

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, January 25, 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.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Moush John – Castor Advance
Dan Rochette – Progressive Waste
John Rush – Progressive Waste

Agenda:

018/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with the addition of the in camera discussion.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interview:

Dan Richett and John Rush – Progressive Waste

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Mr. Richett and Mr. Rush to the meeting. They gave a brief presentation:

- Discussed the work that is done at the Coronation site.
- Cell 11 – construction will be completed in the Spring of 2016. The next cell may be constructed in 2017.
- Access road may be moved to the east side this summer.
- Environmental Management includes: Gulls, Traffic, Litter, and Odor.
- Feb. 18, 2016 will host an open house in Coronation, they will bring in “Predator” a company that supplies the bird control.
- Community contributions include: yearly royalty to the Paintearth Regional Waste Management; a community fund is set up to hand out grants throughout the County; they accept county refuse at no charge; also Progressive Waste supports local businesses.
- Community outreach in the form of a Landfill Community Liaison Committee and hosts an open house yearly.

Mr. Richett and Mr. Rush left the meeting at 7:22pm.

019/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to approve a letter of support for Progressive Waste’s operation to continue for another 10 years.

CARRIED

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular Meeting of Council.

020/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts: The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

021/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 19575 to 19609 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 December 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system showed no losses at the end of 2015 – this is due to the hard work of the gas system operator. The water system showed less losses than in 2014. That can also be attributed to the work of the Town crew. Only one water main break happened in 2015.

022/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Housing Needs Assessment Meeting:

Council received an invitation to attend a Housing Needs Assessment meeting on February 17 at 10:00am at the Paintearth Lodge. Discussion will be on what we see as a housing need now and into the future within our County.

Council will let the CAO know who will be attending.

Coronation/Consort Victims Services:

The Coronation/Consort Victims Services will be holding their annual fundraiser on January 30. An invitation was extended to Council.

Old Business:

ByLaw 1042 –
Fireworks ByLaw:

Council discussed the Fireworks ByLaw in detail.

023/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that ByLaw Number 1042 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 25th Day of January, 2016.

CARRIED

024/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1042 be Read a Second time this 25th Day of January, 2016.

CARRIED

025/16 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that ByLaw Number 1042 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

026/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1042 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 25th Day of January, 2016.

CARRIED

Trans Canada Line
Shut down:

In June of 2016 the TransCanada gas line will shut down for testing. It is estimated to be down for up to six days. The Town has two options, one would be to hire a truck to bring gas to our station at a cost of up to \$33,000.00. The second option is to work with the Paintearth Gas Co-op to connect, temporarily, to a line running parallel, costs for that option are still being investigated. Presented for Councils information.

New Business:

FCSS Benefits:

The C.A.O. requested that the Town of Castor cover the employer cost of benefits for the FCSS worker. The employer portion would come to \$1,941.12/year.

Councillor Wismer will discuss this with FCSS at their next meeting.

C.A.O. Wage:

The C.A.O.'s evaluation was presented to Council. The evaluation committee recommended that the C.A.O. move up one step on the salary grid.

027/16 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the C.A.O. be moved up one step on the salary grid for the 2016 year.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Moush John:

- Noted that she is familiar with "Preditor" the bird company that works with Progressive Waste.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended at Paintearth Lodge meeting.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a Victims Services meeting. This Christmas season saw no concerns. They have been busy getting ready for their upcoming fundraiser. The committee went over their Bylaws and have updated them.

Foreman:

- Sewer issues on 45th Street. Will dig since the weather is warming up. It will take about three or four days.
- Water at sewage lift
- Water break at water service – the break was repaired with minimal water loss.
- Garbage truck has been in for repairs.

C.A.O.:

- Renters that currently rent the Old Home Hardware building would like to insulate the building and install a wood stove that meets code. Since they are doing this amount of work at their own cost, they would like to have a 10 year lease.

028/16 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that a 10 year lease be approved to Maury Van der Vliet and Gord Baker to rent the Old Home Hardware site.

CARRIED

In Camera Session:

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

029/16 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Council move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:20pm.

030/16 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that Council return to an open meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open meeting at 8:23pm.

Adjournment:

031/16 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER