

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, January 12, 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, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, Richard Elhard.

**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:**

**001/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with the addition.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the December 22, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

**002/15 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the Minutes of the December 22, 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 18197 payable to That's My Specialty.*

**003/15 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 18166 to 18203 excluding account 18197 payable to That's My Specialty and 18228 to 18239 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**004/15 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that Account number 18197 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Budget Comparison:**

The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison for the month ending December 31, 2015. We still have a few capital and operating items that will be purchased before the end of the year. Roughly \$30,000.00 from MSI Capital grant for the conceptual plan; and approximately \$66,000.00 will be sent to water reserves from the capital reserve amount that we have collected on the utility bills. December utility bills have yet to be billed out and the gas and water purchases for December have not been paid. The end of the year receivables for fire/health/policing have not been billed (approximately \$35,000.00). We will cut off payables after the next Council meeting as the auditors will be here the second week in February.

**005/14 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the budget comparison be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Palliser Regional  
Municipal Services:

Council received the 2015 schedule for policy review for information. The Town of Castor is scheduled for review of our Municipal Development Plan and our Land Use Bylaw this year. A date has not been set yet.

**Old Business:**

Old Home Hardware  
Property Remediation:

It appears that remediation on the former Home Hardware property (5006 – 51 Street) will need to be completed. The lawyers representing Home Hardware are looking to the Town of Castor for financial assistance with this remediation. The C.A.O. will set up a meeting between Gowlings, Home Hardware, Town of Castor, and Stantec to set up guidelines to do the remediation.

**006/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town enter a discussion with Gowlings, whereas the Town would be work with Home Hardware towards the alleged tank site removal/excavation portion of the remediation.

CARRIED

Fire Radio Update:

The C.A.O. informed Council that Jamie McPhee contacted her to advise that there is only one dispatch computer left in service and implementing changes to that computer would be incredibly risky and could compromise dispatch for the entire region. This was confirmed by the 911 Call Centre C.A.O. He feels that by the end of January the Castor change over from digital to analog could be completed.

It was discussed in Council that we should look at any and all options.

**New Business:**

Castor Recreation Board:

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

- Midget bus money was an issue, we did not commit to that.
- Hockey Days, Minor Sports will supply each player with a hamburger and a pop during their weekend games.
- The Recreation Director and the Assistant Recreation Director are requesting permission to close the Recreation office March 2 – 9.

**007/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard to allow the Recreation office to be closed from March 2 – 9, 2015.

CARRIED

- Will be interviewing an applicant for the arena/golf course job position.
- Cimco quote was presented for the mechanical room.
- Total money raised from the skate-a-thon was \$7,674.25

Conceptual Plan:

The C.A.O. presented Council will the completed Conceptual Plan for their review. Pricing was received for Priority #1 which would address the water/sewer/storm/pavement/curb and gutter from the water plant to 51<sup>st</sup> Street and south down 51<sup>st</sup> Street to 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This costing was completed so that a grant application could be made. It also addresses some of the most pragmatic servicing issues in the community.

Council discussed the plan in detail.

**008/15 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor use this plan as the basis for a grant application to begin addressing the infrastructure within the Town.

CARRIED

ByLaw 1036

Borrowing for Operating:

A By Law for the purpose of borrowing funds for the purpose of financing operational expenditures.

**009/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that ByLaw Number 1036 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 12th Day of January, 2015.

CARRIED

**010/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1036 be Read a Second time this 12th Day of January, 2015.

CARRIED

**011/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that ByLaw Number 1036 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**012/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1036 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 12th Day of January, 2015.

CARRIED

Community Hall  
Debenture:

A letter was received from the Castor and District Ag. Society informing Council that they were of the understanding that the Castor and District Ag. Society would pay the principal on the debenture and the Town of Castor would pay the interest. They are asking that the Town incur the cost of the interest.

Discussion ensued. The goal is to pay down the principal first and continue with the interest. Council recognized that the Ag Society has worked hard to raise funds to pay the community hall debt. It was further mentioned that the Ag Society was doing a great job of looking after the Community Hall. It was suggested that the Town budget to

**013/14 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor work with the Ag Society in a collaborative effort to pay the debenture.

CARRIED

Utility Bill:

A utility customer that experienced a flood in his rental house is asking that Council not charge him for the water that went through his meter.

**014/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that no discount be given to the owner of the property at 5425 – 51 Street for his water bill.

CARRIED

### Committee Report

Councillor Wismer:

- FCSS meeting – community garden.

Councillor Nichols:

- Ag Society meeting. Will be purchasing 275 place settings of dishes for the hall. They will also be applying for a BFI grant to help pay for a floor scrubber.

Foreman:

- The crew has been busy with a lot of snow removal.
- Working on cleaning up water meters that have stopped registering.
- Year end water reports are being completed.
- Problem with run way lights at the airport. Electrician is working on them but, until they are repaired, the airport will be closed to night flying.

**In-camera Discussions:** Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss a land issues.

Jenna Witherow and Joel van der Veen *left the Council meeting at 8:40*

**015/15 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan to move to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue.

CARRIED

*Council went in-camera at 8:41pm.*

**016/15 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

*Council returned to an open session of Council at 9:25pm*

**017/15 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the Town Of Castor make an offer to purchase the CP Rail property along 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue for \$50,000.00.

CARRIED

**018/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Town have our lawyer enact option 4 – Work with the Developer to complete the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

Adjournment: **019/15 MOTION:** Councilor Zinger that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:28pm

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER