

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, August 24, 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:**

Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard

**Absent:**

Lonny Nelner

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman  
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio  
Moush John - Castor Advance

**Agenda:**

**182/15 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting of Council were presented to Council for approval.

**183/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the August 10, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

**184/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 19022 to 19069 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:**

The water and gas reconciliations to July 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system is consistently holding its own. The water system remains consistent in its losses.

**185/15 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:**

Council received the budget comparison to July 31, 2015. The revenues are currently strong as the taxes have been

collected. Expenditures are on track, there are a few projects yet to be completed.

**186/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the budget comparison be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Alberta Municipal  
Affairs – GTF:

The Town of Castor's 2015 GTF allocation of \$50,000.00 has been approved.  
Presented to Council for their information.

Alberta Environment  
& Parks – AUMA:

Alberta Environment and Parks will be booking appointments at the AUMA convention if Council wishes to meet with them.

Council did not see a need to meet with Alberta Environment and Parks.

*Councillor Ryan left the meeting at 7:18pm*

Smart City Alliance  
Membership:

Smart City Alliance is a multi-sector partnership that focuses on support and collaboration among Alberta Municipalities. They are offering free membership.

**187/15 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not participate in the Smart City Alliance.

CARRIED

**Old Business:**

Tree Removal – ATCO:

Council received a sheet with locations of trees that ATCO would tentatively like to remove. The C.A.O. has also contacted the company contracted to do the removal and was informed that they would not be grinding the stumps only injecting herbicide.

Council went through the list and determined that 34 of the 45 trees should be approved for removal.

**188/15 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to remove trees as specified by Council.

CARRIED

Fire Radio's:

The Castor Repeater is currently being installed. On Friday, August 21 we received word that Mr. McPhee may take the temporary Nose hills repeater down on Saturday, August 22. A new repeater will be purchased, details will be determined at a meeting of the affected parties this week. One entity will need to spearhead the replacement.

**189/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town of C.A.O. be approved to spearhead the replacement if necessary.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

ATCO Electric  
Franchise Fee:

Council was presented with the option to change the ATCO Electric franchise fee percentage. It is currently at 5%.

**190/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the ATCO Electric Franchise Fee remain at 5% for 2016.

CARRIED

Veterans Memorial  
Highway Assoc.  
Interim Report:

Council received the Veterans Memorial Highway Association interim report for their information and for input.

Council felt that 80 km is a long distance between pull outs, the C.A.O. will take this concern to the Veteran Memorial Highway Association representative.

Tax Collection:

The C.A.O. reported that the 2015 tax collection came in at 81% which is down from last year's 87%.

Campground:

A request was received from Allied Paving for a discount at the campground for the approximate six weeks that their crew will be there.

Council debated the issue. They felt that \$25.00 is a reasonable amount.

Tourism Visioning  
Project:

Council was presented with the Collaborative Tourism Visioning project outcome for the Town of Castor, Town of Coronation, Village of Consort, Village of Halkirk, Village of Veteran, County of Paintearth, and Special Areas #4.

Presented for Council's information.

Paintearth Gas Coop  
Crossing Agreement:

The Paintearth Gas Coop is requesting to install a low pressure natural gas pipeline across our gas line.

**191/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town approve the crossing agreement pending final approval from the Gas System Supervisor.

CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Zinger:

- Concerned about pot holes that need to be filled. It was suggested that the pot hole program be started May 1 of each year.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended the P.C. picnic for the Member of Parliament.

Foreman:

- The crew has been working on sidewalk piece replacements. Approximately 30 yards of cement has been poured.
- Put shale on ball diamonds.
- 2 loads of cold mix has arrived. Work will start on pot hole filling this week.
- The gas crew has been exercising gas valves.

C.A.O.

- Reminded Council of the Retirement party for Leo Bozek.
- Council is invited to attend Busy Beaver Daycare's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Elks Park on Thursday, August 27 from 4 – 8 pm.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended PEPS meeting. PEPS will be hosting a Festival of Food featuring locally grown produce – it is sold out.

**In Camera Session:**

Council received information from Brownlee LLP  
Concerning the Weseen Subdivision.

**192/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the meeting move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:10pm.*

**193/15 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that Council return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council Returned to the regular meeting at 8:13pm*

**194/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor continue with the injunction process.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

**195/15 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER