

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA**  
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY August 21, 2024, 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 Tammy Lynn Thompson  
 Councillor Paul Miranda  
 Loni Leslie, Administration  
 and Earla Wagar, CAO

**DELEGATIONS:** Luke Panec, Yolo-Nomads via Zoom at 5:45

**GALLERY:** None

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

**AGENDA:**

<b>1. AGENDA</b>		
	Additions/Changes	
<b>2. DELEGATION:</b>		Via Zoom – Yolo Nomads at 5:45pm
<b>3. MINUTES</b>		
a.	July 24, 2024 Regular Council	
<b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>		
<b>5. REPORTS</b>		
<b>5.1 ACTION LIST UPDATE</b>		
<b>6. BUSINESS:</b>		
<b>7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES</b>		
<b>8. FINANCIAL</b>		
a.	<b>Accounts paid July 1-31, 2024</b>	<b>\$56,552.41</b>
	i. A/P Cheques <b>July 1-31, 2024</b> (132-146)	\$18,175.89
	ii. EFT <b>July 1-31, 2024</b> (24023-24028)	\$21,006.31
	iii. EFT Payroll <b>July, 2024</b>	\$17,370.21
<b>9. CORRESPONDENCE:</b>		
<b>10. NEXT MEETINGS:</b>		
<b>11. CLOSED SESSION</b>		
<b>12. ADJOURNMENT</b>		

**RES: 100-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson** that the Agenda for the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 meeting with the addition of item 6a Associated Engineers regarding the awarding of the Design Stage Management contract. **CARRIED**

**1. DELEGATIONS:**

a) Luke Panek of Yolo Nomads reported that they have created a page on Facebook promoting our Village with great success. In a 3-4 week period the Village page received 129 downloads. They are offering a digital map to be attached to the Vilna Webpage and each business will be able to promote their business.

**2. MINUTES**

a) **Regular Council Meeting July 24, 2024**

**RES: 101-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson** that the Minutes of the July 24, 2024 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None**

**4. REPORTS**

a) **Mayor Kunyk –**

i. **Vilna Volunteer Fire Department July 30, 2024 -**

- Discussion of street and house numbers
- The Restoration of our first Fire Truck, a 1949 Bickle truck and the indication that they would like to create a show place on the Iron Horse Trail adjacent to the Stry School;

- They would like to schedule regular fire burns at the Village’s Waste Transfer Station burn pit, as training, as permitted.
- ii. **Vilna/Bellis Citizens on Patrol August 8, 2024**
  - Family Fun Day Bar-B-Q planning
  - Preparation for attendance to ACOPA Annual AGM –Sept 12 in Red Deer
- iii. **Friends of the Pool Hall Society August 14, 2024**
  - Operations continue to evolve and improve;
  - Discussion of continued exterior renewals,
  - Alternative fund raising methods.
- iv. **Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission August 14, 2024**
  - Management options for the Commission evolution.
- v. **Evergreen Regional Waste Services Commission August 15, 2024**
  - Equipment replacement options, i.e. bids for new compactor;
  - Inert waste cell construction continues.
- vi. **Associated Engineering – August 21, 2024 – 4:30**
  - Discussion of water reservoir development.

**b) Deputy Mayor Thompson –**

- i. **Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission August 14, 2024**
  - Discussion about contracting management of the Commission vs. paying the County to continuing to manage the Commission.
- ii. **Business Attraction:**
  - Consider options for Business Incentives i.e. tax breaks
- iii. **Report of the Metis Nations Assn. Meeting:**
  - The Minister of Mental Health has announced that the Metis Gathering Healing Water Health Centre has begun construction adjacent to Metis Crossing. A concern was raised about the need for mental health physicians and services in the region to accommodate the patients to the centre.

**c) Councillor Miranda**

- **Community Futures** meeting was deferred to the Power Up North Entrepreneurs Conference in Lac La Biche on October 8-12.

**d) CAO Report**

**Property Taxes**

<b>BALANCE Current Taxes August 21, 2024</b>	
2024 (incl. 2024 May levy)	\$99,035.54
ARREARS	\$115,878.42
<b><u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u></b>	<b>\$214,913.96</b>
<b><u>Interest &amp; Penalties</u></b>	<b>\$47,397.56</b>
	<b>\$262,311.52</b>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$38,824.79)
	<b>\$223,486.73</b>
Less Preauthorized monthly payments for 2024	-65,497.18
	<b>\$157,989.55</b>
Includes Tax Recovery (differing stages)	\$95,751.16
Payment agreements in place	\$9,424.81
Payment agreements requested, not yet completed	30,853.39

The 2024 Boomtown Days Fair was a great success with activities throughout the Village. The Sunday CAR SHOW was a resounding success. Congratulations Mayor Kunyk and your volunteers.

**ADMINISTRATION**

- We didn’t meet the Municipal Affairs 90% margin of collecting current taxes in 2023. We collected 82.83% of current taxes in 2023.
- We have 11 properties that are on the tax recovery auction list this year. Hopefully, with new owners purchasing these properties we can reach the 90% next year.

- The other concern noted on the report was that we submitted our financial reports late. I have explained that the bank fraud incident in 2023 along with having to change bank accounts and sending notifications of same delayed getting the books ready for the auditors in time.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- The crew is working diligently to make the Village look great. They have a challenge keeping the burdock weed under control.
- They finally received the cold mix for street repairs and will be working on this for a while.

**FIRE BANS**

- The Fire Bans have been reduced to a Fire Restriction. This makes the campers using Bonnie Lake happier.

**WATER RESERVOIR**

- We are close to going to tender for the contractor. Once we have some solid numbers, we can concentrate fully on the dollars, and how to keep our lending down. AE is posting the tender this week.
- Alberta Transportation is receptive to increasing the loan to match to the increase in cost. We will apply when tender costs are known.

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS**

- We have been trying to encourage people to keep their yards neat and attractive. On the whole, while we are seeing more attention, some encouragement is still necessary.
- There is more to the Community Standards Bylaw that just keeping your yard clean. We had to shut down a back yard swimming pool which was deeper than the minimum accepted depth and there was no fencing around it or lid on it.
- We had a couple transport trucks parking on our streets. One of them had broken down and was moved once it was repaired, the other was given notice that our bylaw prohibits any vehicle over 1 ton from parking on any streets.

**RES: 102-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the reports be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS**

**a. Associated Engineering recommendation for Contract 1. Construction and Management for Design Stage of the Vilna Water Reservoir.**

**RES: 103-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk** that the Village of Vilna approve the recommendation of Associated Engineering to contract Alpha Construction Inc. for the provision of Pre-Construction Management services to work with Associated Engineering to complete the design of the Vilna Water Reservoir.

**CARRIED**

**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES - None**

**8. FINANCIAL**

<b>Accounts paid July 1-31, 2024</b>	<b>\$56,175.89</b>
i. A/P July 1-31, 2024 (132-146)	\$72,888.66
ii. EFT July 1-31, 2024 (24023-24048)	\$21,006.31
iii. EFT Payroll July, 2024	\$17,370.21

**RES: 104-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the accounts paid between July 1 and July 31, 2024 in the amount of \$56,552.41 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. ATCO Franchise Fee Estimate for 2025
- b. Response from Prime Minister’s Office – passed on to Deputy Prime Minister

**RES: 105-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson** that the Correspondence presented at the August 21, 2024 Council meeting be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**10. MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. August 26, 2024, 5:00pm – Joint Municipalities – Bellis
- b. August 28, 2024 – 9:00am – Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee – Fire
- c. September 11, 2024 – 5:30 – Regular Council
- d. September 19, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Evergreen Regional Waste Commission
- e. September 20, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation.
- f. October 27, 2024 – 1:00 Highway 28/63 Water Commission

**RES: 106-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the Meeting Schedule be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**11. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**RES. 107-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk** adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council held August 21, 2024 at 7:40 p.m. **CARRIED**

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Leroy Kunyk

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Earla Wagar, CAO