

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, April 13, 2015
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Garry DeVloo.

Councillors in Attendance:

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Travis Ryan

Also in

Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio
Darcy McGunigal – RCMP Sargent

Agenda:

081/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

- Darcy McGunigal of the RCMP was present to update Council. Mayor DeVloo welcomed Sargent McGunigal.
- Briefed Council on Jan – Mar. policing. Fiscal year begins on April 1.
 - Increased traffic safety – speeding, seatbelts, collisions, etc. Seen a 40% increase in traffic tickets in 2014.
 - There was a 35% overall reduction in collisions in 2014.
 - Crime reduction strategy – they are seeing a consistent pace over a 5 year average.
 - Enhanced police visibility. Trying to stay proactive – visible in the community (ie: Remembrance Service/DARE/etc.)
 - DARE – one detachment member trained in instructing the program. Rotates from one community to the other.
 - Asked Council for feedback.
 - Council expressed that they are pleased to see the increased RCMP patrol.
 - Mayor DeVloo expressed a concern over the speeding through the 50 km/h zone on highway 12. Sargent McGunigal will look at increasing the patrol in that area.
 - New member at the detachment – Constable Brenda McDonald, she will arrive from Nova Scotia.
 - Castor satellite office – amended the hours. Wed, Thurs., Fri. 9am – 4pm. When there is a clerical shortage in Coronation, this employee will fill in there.
 - Updating traffic safety – will address impaired driving.

Mayor DeVloo and Council thanked Sargent McGunigal for his report.

Sargent McGunigal left the meeting at 7:20

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 23, 2015 regular Meeting of Council.

082/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 18549 payable to That's My Specialty.

083/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 18512 to 18550 excluding account 18549 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

084/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 18549 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelner did not participate in any discussion concerning this account.

Cash Statement:

Council was presented with the Cash Statements for the month ending March 31, 2015. We are struggling to maintain a reasonable cash flow, however, we have not had to borrow any funds under our operating loan.

085/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ending March 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Alberta Fire Chiefs Association:

Council received information from the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association informing them about a recruitment and retention review designed to recruit volunteers. It was noted that the Town of Castor is in the fortunate position of having a full slate of volunteer firemen.

PCALC Invitation:

Council was invited to attend the PCALC Community Engagement Dialogue called "Creating a Vibrant Learning Community". This will take place on Thursday, April 23 from 6:00pm to 8:45pm at the Fleet Community Hall.

Alberta Seniors:

A letter was received from the Alberta Seniors – Alberta Social Housing Corporation informing the Town of Castor that, under the 2015 Budget it is proposed to eliminate the municipal grants for property taxes. The 2014 grant to the Town of Castor was \$23,127.00.

086/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Town write a letter to Alberta Seniors expressing our concern with this decision.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Home Hardware Site
Management Plan:

After a meeting with Alberta Environment, the C.A.O. has revised the Old Home Hardware Site Management Plan to reflect the upcoming delineation.

087/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the updated Management Plan for the Old Home Hardware Site be approved as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to present the Recreation Report.

- Shortage of lifeguards. Shawna is working on recruiting, the concern is not enough guards to teach lessons.
- Arena storage room is no longer needed and will not be done.
- Hockey registration, anyone not registering on time will pay a \$150.00 late fee.
- Pee Wees will now be included in the 3 C's.
- Ice will go in at Coronation this fall on Sept. 15.
- Coaches will need criminal record checks under the 3C Association. The suggestion was that all Town staff should have criminal record checks. The C.A.O. is currently looking into this as a part of our policies.

Airport Hay Lease
Tenders:

Three tenders were presented to Council for the Airport Hay Lease.

Foreman, Arjan Van Heinen declared an interest and left the meeting at 8:40pm.

Council reviewed the tenders.

088/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Hay Lease Tender be awarded to Ken Long for a three year period.

CARRIED

The foreman returned to the meeting at 8:45pm.

MSI Funding:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2015 MSI funding amounts as follows: MSI Capital component - \$176,332.00; BMTG Component - \$55,920.00; MSI Operating - \$62,535.00. This is a total of \$294,787.00 in MSI funding.

Presented for Council's information.

Committee Report

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended PEPS meeting – Co-op will allow the tourist booth to be placed on their property.
- April 1 Tourism meeting was cancelled.
- PEPS will have a strategic planning session on April 28th from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.
- April 9, attended a gathering with Government officials to discuss the closing of the AFSC office. Councillor Elhard also attended.

Councillor Elhard:

- Ball hockey – Aaron Compton is trying to set up this summer in the arena.

Foreman:

- There is a bit of clean up at the RV showers left, otherwise that project is complete.
- Tree trimming still going.
- Street sweeping continues.
- Picked up cemetery equipment last week.
- Getting a handle on the beaver issues.
- Mayor DeVloo complemented the foreman on the excellent job of trimming the trees. Council is very impressed with the progress this year.

C.A.O.:

- Office staff did an excellent job while I was on holidays.
- Informed Council that a fire ban has been put in effect in the Town as of April 13, the County also has a fire ban in place.
- Informed Council that the Alberta Community Partnership program application for \$120,000.00 to create a regional disaster plan was declined.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Elaborated on the PEPS planning session.
- Thanked Councillors Nelner and Elhard for attending the meeting with the Government officials.

Jenna Witherow left the Council meeting at 7:55pm.

In Camera Session:

Legal/Land Issues:

Council will move to an in camera session of Council to discuss legal and land issues.

089/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Council move to an in camera session to discuss legal and land issues.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 7:56pm

090/15 MOTION: Councilor Nichols that Council return to an open Council meeting.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open Council meeting at 8:02pm

091/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town instruct our legal Counsel to send the letter to Weseens, as presented.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

092/15 MOTION: Councilor Elhard that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER