smoky Lake region community engagement exercise. Ongoing.

**b) Deputy Mayor Thompson**

- Attended many of the meetings that the Mayor reported on.

**c) Councillor Miranda**

**RCDC – April 11, 2023**

- The Committee requires new direction and refreshing.

**YOLO and Unstoppable Conversations**

- These initiatives are both moving the community in a positive and refreshing direction.

**d) Administration Report**

<b>BALANCE Current Taxes March 31, 2023</b>	(\$18,920.83)
<b>ARREARS</b>	\$147,588.71
<b><u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u></b>	<u>128,667.88</u>
<b><u>Interest &amp; Penalties</u></b>	<u>(\$24,839.99)</u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
	<b>\$103,827.89</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- The crew has been scraping the streets, to keep the ice ridges down. They are also moving the piles of snow around so that the snow is evaporating and melting.
- They were able to open the culvert underneath Main Street on 52 Avenue, reducing the water build up on the west side of the intersection.
- These efforts will eliminate the need to hire a truck to haul the snow away.
- Gravel has been ordered and as soon as the ground gets warm enough they will be working on the two water break sites.

**RCDC**

- Not having Michelle Wright as our Regional Economic Development Officer has created a void in our structure. There will be an RCDC meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at which time there will be a discussion on whether to replace her or take RCDC in a different direction. Since

Waskatenau is not a member of the committee we are the quiet voice amidst the louder ones. If you recall (as much as I thought he was not performing the study as requested) we did hear a great deal of conversation from Doug Griffith about how important Economic Development is.

- I will be attending the meeting, and I think it's important that either Mayor Kunyk or Councillor Miranda or both make every effort to attend the meeting to make it clear that without a Regional EDO Vilna struggle will to move forward into the future.

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- The RCDC meeting will be the last one that Michelle Wright (CEDO) will be attending, as she moves fully into her new position at Metis Crossing.
- There are unfinished projects that will be addressed at a later date, including Vilna's request for financial assistance to enhance the Unstoppable Conversations Project.
- It has been recommended that a workshop be organized to redirect the committee. It was indicated that for the past several years RCDC has been focusing on Tourism and now it's time to look at more basic development such as housing and businesses. It seems to be the feeling of many of the members that RCDC should be spending money on lobbying and attracting developers. Perhaps I'm naïve, but I can't see lobbying unless you know specifically what you want. The Workshop aimed at preparing a Regional Strategic Plan is probably the first step to be taken.

### **BONNIE LAKE**

- I've been getting campground bookings
- We did not get any bids returned for the maintenance of the campground. I will talk to Public Works and see if we can work something out.
- I have booked a demonstration of the Booking System for next Monday. I'll forward the invitation of anyone is interested.

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

- Public Works will be working around the Village picking up garbage and working on keeping the public areas clean.
- The bins have been booked.

### **ACP GRANT 2023**

We made an application for an ACP grant for funding to develop a Regional Indigenous Collaboration Framework. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in the application for this year.

**RES: 048-023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the reports be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **a) Offer to Purchase Property**

CAO Wagar asked that this item be discussed as a Closed Session Item.

### **b) Communities In Bloom Program**

**RES: 049-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that that the Village of Vilna register as a Non-Competitive Participating Community in the Communities In Bloom Program for 2023 and solicit volunteers to lead the program.

**CARRIED**

### **c) Unstoppable Conversations**

**RES: 050-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna enter into an Agreement of Understanding with Unstoppable Conversations to host two 4 hour workshops on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> where ideas and conversations can be shared to help Vilna move forward and eliminating roadblocks that deter growth.

**CARRIED**

### **d) Thomas Barr, Atlas Projects**

**RES: 051-023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Atlas Projects proposal to review our current municipal energy services and costs be deferred to later in the year.

**CARRIED****e) YOLO Nomads**

**RES: 052-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village enter into an agreement with YOLO Nomads to provide contacts and communication with people who are interested in moving out of the cities to live a quieter lifestyle in rural Alberta.

**CARRIED****f) IMPACT TOURISM Promotional Ad**

**RES: 053-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village work with Impact Tourism to create a Magazine Ad for the Travel Gateway, as part of the award the Village received in 2022 as The Most Welcoming Community in 2022 as nominated by Rumble Alberta.

**CARRIED****g) Regional Fire Joint Agreements**

**RES: 054-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna acknowledge the Joint Operation Agreement for Fire Protection Services, under Bylaw 549-20, Vilna and Waskatenau, Town of Smoky Lake And Smoky Lake County respectively, remain in effect until the Regional Fire Services Agreement is in place.

**CARRIED****h) Joint Municipalities Recommendations**

**RES: 055-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna promote and share the County's Emergency Preparedness Week event of their Annual Safety Day workshop sponsored on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED**

**RES: 056-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna and the Vilna Library as administrator of the Vilna FCSS work with Smoky Lake FCSS to collaborate events and activities through a regional newsletter.

**CARRIED****i) Bonnie Lake Maintenance Proposal**

**RES: 057-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that Administration collaborate with the past Contractor and our Public Works staff to manage the maintenance of Bonnie Lake Campground for the 2023 season.

**CARRIED****j) Clean-Up Month**

**RES: 058-023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Council of the Village of Vilna declare May as Clean-Up month.

**CARRIED****k) Community Meeting**

**RES: 059-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village host a Community Meeting to encourage people to share their ideas for community growth and enhancement, with the details to be discussed at the next meeting.

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

**RES: 060-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that 2nd reading be given to Bylaw #584-23 the Inter Municipal Development Plan Agreement Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**RES: 061-023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading be given to Bylaw #584-23, the Intermunicipal Development Plan Agreement Bylaw.

**CARRIED****b) Pet Ownership Bylaw**

Time didn't permit the discussion of this Bylaw in any detail. It shall remain on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

a. <b>Accounts Mar. 1, 2023 – Mar 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$60,140.30</b>
i. A/P <b>Mar 1 - 31, 2023</b> (14254-14267)	\$ 26,480.57
ii. A/P Eft's (Mar 1 – 30, 2023 2023012-020)	\$ 17,010.55
iii. Payroll March, 2023	\$ 16,649.18

**RES: 062-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Financial Reports, as presented for March 2023 be accepted for information.

**CARRIED****8. CORRESPONDENCE****9. MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. April 10, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m.
- b. April 11, 2023 – RCDC – 3:00 p.m. – ZOOM
- c. April 11, 2023 – Health Advisory Council – 6:00 p.m. Eventbrite
- d. April 12, 2023 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m. ZOOM
- e. April 18, 2023 – Dr. Retention & Recruitment – 5:00 p.m.
- f. April 19, 2023 – Highway 28/63 Water Commission – 10:00 a.m.
- g. April 19, 2023 – Highway 28/63 Water Commission Workshop – 1:00 p.m.
- h. April 20, 2023 – Evergreen – St. Paul County – 10:00 a.m. ZOOM
- i. April 21, 2023 – Smoky Lake Foundation – 10:00 a.m. ZOOM
- j. April 21, 2023 – Ukrainian Twinning – 3:00 p.m. - ZOOM
- k. April 27 – 28, 2023 – Unstoppable Conversations Workshop
- l. May 8, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m. – ZOOM
- m. May 10, 2023 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m. ZOOM

**RES: 063-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the meeting schedule, as amended, be accepted for information.

**CARRIED****10. CLOSED SESSION**

**RES: 065-023** Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the meeting move into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**RES: 066-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the meeting move out of Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**RES: 067-023** Moved by Councillor Miranda that the offer to purchase of Lots 19 & 20, Block 3 Plan 1887CL be countered with a price of \$3,700.00 each.

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

**RES. 068-023** Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**


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 Earla Wagar, CAO