

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, May 28, 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.

**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  
Sargent Darcy McGunigal - RCMP

**Agenda:** **141/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Delegation:** Sargent Darcy McGunigal – RCMP

Mayor Elhard Welcomed Sargent McGunigal to the meeting. Sargent McGunigal reported:

- He has accepted position at RCMP headquarters in Edmonton. His last shift is June 27.
- Policing priorities: Traffic statistics 147 tickets have been written to date. This is consistent with last year.
- Property crime – seeing a continued decline. Only four break and enters have been reported since January.
- Theft: – ten have been reported in the first four months this year.
- Drug enforcement initiative - 2 charges have been laid since January.
- Policing priorities going forward – keeping traffic safety; property crime reduction; employee wellness (mandated to include this internal policing activity – everything is dependent on the health and welfare of the employee.)
- Local Initiative – habitual offender program – they have seen good success with this strategy.
- Personnel changes – Process is underway to identify a new Sargent. Until then an interim will be identified.
- Councillor Ryan asked where the RCMP stands on cannabis – Until Federal legislation changes, the RCMP will continue to deal with cannabis issues as always.
- Councillor Ryan also asked about response times for members – Sargent McGunigal explained that

circumstances can vary – they work on a case by case basis. There are many variables.

- Mayor Elhard asked about transient traders. This is not under the jurisdiction of the RCMP, it is under the control of the Town.
- Sargent McGunigal thanked everyone for the cooperation he has received over the past 4 years.

*Sargent McGunigal left the Council Chambers at 7:22pm*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

**142/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**143/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 23089 to 223124 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 Reports:**

Council was presented with the water and gas comparisons to month ending April 30, 2018.

**144/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the water and gas comparisons to April 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Local Gov. Education Meeting:

One participant from the Town is needed to attend the Local Government Education Meeting.

**Old Business:**

2020 Alumni Fundraiser:

Council was presented with the 2018 Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni Game Budget. The 2020 Alumni fundraiser budget will be similar.

**145/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that approval be given to proceed with the Hockey Alumni Fundraiser for 2020.

CARRIED

Underground gas  
Service Request:

Council was informed that the resident requesting to place the gas line under the alley to their garage has decided not to place the gas line..

Street Lights:

Council discussed the pole bases and the LED lighting change.

CAO will apply for BFI Grant for the base covers.

Council discussed the Street light changes. They would like to see an intersection light before making a final decision.

Arena Borrowing:

Both the Vision Credit Union and the ATB Financial provided interest and repayment rates for a loan for the arena renovations.

**146/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to start the borrowing process for the arena renovations with ATB Financial.

CARRIED

Town Banners:

The C.A.O. provided Council with the layout proofs for the banners to go on the Main Street light poles.

**New Business:**

Permission to Plant  
Trees:

A resident has asked to place 1 - 2 trees on a portion of the Town Boulevard. Their intent is to plant a row of columnar aspen along the border between them and their neighbour and would like to extend onto approximately 8 feet of the Town Boulevard. The work would be at their own expense.

**147/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to allow the resident at 4150 West Park Drive to plant a row of columnar aspen and extend it 8' out onto the Town boulevard.

CARRIED

Water Pump Upgrades:

Town staff and Mayor Elhard met with the engineers from the hospital suppression system upgrade. The meeting was to determine what size of fire pump and water pumps the Town may need to upgrade to in order to provide adequate water flow to the hospital. The Town staff is currently looking into sizing and costs.

Bylaw 1058:

A Bylaw to regulate the conduct of Council cited as the "Council Code of Conduct" Bylaw was brought to Council for consideration.

**148/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that Bylaw Number 1058 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018.

CARRIED

**149/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Bylaw Number 1058 be Read a Second time this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018.

CARRIED

**150/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Bylaw Number 1058 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**151/18 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that Bylaw Number 1058 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2018.

CARRIED

Arena Insurance:

In order to provide complete coverage during construction, an additional cost for insurance will be:  
Option 1 – Deductible of \$10,000.00 – Premium \$5,300.00  
Option 2 – Deductible of \$25,000.00 – Premium \$4,850.00

**152/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to purchase arena construction insurance – Option 1 – Deductible of \$10,000.00 at a premium of \$5,300.00.

CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Nelner:

- Asked about boulevard tree removals, what is left for removals this year. The Foreman confirmed that tree removals have been completed for this year.

Councillor Wismer:

- Informed Council that volunteers will no longer be charged out under WCB.

Councillor Nichols:

- Asked if the Town had a “ripper” attachment for the back hoe to pull out tree roots. The Foreman informed Council that we do not have access to a “ripper”, however, have the roots ground has worked well for us.

Foreman:

- The staff found another water break, it will be repaired tomorrow.
- Students are busy mowing, spraying, etc. They have spent some time at the ball diamonds as well.
- Don has been keeping busy at the cemetery.
- Netook has repaired the sidewalk, Fran’s step, and the water service.
- Border is setting up for paving this week.
- Seals have been put on the small cracks in the new sidewalks.

- Ball diamond work bee was held on the long weekend. Quite a bit of work was accomplished.
- Assistant Foreman:
- Elaborated on the water break near the motel, this will be a difficult to repair; we will need to hire someone to hold the pole during the repair.
- C.A.O.
- Attended a PCALC meeting. Pat King will retire as Program Manager and Cindy Heidecker will take her place. Kelsey Seth has been hired to replace Cindy as Program Coordinator.
  - Does Council want to host a parade this summer. If so when? Will run with the Fair and Show and Shine will proceed. They would like to change the route for this year.
  - Attended a Task Force meeting on the “Just Transition for Canadian Coal-Power Workers and Communities”. Representatives from labour, business, municipal Government, and sustainable development were in attendance. This was one of several meetings in the area. They will take recommendations back to the Federal Government to support a successful transition to a low carbon economy.
- Mayor Elhard:
- BREOC will plan to set up two offices – one in Castor and one in Forestburg.

**Adjournment:**                    **153/18 MOTION:**    Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER