

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, March 23, 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.

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman

Agenda:

067/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

068/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the March 9, 2015 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 18483 payable to That's My Specialty.

069/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 18453 to 18488 excluding account 18483 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

070/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account number 18483 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Water and Gas Reconciliation:

The water and gas reconciliations to February 28, 2015. The gas system is not seeing any losses currently. The

water system seen a significant improvement over January. The staff continues to change and repair meters.

071/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Rural Health Services: The Rural Health Services Review Committee has delivered its final report and recommended actions. A short summary was presented to Council for their information.

Old Business:

Residential Fence: The C.A.O. informed Council that the Development Board met on March 18, 2015 to discuss the request to place a 5'11" chain link fence in the front yard of a residential property. The request was denied. If the fence is to be 5'11" then it must comply with the Bylaw. Chain link across the front of a residential property was deemed as not a preferred material.

Street Light Update: Costs for LED Street lights are as follows: 43w - \$492.77 (currently on poles on Main Street); 86w - \$764.18; 143w - \$764.18. The monthly charges (not including retailer costs) ranges from \$40.91 - \$43.73 per month.

072/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town Place the 143w, type 3 lights on the pole at the Shangri La.

CARRIED

New Business:

Financial Statement: The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2014 financial Statement for approval.

073/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the 2014 Financial statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MSI Capital: Earlier this month the Province approved giving the Municipalities \$400,000,000.00 in extra MSI funding. This was to be an extension of last year's funding. The Town of Castor's portion is \$66,068.00.

Presented for Council's information.

Preliminary Draft
2015 Budget:

The C.A.O. presented Council with a draft of the preliminary budget for their information. She is still waiting for some budget amounts to input.

Safety Mission
Statement:

The Safety Mission Statement has been completed and is ready for Council approval.

074/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Safety Mission Statement be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Report:

Councillor Nelner:

- Has a PEPS meeting tomorrow evening.

Councillor Wismer:

- Attended an FCSS meeting. They would like to use the library to operate a children's reading program.

075/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that a letter be sent to the library with Council's approval to use the facility.

CARRIED

Councillor Nichols:

- Promoted the Ag Society fund raiser – encouraged everyone to support it.

Councillor Elhard:

- Roxanne Osetsky from Coronation Assisted Living thanked everyone for the support over the years. As of March 15, Alberta health will take over and we no longer pay the requisition.

Foreman:

- Continue tree trimming, the elms are all trimmed and the crew has started work on the poplars.
- The stump grinders have completed the grinding of 40 stumps.
- Crew has finished tiling the bathrooms at the campground.
- Steaming culverts – steamer has been breaking down.

In Camera Session:

Alison Espetveidt from Brownlee LLP joined the meeting via teleconference at 8:00am.

Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue.

076/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to move to an in-camera session to discuss a land issue.

CARRIED

Council went in-camera at 8:00pm

077/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open session of Council at 9:10pm

078/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to enforce section 554 of the Municipal Government Act and issue an injunction to Barry and Maryann Weseen.

CARRIED

C.A.O.

- Proofs for the new Town flag are available. There are four choices. Council considered the choices.

079 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that option 1 be chosen for the new flag.

CARRIED

- Received a traffic complaint concerning the intersection at 52nd Ave. and 48th St. It was suggested that a 4 way stop be placed there as there is an excessive amount of speeding happening along 52nd Ave. The foreman will look at moving the school zone sign to the east.

Council will take a look at the intersection and discuss it further at the next meeting.

- Meeting with Kevin Sorensen, M.P. Saturday, March 28 at 9:30am at the Legion hall to ask for support with our grant application.
- I will be away on holidays from March 29, 2015 and back on April 10, 2015. Donna will be in charge while I'm away.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended a Castor and District Housing meeting – M. Renschler will make changes to operations. The C.A.O. will be working out of an off-site office from here at the Town office. Another supervisor may be hired to help out at the Lodge.
- Financial audit went well and the statement was presented at the Lodge meeting.
- Castor and District Housing received \$540,000.00 grant for fire suppression.
- Attended RPAP – received good information. Rural nurses will become a commodity. It was suggested that communities do an exit interview with doctors that leave their community to see what they can improve to maintain physicians.

Councillor Elhard:

- Asked if the windrows of snow could be made more visible so that drivers don't get high centered on them. The foreman is doing his best to keep them noticeable but when it snows on top of them it makes them less obvious.

Adjournment:

080/15 MOTION: Councilor Ryan that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER