

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Thursday, January 14, 2013
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:

Troy Slempp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Jeff Ensign, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the December 10, 2012 regular Meeting of Council.

001/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the December 27, 2012 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

002/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that Account Numbers 15296 to 15336 inclusive be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

Correspondence

Canadian Badlands:

Our membership to the Canadian Badlands is due for renewal for 2013. If Council wishes to continue to be a part of Canadian Badlands the 2013 levy is \$465.50, representing \$.50/capita. This is paid by PEPS.

003/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor continue our membership with the Canadian Badlands Ltd. for 2013.

CARRIED

County of Paintearth

Business/Relocation Guide:

The County of Paintearth is inviting business and the Town to participate in the Business/relocation guide in the form of an advertisement. One full page will be dedicated to each of the Towns of Castor and Coronation and the Village of Halkirk. We may purchase extra advertising space.

Council would like to discuss this at PEPS before committing

004/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor table the purchase of extra space in the County Business/Relocation Guide.

CARRIED

Mayor's Caucus: The next Mayor's Caucus is being held in Edmonton on February 13th with the MLA Breakfast on February 14.

005/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Mayor and the CAO attend the Mayor's Caucus in Edmonton on February 13 & 14.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Special Tax ByLaw: Council has discussed the possibility of a special tax for the purpose of doctor recruitment/retention. They talked to members of the community to get a feeling of what the public wanted. Council discussed the matter at length. Putting an amount into our budget rather than the special tax was suggested as a starting point.

006/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that Council not proceed with the special tax, but include an amount in our budget for 2013. \$20,000.00 towards operational and \$10,000.00 into a reserve.

CARRIED

New Business:

Recreation Report: Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillor Slemph to give the Recreation report.

- Girls tournament went well on the weekend.
- Castor Rocks is still planned for this summer.
- Zamboni issue is still on the table.
- Arena concession is getting better.

ByLaw 1023

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

007/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that ByLaw Number 1023 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 14th Day of January, 2013.

CARRIED

008/13 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that ByLaw Number 1023 be Read a Second time this 14th Day of January, 2013.

CARRIED

009/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1023 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

010/13 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that By Law Number 1023 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 14th Day of January, 2012.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Zinger:

Asked the foreman to leave the Council Chambers.

The foreman left at 7:34pm.

Councillor Zinger would like to see some compensation given for the amount of time the Foreman spent at Christmas. In recognition Council would like to give a bonus to the Foreman.

011/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Foreman be given \$1,000.00 bonus.

CARRIED

The foreman returned to the Council meeting at 7:49pm.

- Asked about flower baskets. The memory lane pots will be placed on the north wall at the hospital and the remaining pots will be placed on main street. The old wooden pots will not be used in 2013. The hanging baskets have been cut back.
- Asked about sanding streets. The sander is having issues, staff is currently repairing it.

Councillor Bain:

- Attended the Lodge 101 workshop.
- Asked about the sidewalk cleaning done by the tractor. The foreman clarified how we do the cleaning. Council discussed the issue at length.

Councillor Ensign:

- Asked about the lots where the hall and theatre are being torn down – is there a possibility that it could become arena parking? Parking at the arena is an issue. Once the buildings are demolished the lots will be available for parking. There are no current plans for the lots.
- Asked about the north light at the pool – it is on all the time. ATCO is looking at repairing it.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended first health care advisory council meeting. Doctor recruitment and costs were discussed. Her

job, as a representative, is awareness. She is the representative from Stettler to the border.

Councillor Filipenko:

- Attended an Agriculture board meeting. – they gave out 18 \$500.00 scholarships in 2012.

Foreman:

- Read meters the end of December.
- Worked on sewers, one we had to use the camera. another needed to be thawed.
- Town crew went to Halkirk today to thaw out a sewer.
- Pushing snow ridges back and hauling the corners away.
- Snow blower is working well, have been using it at the airport, cemetery, and on the streets.
- Used the back hoe on main street to clean out the devonians.
- Trimmed trees in a lot of the alleys.
- Sanding as much as possible.
- Robert is back on gas – there will be a table top exercise tomorrow.
- Nathan will be cutting back his hours.
- Brad is off until next week.
- Jack hammering a bit at the theatre and the hall.
- Tree replacement – it might be a possibility to remove some of our old poplars where people have nice large trees on their lots. We would not need to replace some of these older trees. There are still some streets that will need to have the trees replaced.

C.A.O.:

- ISL Engineering would like the opportunity to attend the next Council meeting to make a presentation on our Sewage lagoon/lift station/receiving station project. They have a Water/Wastewater specialist on staff.
- Karen Gervais from Environment and Sustainable Resources Development will meet with Council at 10am on January 22. Mayor DeVloo, Councillors Bain and Filipenko plan to attend.
- Disaster Services Tabletop exercise will be tomorrow morning at 10am at the Legion Hall. The office will be closed from 10-1.
- Reminder – Council needs to sign the TD1's in their folders and leave them.
- Do we have any items for the Joint Meeting on February 6th. County would like to have them before the end of the month.
- Went through the Doctor's house with Marilyn Weber and came up with a list of repairs/changes. The list is in Council's folders.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Asked if the east side of the community hall has been seeded. The foreman informed Council that he has been working on filling some of the property with black dirt.

Adjournment:

012/13 MOTION: Councilor Ensign that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:44p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER