

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, March 13, 2017  
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, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:**

**Also in Attendance:**

Donna Rowland – Assistant C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Carol Tkach – David Thompson Health Advisory Council

**Agenda:**

**048/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

Carol Tkach  
David Thompson Health  
Advisory Council:

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Mrs. Tkach to the meeting.

Mrs. Tkach updated Mayor and Council on the history of the Advisory Council. She was appointed to the Council in October and has worked within the healthcare system for the past forty five years.

There are twelve Health Advisory Councils within the Province, two Provincial Advisory Councils (focusing on Cancer and Addiction and Mental Health) and a Wisdom Council (focusing on Indigenous Health Priorities).

The Council provides feedback to Alberta Health Services on healthcare service and programs and community priorities.

The committee members are volunteers and are comprised of general public, community leaders, past health care providers and members of local F.C.S.S; and are a diverse group of individuals.

The Council shares information with Alberta Health Services on community positives, what is working well and where there needs to be improvements. Currently they are working on a fifteen year long range plan.

A discussion occurred around the dynamics of Rural Albertans physical and mental health and the distances that they are required to travel for tests and services.

The Council is focusing on prevention monitoring, senior care, addiction and mental health, long term care and supportive living, and doctor retention and recruitment.

The Council represents all the communities and hospitals in the area, whether they are Alberta Health Services or Covenant Health. As she acts as a liason between Alberta Health Services and the communities, she can present community based ideas, suggestions and concerns.

Mrs. Tkach's appointment is a three year commitment and she is available to discuss community concerns and such at anytime.

Mayor DeVloo and Council thanked Mrs. Tkach for coming to the meeting and updating them on the happenings of the David Thompson Health Advisory Council.

*Mrs. Tkach and Councillor Nelner left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.*

*Councillor Nelner returned to the meeting at 7:39 p.m.*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

**049/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the February 27, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

*Councillor Nelner declared an interest in account number 21314 Payable to That's My Specialty.*

**050/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 21276 to 21315 with the exception of account number 21314 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

**051/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account number 21314 payable to That's My Specialty be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**Cash Statement:** Council was presented with the cash statement for the month ending February 28, 2017.

**052/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the cash statement for the month ending February 28, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Communities in Bloom: Council received information regarding the Communities in Bloom program. Council will not partake in this program at this time.

**New Business:**

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

- There is concern that we may lose a lot of Castor hockey players next year, the Recreation Board will encourage parents to complete their evaluations and send in letters to ensure their concerns are heard.
- The arena will be shut down as of March 21, 2017.
- There is a need for a new Zamboni, we will see if it will last one more year. The Recreation Board is putting together a Fundraising Committee to raise funds to complete the arena upgrades and purchase a new Zamboni and the Recreation Director will apply for the Progressive Waste grant in the next granting period.
- The Recreation Director will apply for funding from Baseball Alberta to install fences in front of the dugouts at the ball Diamonds
- Pool staff, summer camp staff, and pool pricing was approved. The recreation department will be running the summer camp.
- IODE donated Castor Minor Sports Council \$5000.
- Ball registration closed on Friday.

Handbook: A draft copy of the Personnel Handbook was submitted to Council for their review.

Summer Student Employees - 2017: A list of summer students was presented to Council for summer employment in the departments of Public Works, Recreation, and Water/Wastewater services.

**053/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the summer student listing be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Cemetery Caretaker

Summer Student Supervisor: The Cemetery Caretaker/Summer Student Supervisor employee was presented to Council for approval.

**054/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the cemetery caretaker/summer student supervisor position be approved as presented.

CARRIED

C.A.O Report:

The C.A.O.'s report was submitted to Council for information.

ByLaw 1049

Borrowing for a building  
For the Fire Department:

A By Law for the purpose of borrowing funds for the purpose of purchasing a building for the fire department.

**055/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that ByLaw Number 1049 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 13th Day of March, 2017.

CARRIED

**056/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1049 be Read a Second time this 13th Day of March, 2017.

CARRIED

**057/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that ByLaw Number 1049 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**058/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1049 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2017.

CARRIED

SMRWSC:

The 2017 Shirley McClellan Regional Waster Services Commission's budget was presented for Councils Review.

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Nichols:

- At the last AG Society meeting it was discussed that the chair seats are coming loose. They have purchased 100 new chairs. Volunteers are working on replacing the seats and have 18 completed thus far.

- The AG Society is still trying to come up with ways to pay the hall debt. The fundraisers held last year were down from previous years. They might try another non-event fundraiser and they are open to ideas.

Foreman:

- Had a water break on 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. It was a frost crack. This section had been previously repaired.
- Leak locators came on Saturday, and concentrated their efforts along the ponds. Nothing was found. They will return on March 22, 2017.
- Weseen Acres have been hydro-vacing to see the placement of utilities in the ditch of the subdivision as they are preparing for proper drainage. There will be a defined ditch there when the project is complete.

Assistant C.A.O.:

- The County will be hosting the joint council meeting on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please advise if you will be attending.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Paintearth Economic Partnership Society is looking for ideas and direction as to what Council would like to see them pursue for opportunities in the future. Mayor DeVloo will be collecting a list at the next Council meeting.

**Adjournment:**

**059/17 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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MAYOR

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ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER