

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, March 25, 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 Slemph, Mike Bain, Jeff Ensign, and Dennis Filipenko.

**Also in Attendance:**

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

**Delegations/Interviews:**

Castor Enhancement Society – Randy Kary

Mr. Kary brought Council up to date on what the Enhancement Society plans are:

- The Society has lost members and find themselves at a “standstill” since they no longer have enough people to work projects.
- They currently have some grant money that needs to be spent.
- Society status is currently up to date.
- Town is willing to help the Society out by working with them wherever possible.
- Councillor Bain pointed out that the Enhancement Society might be able to help spruce up Main Street, after the “First Impressions Survey” pointed out a few area that improvements could be made.
- The Castor and District Ag. Society would like some help in placing a Community Hall sign. They have quotes and plans.

*Mr. Kary left the meeting at 7:25pm.*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the March 11, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

**056/13 MOTION:** Councillor Ensign that the Minutes of the March 11, 2013 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

*Councillor Filipenko declared an interest in account Number 15584.*

**057/13 MOTION:** Councillor Slempp that Account Numbers 15567 to 15606 with the exception of account number 15584 payable to Filipenko Bros. Construction in the amount of \$150,710.70 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

**058/13 MOTION:** Councillor Bain that cheque number 15584 to Filipenko Bros. Construction be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

**2013 Budget:** The first draft of the 2013 budget was presented to Council. Requisitions and grant information is still unavailable so, at this point, the budget is still a "work in progress". A discussion on the projected revenues and expenses ensued.

**Correspondence**

Victim Services: Council received a request from Victims Services for a grant based on \$2.00 per capita to help fund Community awareness initiatives.

**059/13 MOTION :** Councillor Slempp that the Town of Castor support Victims Services by way of a grant of based on \$2.00 per capita.

CARRIED

ATCO Community Symposium:

May 13, 2013, ATCO Community Symposium will be hosted in Three Hills. Council has been invited to attend.

**060/13 MOTION:** Councillor Ensign to register Councillors Bain and Slempp for the ATCO Community Symposium.

CARRIED

**Old Business:**

Utility/Receivable Penalty:

The C.A.O. updated Council on the utility and accounts receivable penalty. Not all ByLaws for utilities have the penalty percentage listed. We are working on one ByLaw to cover all penalties.

**New Business:**

ISL Engineering Update: ISL was in Castor last week and met with the Foreman and members of the Town crew to discuss work at the pump house and alarm systems. The Foreman updated Council on suggested options for our alarm system. The engineers felt we may not need a new pump house, rather we could move the pumps to the water plant. Ideas were given to cut

back on the power and streamline the water distribution. The sewage lift station was addressed in as far as replacing pumps and track system, and a new building including newer technology.

MSI Funding Allocations: The C.A.O. presented Council with potential funding allocations for the MSI Capital and Operating Grants.

JEPP Funding: The C.A.O. reported on the JEPP funding meeting to purchase digital radios for the fire departments in the county. Since the grant deadline is March 31, 2013 a decision as to how many radios each community will need had to be made. The Town of Castor will need 4 radios for vehicles, a booster, a base unit, and 16 hand held radios. The cost for everything will be \$31,165.40, less \$8,000.00 in grant funding totaling \$23,165.40.

**061/13 MOTION:** Councillor Ensign that the Town approve the purchase of the radios for the fire department with the assistance of the JEPP Grant.

CARRIED

Fire Agreement: At the last fire agreement meeting the County suggested the following changes:

- Each Municipality will take over their own billing to Alberta Transportation.
- The Municipality will be entitled to receive and keep 100% of the revenue from Alberta Transportation.
- The County will still provide 100% of the funding (\$300,000/unit) for a water truck and front line pumper for each Town.
- The agreement will be set for a definite number of years (3 or 5).
- The County will provide a grant to each municipality which will be reviewed on an annual basis. Fire services will need to be provided regardless of whether the amount of the grant has been decided or not. The grant will be determined using total operating costs for each department and will be as follows: Castor & Coronation \$40,000.00 each and Halkirk \$15,000.00.
- County residents will not be billed for calls unless they are burning during a fire ban. If a resident is to be billed, it is to come before County Council for a decision.
- The Municipalities will agree to provide a maintenance schedule every three months for all County owned equipment.

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Slempp:

- Complemented the Town Crew on a great job of removing the snow.

Councillor Bain:

- Mentioned that the Trail of the Buffalo brought up the development of a data base of local cemeteries. We currently are set to give them this information.

Councillor Ensign:

- Thanked the Town crew for a job well done on snow removal.
- Arena repair costs for new panel & receptacles seemed high, the recreation board will take a look at the possibility of a donated panel.
- Snow removal at the ambulance bay and fire department, if needed, will continue to be done by the Town staff at no charge to either department. There is an ice build-up issue that was cleaned up by the Town staff.
- Apache donated 68 computer monitors to groups in Town.

Councillor Filipenko:

- Attended Community Hall Board Meeting. They have received a few complaints about cleanliness.

Foreman:

- A new home in the Pawsey subdivision is very close to the 8" water line that was placed at the north end of the right of way. The C.A.O. explained that, after researching the right of way, it appears the water line was placed on the far north side of the right of way, rather than in the middle of the right of way. The building permit complies with our land use bylaw.
- Snow cleaning around town has been occupying a large amount of the crew's time.
- Grave opening for Wednesday, this has been a big job with the amount of snow in the cemetery.
- Arena ice removal is scheduled for tomorrow, it may wait until Thursday.
- New employee has started on a temporary basis and will be full time starting April.
- Foreman is setting up training schedules with the employees.
- Working on transportation safety audit – Tracy has been doing the majority of the administration work.
- Halkirk sewers have been steamed, it has been taking up a considerable amount of the crews time.
- There are a few issues with the skid steer, it may have to be taken to Drumheller for repairs.
- H2S in the creek, Foreman talked to a dealer that can spray a chemical on the open area that is venting the H2S. Council is hopeful that it will take care of itself.
- Attended the Banff Conference – felt it was well worth attending – commented on an extremely good guest speaker from Walkerton. Water wastewater reuse opportunities was informative. Attended a Federal water effluent system workshop that discussed how will they work with the Provincial system. Overview of where our systems are now. The Foreman received his 30 year award. Congratulations Mr. Foreman!

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended a joint Dr. Recruitment meeting. There will be a meeting with Kerry Bales in the near future.

Adjournment:

**062/13 MOTION:** Councilor Slemph that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:44p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER