

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, May 14, 2018  
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall  
Castor, Alberta**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Elhard.**

**Councillors in**

**Attendance:**

Lonny Nelner, Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

**Absent:**

**Also in**

**Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Weston Gibson – Assist. Foreman  
Kevin Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent  
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent  
Todd Pawsey – UCP Candidate

**Agenda:**

**125/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with additions and changes.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

**126/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the Minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**127/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the May 3, 2018 Special meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**128/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 23018 to 23073 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Cash Statement:**

Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the Month ending April 30, 2018.

**129/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Cash Statement for month ending April 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison: The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison to April 30, 2018 to Council.

**130/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Budget Comparison to April 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Palliser Regional

Municipal Services: A new regional planner has been hired at Palliser Regional Municipal Services. Devin Diano has joined the team at the beginning of May.

Presented for Council's information.

Alberta

Transportation: An announcement has been received from Alberta Transportation informing Council of the upcoming construction on Highway 12 from 1 km East of Highway 855 to 1 km East of Highway 36.

REACH Program

Presentation: Council was invited to attend a presentation about the REACH program that will launch June 1, 2018.

Mayor Elhard, Councillor Wismer, Councillor Kilner, and the C.A.O. will attend.

**Old Business:**

Infrastructure

Project: Mayor Elhard addressed the sidewalk issue on the west side of 51<sup>st</sup> Street. After a meeting with the engineers and Netook Construction it was proposed to replace the first four sections from the south and feather out the incline. The steps at Fran's Hair Styling will be re-worked to function safely.

Council discussed this at length. There are still some concerns with the sidewalk, the alley, and drainage. The C.A.O. will contact the engineer to meet with Council members.

**131/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that ISL Engineering be approached to provide Council with more information surrounding drainage patterns before any agreement is made concerning this portion of the project.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

Recreation Board Report: Mayor Elhard presented Council with the Recreation Board Report from the May Recreation Board Meeting as follows:

- 3C's AGM is June 12, 2018 at 8pm at the Coronation Curling Rink.
- Hockey registration is now open until June 15, 2018.
- Natasha will look into getting pricing and funding for a set of girl's ball uniforms.
- The CFL Dessert & Coffee Fundraiser raised \$413.
- A community Work Bee is being set up to do the ball diamond maintenance (i.e. fencing, fix batters boxes, etc.) for May 19, 2018.
- Asbestos Abatement begins on the arena May 14, 2018.
- Natasha is going to look into options for the ball diamonds to showcase the Provincial Championships that have been won in Castor.
- \$1,056.68 will be moved from the Minor Sports Account to the Minor Hockey account.

**132/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Recreation Board motion to donate funds to Gus Wetter School and the Live Different Group in lieu of assistance with the Basketball Program is ratified.

CARRIED

- The Recreation Board approved moving forward with another NHL alumni fundraiser in 2020. Council had questions surrounding costs before they ratify the decision. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

Marty Rowland  
Fire Department:

As trainer for the Fire Department, it is sometimes prudent for Mr. Rowland to attend, meetings, presentations, etc. that require a designation.

**133/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Marty Rowland be designated as Castor Fire & Rescue Trainer, a designation that is equal to that of the Fire Chief and that he is able to attend meetings, presentations, etc. in place of the Fire Chief or where his area of expertise dictates him as the most suitable attendee.

CARRIED

Airport leases:

An increase for Airport leases of 2% was brought forward.

**134/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the airport leases be increased by 2% for 2018.

CARRIED

Arena Project  
Financing:

The C.A.O. presented Council with options for financing of the arena project.

Council discussed the options at length. It was suggested that working with the two local financial institutions would be the best route. The C.A.O. will work on pinning down the best interest rate and terms.

**Tree Program:** The C.A.O. updated Council on the tree program. With so many trees removed for the Infrastructure Project, an accumulation of large stumps is piling up. It was suggested that a site to burn the stumps be found and that the County should be contacted to use their “Flame Thrower” to ensure burning.

The Pool Manager requested that four of the large spruce trees at the front of the pool be removed due to the amount of spruce needles that fall to the deck. The needles plug up the filtration system and litter the deck deeming it unsafe to walk on in bare feet.

**135/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that four trees on the front boulevard at the swimming pool be removed.

CARRIED

**Standards Bylaw:** Council Reviewed the Standards Bylaw. The concern is messy yards and how to control them.

*Councillor Ryan left the meeting at 8:30pm.*

**136/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the penalties in Schedule A of the Standards Bylaw No. 1038 double (Municipal Tags from \$100.00 to \$200.00 First offence; and Violation Tickets from \$200.00 to \$400.00 First offence) Subsequent offences double from those specified penalties.

CARRIED

**IDP Application:** Councillor Ryan and the C.A.O. attended an IDP meeting on May 8, 2018 to approve a development application that falls within the Fringe area.

Presented for Council’s information.

**Street Light Pole  
Bases:**

A quote for street light pole bases was received. Ideally, 13 poles would have bases installed. The cost is \$575.00 for 12 of the poles and \$595.00 for the pole on 51<sup>st</sup> Street.

Given the current situation with the sidewalk, Council tabled any decision regarding the pole bases. It will be brought back to the next meeting of Council.

**Gas Line:**

A request was received from a resident asking to place a gas line from his property on one side of the alley to his property across the alley. He previously had permission from Council to run his power line across the alley. He would space the lines one foot apart in the same trench.

After discussion with the Foreman and the Assistant Foreman, it was determined that a larger meter would possibly have to be placed on the residence. The C.A.O. will contact the resident with this information before Council proceeds with a decision.

*Todd Pawsey entered the Council meeting at 8:47pm.*

Bylaw 1057:

The C.A.O. presented Council with a Bylaw to amend the Castor Land Use Bylaw Number 1006 that would provide regulations for the distribution of Cannabis.

**137/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Bylaw Number 1057 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 14th Day of May, 2018.

CARRIED

A public hearing will be set for June 11, 2018.

**Delegations/Interviews:**

Todd Pawsey:

Mr. Pawsey introduced himself as a candidate for the UCP to represent the Drumheller – Stettler constituency in 2019.

- He encouraged Councilors to purchase a membership prior to June 1, 2018 if they wanted the opportunity to vote.
- In order to vote in a nomination contest, you must be a member by June 1, 2018.
- June 23, 2018 is nomination voting date.

*Mr. Pawsey left the meeting at 9:02pm.*

**Committee Reports:**

Advance Correspondent:

- Commented on the Canada 150 plaques that were recently placed on Main Street.

Councillor Zinger:

- Brought up the drainage on the “Beach Hill Road”. After a short discussion it was decided that the asphalt would be replaced with gravel.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an Ag. Society meeting. It was decided to proceed with the \$500.00 scholarships to local graduates this year. Application for scholarships must be in by the end of June.
- Informed Council that the “Non-Event” raised \$4,005.00 to date. The event is still open.

Foreman:

- The students have started cleaning boulevards and cutting grass.
- The pool is up and running.
- A considerable amount of work has been completed at the ball diamonds.
- Has been receiving a number of service line locates.
- One sewer dig has been completed.

C.A.O.

- Was approached by Rick Strankman’s office asking if Council would like Mr. Strankman to attend one of their meetings.
- Reminder – before the next Council meeting if Councilors could please check out the street lighting so that we can let ATCO know how we will proceed with the conversion to LED.

Mayor Elhard:

- Announced that a new Doctor has been hired at Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital. Dr. Noelle O’Riordan will be replacing Dr. Murphy starting September 6, 2018.
- Will attend a meeting Tomorrow with the Task Force on the Just Transition for Canadian Coal-Power Workers and Communities in Forestburg.

**In Camera Session:**

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss an Employee issue.

*Kevin Sabo and Emily Wheller left the meeting at 9:14pm.*

**138/18MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to move to an in camera session to discuss an employee issue.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 9:15pm.*

**139/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:28pm.*

**Adjournment:**

**140/18 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER