

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, April 23, 2018  
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall  
Castor, Alberta**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.**

**Councillors in  
Attendance:**

Lonny Nelner, Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

**Also in  
Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Kevin Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent  
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent  
Arena Supporters – List attached

**Agenda:**

**100/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

**Delegation:**

Arena Supporters – approached Council to voice their support of the pending arena renovations.

Troy Slempp, spokesperson – relayed that the project needs to move forward. The community is showing a great deal of support for this project – demonstrated this evening with a turnout of close to 30 people.

- They there is currently \$175,000 in grant funding that they don't want to lose.
- They have volunteers in place for the demolition.
- \$95,000 was put towards the plant in 2015.
- The group plans to fundraise and repay any borrowed funds, they are not just looking to have a handout.

Concern was expressed over the Towns dwindling population. Wants to see investment go back into the facilities.

It was asked why is the project was held up. Mayor Elhard expressed that Council didn't want to commit until they see what the bids are coming in at.

Natasha commented that the architect has been a problem from the beginning.

It is imperative that the demolition proceed and the asbestos removed.

Many felt the whole town may suffer, this project is for the whole community – it will benefit businesses, without it the businesses may suffer.

It was asked when a projected opening date would be after construction was completed. Would it be possible to work around the renovations – using trailers for dressing rooms?

Everyone is willing to make some sort of sacrifice to ensure the arena is renovated.

It was expressed that the facilities are very important to draw people to our community. Upgrades are crucial – we need to take this forward to make it safe ensure that it becomes compliant. The group is fearful that if the project doesn't start, we will start to lose supporters. It may be in the Town's best interest to make sure this project starts.

It was pointed out that, even though we have a lot of hockey families, we also have families that use the arena for skating lessons, school classes, etc.

It was requested that Council have a special meeting once the tenders are in since the next meeting is scheduled in three weeks' time. That way the project can begin sooner.

Supporters do not want to see the Town "scrimp" and produce a facility that will need to be redone in a few years. Asked Council to make a decision as to what cost is it reasonable to proceed. "Get it done – do it right!"

Councillor Kilner asked how much money Minor Sports currently has.

The Recreation Director responded that Minor Sports has \$450,000.00. She added that when tenders come in they must go through all of them and will then bring the costs forward to Council to make a final decision.

*The delegation left the Council Chambers at 7:35pm*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

**101/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**102/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 22950 to 22993 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Water and Gas  
Reconciliation Reports:**

Council was presented with the water and gas comparisons to month ending March 31, 2018.

**103/18 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that the water and gas comparisons to March 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Leaders Caucus: The Summer 2018 Municipal Leaders' Caucus will be held on June 12 in Camrose. Council is invited to attend. Anyone interested will let the C.A.O. know.

Mayor Elhard will try to attend.

Senior Service  
Awards:

Nominations are now open for volunteers in the community who make a positive difference in the lives of Alberta Seniors. This is part of the recognition of Seniors Week June 4 – 9.

**104/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the week of June 4 – 9 be proclaimed Senior's Week in the Town of Castor.

CARRIED

Municipal  
Accountability  
Program:

Chosen communities will work with Municipal Affairs to validate compliance or identify concerns in the municipality. This program will run for four years with ¼ of small municipalities (population 5,000 or less) participating each year.

**Old Business:**

Tree Removal:

The Foreman had a chance to check out the tree removal request and recommended that the spruce trees on the Town alley be removed and only two of the maples on the boulevard be removed.

**105/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the spruce trees on the Town alley and two of the boulevard maples that may interfere with a driveway be removed at the cost of the resident.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

Recreation Board:

- Marty Rowland has resigned from Rec Board and Brian Turner and Kelly Fuller have joined.
- The 3C's AGM will be held on June 12, 2018 in Coronation.
- Natasha will be attending the Early Years Fair at Gus Wetter School on May 1st with a Castor Minor Sports booth.
- Castor Minor Sports will be holding a dessert and coffee fundraiser for the Arena Renovation Project as part of the Alberta CFL Project presentation being hosted by Castor & District FCSS on May 1st at Gus Wetter School. We are looking for donations of desserts for this event.
- Summer Camp staff for 2018 will be Geri Slempp, Haley Ries and Emmarae Bowyer. Camp will run for 8 weeks beginning July 9, 2018. The Castor Curling Rink will be the primary location for summer camp again this year.
- Pool Staff have been hired and Tara is working on getting schedules and maintenance lined up for the

upcoming season. Our annual Triathlon will be held on July 22, 2018. We hope to be open in time for the May long weekend.

- The Ball Committee will be doing a walk through at the ball diamonds to make of list of the maintenance that needs to be completed in 2018.
- Castor Minor Sports has had a logo developed for use on letterhead, website, social media, clothing and gifts.
- The next Minor Sports casino is June 2-3, 2018 if anyone is available to work a shift please contact Natasha.

**106/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Summer Camp registrations be set as follows: \$125.00/week; \$30.00/day.

CARRIED

**107/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Brian Turner and Kelly Fuller be approved as Recreation Board members.

CARRIED

**BREOC Update:** Council was presented with the update from the BREOC Economic Opportunities task force meeting held on April 13.

Presented as information.

**Fish Pond Report:** The C.A.O. reported that the fish pond will be stocked with rainbow trout this summer. The Alberta Conservation Association is asking permission to install an angler camera to count anglers.

**108/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Alberta Conservation Association be approved to place an angler camera at the fish pond for the purpose of counting anglers.

CARRIED

**Dr. Recruitment Update:** Mayor Elhard and the C.A.O. attended a Doctor Recruitment meeting on April 18. Council was updated as to the status of the current position of the recruitment process.

Presented as information.

**SMRWSC Financial Statement:**

The SMRWSC financial statement for year ending December 31, 2017 as information. Councillor Zinger informed Council that the budget has been approved by the SMRWSC.

**Infrastructure Update:** Council was informed that a possible May 15 mobilization date has been set. The concrete work will be completed before the paving starts.

Council asked for Clarification as to how far the sidewalk would be feathered from the southwest corner. The C.A.O.

will contact the engineer and request a “walk through” before mobilization begins.

Underground Utility  
Crossing Policy:

The C.A.O. presented the Underground Utility Crossing Policy for approval.

**109/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Underground Utility Crossing Policy be approved with the addition of “compaction must be to the Town’s satisfaction”.

CARRIED

Financial Statement:

The Audited Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2017 was presented to Council for approval.

**110/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Audited Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2018 Budget:

The C.A.O. presented a draft of the 2018 Budget to Council. We are still waiting for one requisition and a few final calculations will need to be made.

Tree Removal:

A request was received to all two trees to be removed to make room for a parking pad for a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer.

**111/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the resident at 5320 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street be approved for tree removal at their cost.

CARRIED

Street Closure:

A request was made for a street closure to host the “Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes” fundraiser through Victim’s Services. The walk will take place on May 23, 2018 from 11:00am – 1:00pm on Main Street. The request is to close 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Main Street) from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street for this time period.

**112/18 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue be closed from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street on May 23, 2018 from 11:00am – 1:00pm to host “Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes”.

CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Kevin Sabo:

- Announced that Community futures gave the museum \$2000.00.

Councillor Nichols:

- Asked about having the concrete crushed and the tree roots removed from the highway lots. The

Foreman is looking at the cost of crushing the concrete. There are a couple of options to the crushing.

Foreman:

- The crew started removing trees on 48<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Robert has nearly completed the meter changes on gas.
- The crew has been busy cleaning up streets and boulevards.

C.A.O.

- Tree program update – the north east block on 48<sup>th</sup> Street will have trees removed this year, along with the three trees on 50<sup>th</sup> Street East side, from 49 Ave. to 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. Plantings will be made on the remaining blocks on 51<sup>st</sup> Street as part of the Infrastructure project; 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to 49<sup>th</sup> Street will see amur maples placed; 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 50<sup>th</sup> Street to 51<sup>st</sup> Street will have columnar aspen planted. The stump grinders will be grinding close to 20 stumps. Lindens along 50<sup>th</sup> street will need some replacements.
- We will need to order the banner for Main Street. If Council has any preferences, of choice of banners let the C.A.O. know.

**113/18 MOTION:** Councillor that hardware and flags for single flag poles be purchased.

CARRIED

- The Town's sympathy message and a picture of the arena with the hockey sticks in front was forwarded on to the City of Humboldt.

Mayor Elhard:

- Attended the Consort gun show to sell tickets for the Community hall fundraiser.
- The Bottle Depot has opened under new ownership.

**In Camera Session:**

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss Land issues.

*Kevin Sabo and Emily Wheller left the meeting at 9.18pm.*

**113/18MOTION:** Councillor Kilner to move to an in camera session to discuss Land issues.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 9:19pm.*

**114/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:30pm.*

**115/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the earthwork on the lots in the Weseen subdivision be left out of the construction

activities as requested providing the ditches are established (graded and seeded) to allow for proper drainage. The lots must be seeded and maintained.

CARRIED

**Adjournment:**

**116/18 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER