

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, February 8, 2016  
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.

**Agenda:**

**032/16 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that the agenda be approved with the addition.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

**033/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the January 25, 2016 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 19749 payable to That's My Specialty.*

**034/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 19682 to 19751 with the exception of account number 19749 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

**035/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account number 19749 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Cash Statement:** Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the months of

December 31, 2015 and January 31, 2016. Cash Flow is holding its own. The investments have all been deposited back into the bank at beginning of February.

**036/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the cash statement ending December 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**037/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the cash statement ending January 31, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:** The C.A.O. brought the budget comparison to December 31 (pre audit) forward. There will be entries from the auditor yet to come. It appears we may be looking at a surplus budget without touching the accumulated surplus that was budgeted for.

**038/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to accept the budget comparison as information.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

**Alberta Transportation:** Alberta Transportation invited Council to meet with them as a follow up from the AUMA convention meeting. Since a follow up meeting had already taken place in November, Council felt this would not be necessary.

**Old Business:**

**FCSS Benefits:** Benefits were discussed at the FCSS meeting, A decision will be made at their next meeting in February.

**New Business:**

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

- Castor will be applying for the Kraft Hockeyville Nomination.
- There was discussion on the possibility of asbestos in the arena and whether a hazardous assessment is warranted,
- The Board recommended that the Ball fees be increased for the 2016 season.

**039/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minor Ball fees be increased as recommended.

CARRIED

- 2016 swimming fees will remain the same as 2015.
- Lightening game proceeds totaled \$740.00.
- Ball clinics will be held in April at a cost of \$75.00
- Marty Rowland hosted an AED review at the arena.
- School swim lessons – new cost this year \$25.00

**040/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to approve costs of Ball clinics at \$75.00 and School swim lessons at \$25.00 for 2016.

CARRIED

**041/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Recreation Report be accepted as reported.

CARRIED

Town of Hanna – Grant: The Town of Hanna/Hanna Fire Department is applying for an ACP grant for the development of a Fire Training/Burn Tower facility. Since our Fire Department utilizes Hanna’s training facilities from time to time we have been asked to support this project.

**042/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor support the application of an ACP grant for development of a Fire Training/Burn Tower facility in the Town of Hanna.

CARRIED

O & M Manual Updates: The Town of Castor is required to adopt the Gas Federation O & M Manual revisions. It is revised from time to time throughout the year.

**043/MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor adopt the Gas Federation O & M Manual, as revised from time to time in 2016, as a guideline in operating and maintaining our distribution system.

CARRIED

ATB Financial: ATB Financial has approached the Town with a benefits package for their customers. This package offers services to employees, Council members, and firemen. Services like monthly fee savings; enhanced annual savings; and preferred rates on personal borrowing. There is no cost for this benefits package.

**044/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town approve moving forward with the Group Benefit Plan offered at no charge by the ATB Financial.

CARRIED

AUMA Conference: This year’s AUMA Conference is being held in Edmonton from October 5 – 7.

**045/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor send 3 delegates to the AUMA Convention October 5 – 7.

CARRIED

Palliser – Grant Support: Palliser Regional Municipal Services is applying for an ACP grant for Regional Asset Management System enhancements. The infrastructure theme will allow for better tracking and reporting of our infrastructure, specifically the water/sewer/gas systems. The second component will facilitate easier access for cemetery search.

**046/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor support the application of an ACP grant for development of Regional Asset Management System Enhancements by Palliser Regional Municipal Services.

County of Paintearth  
Re-zoning:

The County of Paintearth has received an application for rezoning of a parcel of property that borders the Town. Council has the opportunity to either speak to the issue or send a written submission.

**047/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor has no issues with the rezoning of the property.

CARRIED

Quality Management Plan  
Castor Gas System:

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development is the regulatory authority of Gas Distribution Systems in Alberta. The Quality Management Plan is set up to ensure that our distribution system is designed, constructed, operated and maintained in a manner that will ensure the safety of our customers, employees, and the general public. As updates arise, the Town is asked to endorse the QMP.

**048/16 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor approve the Quality Management Plan and endorse updates from time to time as presented.

CARRIED

Integrity Management  
Plan – gas system:

It is a requirement of the ERCB that each Utility must have an IMP. Council was presented with the Town of Castor's plan for approval.

**049/16 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Integrity Management Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### **Committee Report**

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services fund raiser was January 29 and received a good Turnout. Councillor Nichols appreciated the fire department's attendance.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked if we had heard anything from Municipalities that are working together to lobby the Province concerning coal generation. We have discussed the issue with other communities and are waiting to hear a plan of action.

C.A.O.

- A resident approached the Town about placing a memorial peony walk in Pals Park. The resident would spear head the project. Town could provide black dirt. Council was open to this endeavor.
- Paintearth Lodge is looking for a head count for the Needs Assessment meeting on February 17 at 10:00am. Mayor DeVloo, Deputy Mayor Elhard, and the CAO plan to attend.
- We are responsible to organize the next joint meeting. Look at a date in April.

In Cameral Discussion:

Council will move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

**050/16 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that Council move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:03pm*

**051/16 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Council come out of the in camera session and resume the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council came out of the in camera session at 8:10pm*

Adjournment:

**052/16 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER