



COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, May 23, 2017

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor
Councillors

Kim Caouette
Jim Hailes
Brenda Burridge
Robin Gervais

Chief Administrative Officer
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Assistant
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Operations
Director of Parks and Recreations

Roy Dell
Kristen Milne
Emily Cuthbertson
Alicia Bourbeau
John Greathead
Mitch Carter

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Mayor
Councillor
Councillor

Jim Ahn
Louis Beloin
Chris Stadnyk

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

174-17 As per Bylaw 744-2014 To Regulate the Proceedings of Council - In the absence or inability of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to act, Council may appoint by motion any other member as Acting Mayor for a defined period of time. In the absence of Mayor Ahn and Deputy Mayor Beloin, Council has appointed Kim Caouette as Acting Mayor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Caouette called the Regular Meeting of Council for May 23, 2017 to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

175-17 That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held May 23, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting held May 8, 2017.

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

176-17	That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held May 8, 2017 be approved as presented.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- b) Business arising from minutes.

There was no new business arising from the Minutes.

4. DELEGATIONS

- a) Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.

Troy Birtles, Assessment Specialist, Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.

Troy Birtles presented Fox Creek Assessment Information to Council. Assuring Council that due to the downturn in the economy, Troy reassured Council that the reduction in market value was not just a Fox Creek situation. This has been a trend being noticed with other small municipalities throughout Alberta. Fox Creek is actually a lot better off than some other areas in Alberta.

- b) Wellspring Development Update

Becky Wells, Executive Director

Wellspring's mission is 'To become a catalyst that redefines the way that rural communities think about individuals in crisis.'

It was outlined to Council the different areas in which Wellspring helps people in crisis. This is just not women and children, they also help men and are actively seeking to get a men's shelter up and running.

Wellspring is working on Public Education – this program provides education, information and awareness on relationship and Family Violence Prevention topics.

Wellspring has a new second hand store in Whitecourt to help raise money for the foundation. Twice as Nice is located in the Midtown Mall, and has a donation box outside the mall, accepts most items, with the exception of appliances.

The shelter in Whitecourt is the only shelter servicing Valleyview, The Municipal District of Greenview and Mayorthorpe.

There is plans for the Second stage housing which will provide long term (6 month to a year) apartment-style residence that are part of the spectrum of domestic violence and housing services.

Wellspring has come to Council to see if Council would be in support of this second stage development. What would be required is a letter of support from Town Council to the provincial government. This will be a little bit further down the line but not too far in the future.

Moved by: Councillor Gervais

177-17	That Council accepts both delegations presentations as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- c) Business arising from delegations

There was no new business arising from the delegations.

5. **BYLAWS/POLICIES**

- a) Bylaw 789-2017 Rates of Taxation
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

178-17	That Council gives second reading to Bylaw 789-2017 Rates of Taxation. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Moved by: Councillor Burridge

179-17	That Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 789-2017 Rates of Taxation. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- b) Bylaw 790-2017 Operating Line Borrowing Bylaw
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

180-17	That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 790-2017 Operating Line Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- c) Bylaw 791-2017 Fire Hall Borrowing Bylaw
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

181-17	That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 791-2017 Fire Hall Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- d) Bylaw 792-2017 Multi-Use Borrowing Bylaw
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Gervais

182-17	That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 792-2017 Multi-Use Borrowing Bylaw. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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- e) Cemetery Bylaw
John Greathead, Director of Operations

Moved by: Councillor Gervais

183-17	That Council approves the amendments to Bylaw 709-2011 Cemetery Bylaw and directs Administration to apply the changes and bring back to Council. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- a) Account Payables – for the period ending May 17, 2017
Alicia Bourbeau, Director of Corporate Services

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

184-17	That Council accepts the accounts payable report for the period ending May 17, 2017 as presented.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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7. OLD BUSINESS

NIL

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for Decision - Downtown Beautification Grant Proposal – January 2018

Kristen Milne, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

185-17	That Council approves Policy PO59-2017 Downtown Beautification Grant Program effective January 2018 and directs Administration to start advertising the program and accepting applications prior to the 2018 budget discussions.	CARRIED
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- b) Request for Decision – Town Entrance Signs
Mitch Carter, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kristen Milne, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

186-17	That Council directs Administration to look into different options for the Town Entrance Signs and bring back to the next Council meeting on June 12, 2017.	CARRIED
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- a) Request for Decision – Town Promotional Video
Kristen Milne, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Burridge

187-17	That Council directs Administration to hire Sitewyze Solutions to create a promotional video for the Town of Fox Creek. Furthermore, that Administration obtain and hire individuals to provide promotional clips to the Town to be included in the video for a total project upset amount of \$7000.00 to be funded from the Community Enhancement Reserve.	CARRIED
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9. COUNCIL'S REPORTS

- Councillor Gervais
When is the sign at the front of the Administration Office going to be running? Administration has stated that we are currently waiting for the cable to come in as its 250 feet.
When it comes to Chevron proposed pad site, we (Council) needs to represent the community who understands the proposed pad site.
 - Councillor Hailes
Would like Administration to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Energy.
- Moved by: Councillor Hailes

188-17	That Council directs Administration to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Energy.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Talked to a couple people in the community, and the fluctuation in the water is beyond reasonable. Concern about the accuracy of the water meters, there has to be something we can do to check the meters.
Status of the Splash Park. Administration stated, we are is working on getting it up and running. Councillor Hailes wants to have communication from the Administration Office to the community about what the delay is.
What is the status of the NAV Canada phone call about the airport. Administration has stated that a phone call has been made, and will bring back the conversation information.

- Councillor Burridge
Where the new crosswalk signs are for the temporary sidewalk. Councillor Burridge would like to have something to state that the crosswalk is moved or flashing lights or something? This is a safety issue for our residents who are walking.
Dust Control – Can we please do something about the dust downtown? Administration has stated that we will be fixing it.
 - Acting Mayor Caouette
Talking to a member of the public, and is this person is being evicted from the bottle depot, and would like to know if the Town would go into partnership with him.
- Moved by: Councillor Hailes

189-17	That Council accepts the Council reports as information.	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- a) Council Calendar – Report for Information
- b) Letter from Minister Margaret McCuaig-Boyd – Correspondence for Information
- c) Senate of Canada – Contribution Award – Correspondence for Information
- d) Letter from Minister Shaye Anderson – Correspondence for Information
- e) Fox Creek School – Invitation to Commencement Ceremony – Correspondence for Information
- f) Letter from Minister Arnold Viersen – Correspondence for Information

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

190-17 That Council accepts the Reports and Correspondence as information. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MOTION REVIEW

- a) Review of 2017 Council Motions
Roy Dell, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by: Councillor Hailes

191-17 That Council accepts the 2017 Motion Review as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council received an informative presentation from Accurate Assessment on the Town's residential market value.
- Council also received a great presentation from Wellspring and how the foundation is pushing forward and starting to develop second stage housing and other necessities to help people in crisis.
- Council passed Bylaw 798-2017 Rates of Taxation Bylaw.
- Council passed the Downtown Beautification Grant Program, which will begin in January 2018. Town Administration will be advertising for applicants soon!
- Council has directed Administration to look at some options on revamping the Town Entrance signs for the upcoming 50th anniversary, these will be presented to Council at the upcoming meeting on June 12.
- Administration will be looking into creating a promotional video of the Town to encourage people to come join our bustling community!

13. IN CAMERA

NIL

14. ADJOURNMENT

Regular meeting of Council was adjourned at 8:35 pm.



Kim Caouette
Acting Mayor



Roy Dell
Chief Administrative Officer

June 12/17
Date Approved