

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

**Absent:
Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Moush John - Castor Advance
Robert Pilsworth – Gas System Manager

Agenda:

248/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Robert Pilsworth – Gas System Manager

- RMO South Connection
- TransCanada line to shut down 2016 or 2017 for testing and/or repair. During a shutdown we would need to bring trucks in for gas. An alternate supply by hooking into the line at the east Castor station (Bulwark). The Paintearth Gas Co-op is planning to go ahead with work on the alternate line, if we become part of this we need to let them know soon.
- Costs for the project are unknown at this point in time.

249/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to inform the Paintearth Gas Co-op we are interested in participating in the installation of a gas loop but would like costs before totally committing.

CARRIED

Robert Pilsworth left the meeting at 7:18pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 26, 2015 regular Meeting of Council.

250/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 26, 2015 organizational meeting of Council.

251/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Organizational 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 19386 payable to That's My Specialty.

252/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account numbers 19352 to 19388 excluding account 19386 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

253/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account number 19386 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

Council was presented with the Cash Statement for the month ending October 31, 2015. We continue to operate in a good financial position. A couple large expenditures will be paid in November and the gas valve project that did not go forward this year will be reserved to next year.

254/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Cash Statement for the month ending October 31, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Budget Comparison:

All systems remain on track. It is hopeful that we will not have to bring the entire budgeted amount from surplus this year.

255/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Budget Comparison be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

Old Business:

Tourism Visioning
Project:

The Final Tourism Vision Plan was brought back to Council for approval.

Councillor Nelner suggested that this be presented to the PEPS Board.

256/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor accept and support the development of the Regional Tourism Theme “From our Past... Into our Future”.

CARRIED

257/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor accept and support the development of our individual municipal niche “Exploring the nature of healthy living”.

CARRIED

258/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the final report be shared with Canadian Badlands Tourism for the purpose of identifying potential development opportunities.

CARRIED

Fire Radio Update: The work on the repeaters at the Nose Hill Tower and our Castor Tower is complete. A meeting was held to go over the costs and the sharing of these costs. Invoices will be sent out to participating bodies. The equipment has all been insured and we are awaiting a quote for yearly maintenance costs. These costs will be shared as well. Privacy codes have still not been received.

New Business:

Recreation Board Report:

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

- A new Shooter Tutor will be purchased for Minor Hockey.
- Recreation Director will be looking into prices for netting for the north end of the arena.
- Safety committee reported that a proper storage receptacle should be purchased for aerosols. Doreen Blumhagen is the new County Rep.
- Next CCC meeting is Nov. 16.

259/15 MOTION: Councillor that the Recreation report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Multi Year Capital Budget:

The C.A.O. presented the Multi Year Capital Budget to Council for approval.

260/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Multi Year Capital Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

County of Paintearth
Proposed subdivision:

Council received a Proposed Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 112 5690 in the County of Paintearth for comments.

261/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor has no comments or concerns with the proposed subdivision as presented.

CARRIED

A.A.M.D. & C.
Conference:

The County of Paintearth has invited one Councillor from the Town of Castor to accompany them to the A.A.M.D. & C. Conferences to be held March 14 – 16, 2016 and November 14 – 17, 2016. Confirmation is needed by November 13. The County will cover Hotel and registration costs.

262/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that a member of the Town of Castor Council will accompany the County of Paintearth to the A.A.M.D. & C. conferences.

CARRIED

Meeting with Alberta
Transportation:

Councillor Elhard and the C.A.O. met with members of the County of Paintearth, Town of Coronation, Village of Halkirk, and Alberta Transportation to discuss the disrepair of Highway 12. Repairs were discussed at the meeting and are currently being done. A timeline was presented by Alberta Transportation, the earliest we can see any action is 2017.

Representatives from transportation did mention that maintenance costs would be cut.

Coronation Assisted
Living:

Bethany Group will be doing a needs assessment. Cost will be picked up by Coronation Assisted Living – now called Coronation Regional Health Services.

263/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor approve the MOA with Coronation Regional Health Services as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Report

Councillor Nelner:

- Fire Department held a haunted house; the firemen collect groceries and just under \$200.00 in cash. Approximately 125 kids went through the haunted house. Councillor Nelner felt it was well received.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an Ag Society meeting – they will donate \$100.00 to East Central 4H for members day.
- Hall debenture payment will be paid in full. The Ag. Society collected close to \$5,000.00 on the non-event fundraiser.

- Casino was held recently and the Ag. Society received a good turnout of support.
- Councillor Zinger:
- Attended a SMRWSC meeting. Two municipalities will be opting out so our costs will go up approximately \$2,000.00/yr.
- Councillor Elhard:
- Reported that there is a new doctor in Consort.
 - Beavers... asked the foreman where we are at with the control. Pest control has started, three controllers are registered with the Town and Fish and Game.
- Foreman:
- Crew is getting ready for winter. Snow fence had went up, the sander has been overhauled, and the speed bumps have been picked up.
 - Brown out caused problems with a couple of the sewer lifts. They have all been repaired.
 - We had a water break a couple of weeks ago. The cause was a hole in the pipe and the rest of the pipe is not in good shape.
 - Lagoon has been let go - 47,000 cubes went through.
 - Ready at Pump house for tear down.
 - Home Hardware lot has been filled in. Gravel will be spread.
 - Alley off 49th Avenue, elevations have been taken so we can look to the future to make an access. Drainage will be an issue.
- C.A.O.:
- The Railway Wye is now in the hands of land titles. Once we have their approval we can place the access easement on and change titles.
 - Will be on holidays from November 13 – 23. Donna Rowland, Assistant C.A.O. is in charge during that time.
 - Request from resident on west end to put up a snow fence this winter along the border to the north and then plant 6' to 8' spruce trees in the spring.
 - I approved the closure of the Arena on Remembrance Day. Arrangements were made for all teams involved.
 - Property at 5126 - 51 Street, spruce trees are just past the face of curb and therefore the property of the owner of the house. He will be removing them.
- Mayor DeVloo:
- Felt that Urban and Rural Municipalities need to open the discussion of joining forces to get through the economic down turn.

In Camera Session:

Council will go to an in camera session to discuss an employee issue.

Moush John left at 8:30pm.

264/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan to go to an in camera session to discuss an employee issue.

CARRIED

Council went to an in camera session at 8:32pm.

265/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to return to an open Council meeting.

Council returned to an open meeting of Council at 8:46pm.

Adjournment:

266/15 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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