

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, December 8, 2014  
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  
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance

**Agenda:**

**253/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 24, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

**254/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the November 24, 2014 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 18100 payable to That's My Specialty.*

**255/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 18057 to 18103 excluding account 18100 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

**256/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Account number 18100 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Cash Statement:**

The Cash Statement for the period ending November 30, 2014 was presented to Council. Currently, the Town is holding a respectable financial position. We are keeping close track of the cash flow and will put \$200,000.00 back into the GIC at the end of December.

**257/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Cash Statement for the month ending November 30, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:**

The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison for month ending November 30, 2014. We still have a few capital and operating items that will be purchased before the end of the year. Road Repairs of approximately \$13,000.00 from the MSI Operating grant; roughly \$49,000.00 from MSI Capital grant; Fire capital of \$15,000.00; Call Truck in the amount of \$40,000.00; and approximately \$66,000.00 will be sent to water reserves from the capital reserve amount that we have collected on the utility bills.

**258/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the budget comparison be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

**RCMP – Invitation:**

An invitation was received to the RCMP Regimental Ball. Proceeds will go directly to Victim Services. Council will let the C.A.O. know if they are able to attend.

**Old Business:**

**Bylaw 1034:**

A Bylaw to reduce the risk of fire due to various recreational and open burning practices was brought back to Council after changes had been made.

**259/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that Bylaw 1034 be given a first reading at this December 8, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

**260/14 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Bylaw 1034 be given a second reading at this December 8, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

**261/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Bylaw 1034 be read a third time at this December 8, 2014 meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**262/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Bylaw 1034 be read a third time and finally passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

Castor Recreation Board: Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Elhard to give the Recreation Report.

- Skate-A-Thon is going on tonight
- New clock is up and running.
- The arena is facing a few problems with short notice cancellations. The Recreation Department is working on solutions.
- Raffle tickets will be on sale until the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Fundraising account - \$200,000.00 will be placed in a GIC at the ATB.
- Mechanical room updates will be paid for by the fundraising account.
- It was mentioned that the outside of the arena could use a facelift.

Temporary Budget – 2015: The Town of Castor is required to adopt a budget for 2015 prior to year ending December 31, 2014.

**263/14 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that the Town of Castor use the 2014 Budget as a preliminary budget for 2015.

CARRIED

Bylaw 1035:

A Bylaw to provide for the levying and collecting of charges and rates for water service, sewer service, gas service, and garbage service. Repealing Bylaw 1031.

Councillor Zinger informed Council that SMRWSC may be raising the cost of water by \$.10/cube. There may also be some extra interest charges this year that will need to be considered.

The C.A.O. will look at costs and bring the bylaw back to the next meeting of Council.

Ambulance Bay  
Insulation:

East Central Ambulance has been experiencing problems with heat in the ambulance bay area that houses the ambulance. After an inspection of the building it was determined that little or no insulation was present. Some minor adjustments have been made to the heater and a fan has been placed to blow the heat back down onto the ambulance. Two quotes have been received to insulate the area. One would require strapping the walls, spraying insulation on and then dry walling over top at a cost of more than \$20,000.00 for all the work. Another quote was to simply spray on insulation (Pemicote); we would need to have an inspector's approval to see if it meets the fire rating. A third option would be to have the crew

strap/insulate/drywall the small wall where the medications are stored.

**264/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard to insulate and drywall the 4' wall to start and see if this will be a solution.

CARRIED

**Locum Doctor Suite:** The Paintearth Lodge has expressed an interest in providing a suite for the locum doctor. The C.A.O. has asked the Paintearth Lodge manager to bring forward a lease proposal. Council discussed the issue at length.

Council would like to look into the purchase of a locum house as one option. Mayor DeVloo will talk to the Paintearth Lodge Board. The lodge will send their proposal to the next meeting.

**Safety Policies:** A draft of new safety policies was presented to Council for their information. The policies will be a part of our new revamped policy manual so that we comply with OH & S codes.

**Industrial Lift Station:** A request to move the industrial lift station was made to the C.A.O. The engineers have been contacted to see if this is even possible.

### **Committee Report**

**Councillor Nichols:**

- Attended the Palliser general meeting. Palliser will be working with the Towns on a statutory planning review. They are also working on a cemetery mapping system. Towns are invited to send in their digital cemetery data so that it can be entered into the system.
- Victims Services, are working on their trailer. They may have some custom work done by the Hutterites. The committee is also planning the RCMP Regimental Ball.

**Councillor Zinger:**

- Attended SMRWSC meeting. There will be an increase in water costs of \$.10/cube starting in March. There may also be some interest costs from the Donalda line.

**Foreman:**

- The crew has been focused on snow removal in the past couple weeks. The new sweeper attachment worked well on the sidewalks.
- Annual inspections are being performed on the vehicles.
- Brett is looking at taking over the water system. He will attend training courses.

**C.A.O.**

- Currently working on Standards Bylaw.
- Cemetery committee, along with Coronation cemetery committee will meet with County Council again. A request will be put forward to attend an up-coming meeting.

- Provided Council with a suggestion for a new Town of Castor flag, using our new Coat of Arms.
- Broken bottles were found on airport runway. Reported this to the RCMP.

Mayor DeVloo

- Received a call from a reporter writing a series for the Edmonton Journal about rural hospitals. The articles contained some inaccuracies. Mr. Bud Pals has written a response to the Journal concerning the articles. Covenant Health also wrote a letter to the Town assuring us that they will be making no changes.

Adjournment:

**265/14 MOTION:** Councilor Zinger that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER