

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9, 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
Deputy Mayor Tammy Lynn Thompson
Councillor Paul Miranda (ZOOM)
Loni Leslie, Administration
Earla Wagar, CAO

DELEGATIONS: James McDonald, Northern Lights Library System

GALLERY:

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

1. AGENDA:

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	Additions/Changes		
2. DELEGATION:			
a.	James MacDonald - NLLS		
3. MINUTES			
a.	September 18, 2024 Regular Council		
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES			
5. REPORTS			
5.1	Action List Update		
6. BUSINESS:			
a.	Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission ACP Grant		
b.	Halloween Hours for 2024		
7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES			
8. FINANCIAL			
a.	Accounts paid to September 30, 2024	\$70,253.56	
i.	A/P Cheques September 1-30, 2024 (181-192)		\$24,709.04
ii.	EFT September 1-30, 2024 (24070-24083)		\$21,220.45
iii.	EFT Payroll September, 2024		\$24,324.07
9. CORRESPONDENCE:			
10. NEXT MEETINGS:			
11. CLOSED SESSION			
12. ADJOURNMENT			

RES: 119-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Agenda for the October 9, 2024 meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED**DELEGATIONS:**

James McDonald from Northern Lights Library System provided 2023 Statistics for the Regional Library System as well as the Vilna Library. Vilna Library circulated 1,815 printed books, 462 e-books and 51 e-audio books in 2023.

In 2024 they contracted the drivers for the distribution trucks creating a manpower and financial savings.

In 2025 NLLS is proposing providing wireless printing in the libraries. They are also planning to create an interface for the catalogues throughout the system.

The budget proposal will see an increase in the Municipal Levy by 1.5% for 3 years.

Mayor Kunyk thanked Mr. McDonald for his presentation and acknowledged the assistance that NLLS provided to Vilna and the Vilna Library .

MINUTES**a) Regular Council Meeting September 18, 2024**

RES: 120-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** – None

- **REPORTS**

- a. **Mayor Kunyk** –

- i. **Evergreen Regional Waste Commission September 19, 2024** -
 - ACP Grant Review

- Talked about advances in Artificial Intelligence and its impact on urban waste collection.
 - ii. **North East MuniCorr – October 7, 2024**
 - The request from the Vilna Fire Department to build a building to display on the Iron Horse Trail siding for their first fire truck, a 1929 Bickle, was approved.
 - Parking Lot expansion in Cold Lake was discussed.
 - State of disrepair of the siding of the trail in Bonnyville.
 - iii. **Highway 28/63 Water Commission – October 7, 2024**
 - Management Options - Received 2 bids for the management contract.
 - iv. **Agricultural Society & RCMP**
 - Held an intervention with a young offender over damage at the arena.
- b. **Deputy Mayor Thompson –**
- i. **Taste of Vilna – September 30, 2024**
 - The celebration hosted by the Library was very successful.
 - ii. **Smoky Lake Foundation – September 20, 2024**
 - Looking for new maintenance person for Vilna Lodge
 - Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association will be holding its Annual Conference on October 10, 2024.
 - iii. **HUB – October 1, 2024**
 - Alberta Innovates presentation
 - Rural Economic Development Alliance (REDA) is a partnership with the Province made up of 9 regions. The Province is reducing the funding to all of the REDA’s in the Province and the funding is expected to be eliminated completely in 3 years in such time the REDA’s will be expected to be self funded.
- c. **Councillor Miranda**
- i. **HUB – October 1, 2024**
 - Members of HUB met in Lamont to discuss the concerns being raised regarding the Province reducing funding of the program. The purpose of the Economic Development Alliances has been to assist municipalities to grow and develop new initiatives that will enhance growth in the region.
 - Loss of funding means that REDAs will have to change their mandate to remain viable.
 - ii. **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

BALANCE Current Taxes September 18, 2024	
2024 (incl. 2024 May levy)	\$85,705.61
ARREARS	\$109,521.61
TAXES OWING	\$195,227.22
<i>Interest & Penalties</i>	<i>\$45,389.39</i>
<i>TOTAL TAXES OWING</i>	<i>\$240,616.61</i>
<i>Less Village Property (Tax Recovery)</i>	<i>(\$38,824.79)</i>
	\$201,791.82

ADMINISTRATION

- As the date of the Auction Sale gets closer there are less properties to sell. 3 of the properties have payment agreements, 1 has been paid in full, 3 have a pending sale and 1 has a request to be deferred (due to a foreclosure in progress).

PUBLIC WORKS

- The crew is replacing some of the wood sidewalk pieces.
- Bonnie Lake is being winterized. The dock is out, but we still have people camping.

WATER RESERVOIR

- The Project Manager from Alpha came to Vilna to do a site visit to see it in person to determine best steps, such as building placement and placement of the construction site structures.

- Design package will be 75% completed by October 31, 2024, 90% by November 29th. Invitations for Construction Tender should be ready by December 24th, 2024.
- AE will be sending us bi-weekly updates.

SEWAGE LAGOON

- Public Works is planning on releasing the lagoon in November. Notifications to the adjacent property owners will be sent out prior to the release.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

- At the last Municipal Administrators meeting we learned that the County Bylaw Enforcement Officer recently resigned. There is potential for contracting Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control to the urban municipalities. County CAO Kevin Lucas indicated he would speak to County Council. Each of the urban municipalities are willing to enter into an agreement with the County.
- Building Addresses –another 22 notices went out reminding people to install house numbers. By the end of October the Village will begin applying fines. We can't access their property to install numbers but we will keep adding the fines to their taxes until it gets done.

5.1 Action List Update

- The Vilna Agricultural Society has asked the Village to research insuring the arena. The land is leased to the Society. Information for insurance and a new lease are required from them.

RES: 121-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the reports be accepted as information.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

a. Evergreen Waste Management Services Commission – ACP Grant

RES: 122-024 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village of Vilna, in partnership with the Town of St. Paul, County of St. Paul #19, Smoky Lake County, Town of Smoky Lake, Town of Elk Point, and the Village of Waskatenau being Members of the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission participate in the joint application to the Alberta Community Partnership 2024-25 grant Intake, under the Intermunicipal Collaboration Stream, for the purpose of undertaking a Regional Service Delivery for Waste Management project; and approve the Town of St. Paul to be the Managing Partner of the said project; and further agree to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds should the application be successful.

CARRIED

b. 2024 Halloween Hours

RES: 123-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village of Vilna shall not prohibit children from trick-or-treating on Halloween evening October 31, 2024, and that the hours be limited to 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and that should anyone feel uncomfortable having children come to their doors this year, they should leave their porch lights off; and further, if they wish to contribute but don't want to give out treats at their door, they can make a cash or treats donation to the Vilna Fire Department and firefighters will hand out treats on their behalf.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES – None

8. FINANCIAL

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RES: 124-024 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the accounts paid between September 1 and September 30, 2024, totaling \$70,253.56 be approved.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Approved Investment Attraction Strategy (SL County-commissioned to Michelle Wright) for information.
- Minister McIver – Survey re: impact of Carbon Tax on Municipalities
- Ministerial Order 2024-011 from Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services – to set out the meaning and method of designation of “affordable housing”.

RES: 125-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the correspondence be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. MEETING SCHEDULE

- October 9, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. – Organizational Meeting
- October 15, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Friends of the Pool Hall Society AGM
- October 16, 2024 – 11:00 a.m. – Tax Recovery Auction Sale
- October 17, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. – Citizens on Patrol – Vilna

- e. October 18, 2024 – 9:00am – Smoky Lake Foundation
- f. October 22, 2024 – 9:00am Physicians Health Care Professionals Committee
- g. October 23, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – ICC (Fire)
- h. October 25, 2024 – 11:00 a.m. - Veteran’s Memorial Highway – Lac La Biche
- i. October 30, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.- Highway 28/63 Water Commission
- j. October 31, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Evergreen Regional Waste Commission
- k. November 18, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – Ukrainian Twinning
- l. November 21, 2024 – 10:00am – Coffee with a Cop at Porky’s

RES: 126-024 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Meeting Schedule be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION – None

12. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 127-024 Mayor Kunyk adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council held October 9, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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Earla Wagar, CAO