

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, March 9, 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.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance
Dale Fancourt - Observer

Agenda:

048/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2015 regular Meeting of Council.

049/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the February 23, 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 18446 payable to That's My Specialty.

050/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account numbers 18416 to 18445 excluding account 18446 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

051/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 18446 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

Council was presented with the Cash Statements for the months ending February 28, 2015. We continue to maintain a reasonable cash flow.

052/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for the month ending February 28, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

National Public Works
Week:

May 17 – 23, 2015 is National Public Works Week. The Alberta Public Works Association is requesting Council to acknowledge it by proclamation.

053/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the week of May 17 – 23, 2015 be proclaimed National Public Works Week in the Town of Castor.

CARRIED

Alberta International
And Intergovernmental
Relations:

Council received correspondence informing them of the new formal complaint process for public procurements to be introduced into the New West Partnership Trade Agreement. This agreement was set up to reduce barriers to trade and streamline government regulations across the three provinces (Alberta/British Columbia/Saskatchewan) in order to increase competitiveness, economic growth and stability.

Presented for Council's information.

Old Business:

Tree Program Update:

The C.A.O. brought the tree program back to Council after investigating the possibility of grinding the stumps in the same year that the trees are removed. This is possible, however, the cost of grinding the stumps would be nearly double if they did not have a year to start the decay process.

054/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to continue with the tree program as originally set out.

CARRIED

Cemetery Equipment:

After further investigation into costs, the C.A.O. brought back the cost tenders for cemetery equipment.

Mayor DeVloo declared an interest and left the Council meeting at 7:09pm.

Deputy Mayor Elhard took over the meeting.

055/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town Purchase the cemetery equipment from Future Ag. Inc.

CARRIED

Mayor DeVloo returned to the Council meeting and took over the meeting at 7:14pm

New Business:

Recreation Report:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillors Elhard and Ryan to present the Recreation Report.

- New employee - Robert Serediuk started March 2.
- Ball hockey was discussed.
- The organization of a senior hockey team is in the works.
- New storage area has been set up in the arena.
- The 3 C's minor hockey was discussed, next year PeeWee level will be part of this. Players must make a higher level of hockey to be allowed to play away from the 3 C's minor hockey.
- March 18 is Minor Hockey Awards.
- Pool chemical shed still needs to be shingled.
- Ball Registration is March 26 & 27
- Started to hire pool staff.
- Received \$3,500.00 in funding from PWM for the showers at the golf course and some funding for the mechanical room at the pool.
- Arena shut down will be March 23.
- Received an Alberta Recycling grant for the pool deck.
- Working on receiving group pictures from the 3 C hockey teams.

SCF Grant:

The Guidelines and application for the Small Communities Fund Grant are now available. The C.A.O. has started the grant process and will apply for a project to start work on our Master Servicing Plan to rehabilitate water, sewer, and storm systems.

056/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor make application for the SCF Grant for the Town's Water, Sewer, and Storm rehabilitation project.

CARRIED

Rodeo Parade:

The Castor and District Rodeo Committee requested permission to close off 55th Avenue from 45th Street to 47th Street, 47th Street to 54th Ave., 52nd Ave. from 54th Ave. to 49th Street, 49th Street to 50th Ave., 50th Ave. from 53rd Street to 45th Street, and 45th Street from 50th Ave. to 55 Ave.

057/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the requested Road closure be approved.

CARRIED

**Castor and District
Housing Agreement:**

The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2015 Financial Maintenance Agreement with the Castor and District Housing Authority.

058/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the 2015 Financial Maintenance Agreement between the Town and Castor and

District Housing Authority be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Residential Fence:

The C.A.O. had a request from a residential property owner to erect a 5' 11" chain link fence on the front and sides of his property. Bylaw states that a fence located within the required front yard of a lot shall not exceed 1.2 m (4') in height above the established grade of the curb.

059/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to allow Mr. Fancourt speak on a fence structure.

CARRIED

Mr. Fancourt explained to Council that he wanted to place the fence on the front of his property to keep his pets in his yard. It was suggested that he construct the fence in the back yard but Mr. Fancourt would prefer it to be in the front yard.

Mayor DeVloo directed the Town Foreman to go to the property and take a look at the situation and try to come up with a solution for Mr. Fancourt.

Safety Policy SF-014:

Safety Policy SF-014 was presented to Council for approval.

060/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that safety Policy SF-014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Report

Joel Van der Veen:

- This will be the last meeting, he and his family will be moving to Moose Jaw. Council wished him well.

Jenna Witherow:

- Has heard that Richard Starke is wrapping up his Rural Health Report and it should be forthcoming soon.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended Victims Services meeting, he reported that approximately \$10,000.00 was raised at the Regimental Ball.
- Smart girls Program – Victims Services is trying to set up a presentation in Coronation and Castor. They are also looking for a similar program for boys.
- Attended an Ag. Society meeting - the Ag. Society received \$2,500.00 from the PWM grant.
- Ag. Society will be putting on a “non event” fundraiser. Funds will come directly to the Town to put toward the debenture payment.

Councillor Zinger:

- Attended a SMRWSC meeting. Water rates will go from \$2.29/cube to \$2.50/cube as of April 1 due to costs coming out of the Stettler plant.

Foreman:

- The Town Crew has been working on the showers at the golf course.
- Robert is away at a gas course for the next three weeks
- Staff has been busy taking various courses.

C.A.O.:

- Working on budget.
- Informed Council that the new power contract plus the reduction in street lighting has resulted in a savings of \$22,326.96 in 2014.
- Reminded Council that the Tourism Training session for those who attended the Tourism working session will be on March 31 in Coronation 1:30pm – 4:00pm. The focus group session for anyone who did not attend the Tourism working session will be on April 1 at the County office 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- Showed Council the draft of the proposed beaver statue. Billie Spady is working on this project. Size would be approximately 5' x 10'; cost would be between \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00. Councillor Nelner asked about the progress on the extra light head for the street poles. Mayor DeVloo informed Council that we have been unable to find a reasonable solution.

061/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to install a second light head in the power pole at the Shangri La Inn.

CARRIED

Mayor DeVloo:

- Christmas lights are still on the Town sign.
- March 17 pc candidates forum.
- March 30 is National Doctors day. The Town will recognize our Doctors that day.

Jenna Witherow and Joel van der Veen left the Council meeting at 8:21pm.

In Camera Session:
Legal/Land Issues:

Council will move to an in camera session of Council to discuss legal and land issues.

062/15 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that Council move to an in camera session to discuss legal and land issues.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:23pm.

063/15 MOTION: Councilor Zinger that Council return an open Council meeting.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open Council meeting at 8:47pm

064/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town write a letter of understanding in support of going forward with the termination of the Original Agreement between Alberta Health Services and Coronation Regional Health Services.

CARRIED

065/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols to hire Downey Environmental Consulting to facilitate the removal of a potential underground storage tanks located in the northwest portion of the property at 5006 – 51 Street.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

066/15 MOTION: Councilor Nelner that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER