

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, May 25, 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, Richard Elhard

**Absent:**

Rod Zinger

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman  
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio  
Andrea Peacock - Castor Advance

**Agenda:**

**129/15 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 11, 2015 regular meeting of Council were presented to Council for approval.

**130/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

**131/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 18661 to 18692 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Water and Gas Reconciliation:**

The water and gas reconciliations to April 30, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system is consistently holding it's own. The water system loss is remaining consistent as well.

**132/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:**

Council received the budget comparison to April 30, 2015. It is still early in the year so the expenditures are higher

than the revenues, however, taxes just went out the first part of May, that will be reflected next month.

**133/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the budget comparison be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

**Seniors' Week:** Seniors' Week is June 1 – 7 and Council is asked to proclaim it to generate greater awareness of the importance of seniors in our communities.

**134/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that June 1 – 7, 2015 be proclaimed "Seniors' Week" in the Town of Castor.

CARRIED

**Clearview Board  
Highlights:**

Council received highlights of the May 11, 2015 Clearview Public Schools Board meeting. It was noted that the Board of Trustees would like to meet with local government partners on June 22/23/24. Council will be notified when the date and location is finalized.

Presented for Council's information.

**Old Business:**

**Standards Bylaw:** The Standards Bylaw was advertised in the Newsletter and has been posted on the website. The first municipal tag was issued last week. The C.A.O. expressed concerns that the public may not be as aware of the bylaw and the penalties as they should be.

It was discussed at length and decided that an article should be placed on the website, on facebook, and in the newsletter that, more clearly, points out some of the areas whereby municipal tags could be issued.

**Fire Department  
Radios:**

Communications Group came to Castor and inspected the fire radio equipment. They believe they have identified several potential problems. They will work with their engineers to come up with a solution to make our analog system work properly.

Presented to Council for their information.

**New Business:**

**Rodeo BBQ:** The Business owners in Castor plan to sponsor a BBQ for the community Friday, June 26 at 6:00pm promoting Rodeo Weekend. They would like to have the BBQ at the cenotaph area. Therefore, they would need to block off the street for the evening.

**135/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that 50<sup>th</sup> Street from 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the cenotaph be closed during the Business owners BBQ on June 26, 2015. The Town will contribute to the cost of the BBQ.

CARRIED

Low Hazard  
Fireworks:

A notice was received from the Safety Codes Council informing the Town that we must conform to the Alberta Fire Code and request a permit for anyone involved in the sale, purchase, possession, handling, discharge, firing or setting off of low-hazard fireworks. The C.A.O. is working on adding this to the new Fire Bylaw.

After a discussion, Council felt that the Town should go with the permit route for the Bylaw rather than banning the low level displays in Castor.

Grant Application:

As part of the government-wide Canada 150 celebrations, the Government of Canada has launched the **Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program**, which will invest \$150 million over two years to rehabilitate and improve existing community infrastructure across Canada. The C.A.O. is working with the Assistant Recreation Director to make an application.

The assistant Recreation Director will take this to the next recreation meeting.

**136/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Town of Castor make an application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for upgrades to the swimming pool.

CARRIED

Sewage Lagoon:

Lambourne Environmental will be doing the sludge removal and disposal from our sewage lagoon this year. They have submitted their cost of \$42,000.00.

**137/15 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor accept the tender for sludge removal and disposal from the Lagoon submitted by Lambourne Environmental.

CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Jenna Witherow:

- Informed Council that a Province Wide Fire Ban was put in place today.

Councillor Elhard:

- Asked the foreman about sidewalk repair and stump removal. There is currently a list of sidewalks that are in need of repair. That repair is scheduled for this summer. He will look into the stump issue.

Foreman:

- Campgrounds are now open, the water has been turned on and the sewer station is open.
- The fountain has been placed in the pond and is operational.
- Pond skimmer will be going into the Pond.
- Road patching is ongoing.
- Getting ready for gas line installation to go to east end.

- C.A.O.
- The crew has hauled a lot of soil out of Hill's lot with help from Filipenko's.
  - We will need to purchase a mower for the doctor's house. Home Hardware has one available for \$270.00.

**138/15 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town approve the purchase of a lawn mower for the Doctor's residence.

CARRIED

- Suggested that a disclosure policy be drawn up to standardize what information is routinely given out and how it is distributed.

Council was in agreement, so a policy will be drawn up for presentation to Council.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Thanked Councillor Elhard for attending the Prom ceremonies.
- Attended a lodge meeting; the lodge has purchased a new copier and a grand piano from donations.
- With the realignment of ASHA we will now be in the central region.

Adjournment:

**139/15 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER