

Minutes of the Town of Olds Regular Council meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Olds Town Office.

PRESENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Mayor Michael Muzychka

Councillor Wanda Blatz; Councillor Heather Ryan; and Councillor Mary Jane Harper; Councillor Wade Bearchell Councillor Debbie Bennett and Councillor Mary Anne Overwater.

ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:

PRESENT for the Regular meeting of Council – STAFF:

Michael Merritt, Chief Administrative Officer; Doug Wagstaff, Director of Community Services; Sheena Linderman, Director of Finance; Scott Chant, Director of Operations; Monica Leatherdale, Communications Coordinator and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muzychka called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

A.) ADDED ITEM(s)

None

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “to accept the Regular and Closed Council agenda for May 13, 2019 as presented.”

Motion Carried 19-150

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2A) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2019

Moved by Councillor Harper, “that the minutes from the April 23, 2019 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.”

Motion Carried 19-151

Item 7A) Women of Excellence Gala

Moved by Councillor Harper, “that Council approve \$625.00 for the purchase of tickets for Council or designates on behalf of the Town, to attend the Red Deer & District Community Foundation’s Women of Excellence Award Gala being held on June 19, 2019.”

Councillors Overwater, Bennett, Harper, Blatz and Mayor Muzychka are available to attend.

Motion Carried 19-152

3. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

3A) Delegation: National Indigenous Peoples Day Committee

Local Elder John Sinclair and Mr. Mitch Thomson from the National Indigenous Peoples Day Committee were in attendance and presented to Council on the 2019 celebrations be planned for the National Indigenous Peoples Day to be held on June 18th, 2019 in the Town of Olds.

Traditional dancing, drumming, fiddles and jigging and may other cultural activities.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that Council thank the National Indigenous Peoples Day Committee for their presentation and the ongoing work of the volunteers of the National Indigenous Peoples Day Committee be acknowledged with thanks and that June 18, 2019, be recognized as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Olds.”

Motion Carried 19-153

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Councillor Ryan asked about the Olds Regional Exhibition (ORE) and Town's signage item. Director Wagstaff advised that he and Ms. Tracy Gardener have been communicating on it and CAO Merritt advised that ORE has been made aware of Council's decision.

5. BYLAWS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7B) Proclamation: Seniors' Week

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that June 2-8, 2019 be proclaimed as 'Seniors' Week' in the Town of Olds."

Motion Carried 19-154

Councillor Harper asked if we the Town have determined an age for the age of seniors we the Town? Between 50 to 65 ages. CAO Merritt indicated no universal age has been set for the Town, it varies depending on service level.

7C) Proclamation: Public Works Week

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that May 19 – 25, 2019 be proclaimed "Public Works Week" in the Town of Olds.

Motion Carried 19-155

7D) Post Tax Sale Disposal of Roll #8003100

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council forgives all outstanding taxes and penalties on roll #8003100 and allow the owner of the mobile home park to take possession of the mobile home for disposal."

Director Linderman spoke to the legislated process to get a property to a tax sale she further indicated that the process can take many years.

Council general discussion on other options, Director Linderman indicated Collections, but didn't feel confident in that recommendation.

Council asked how we got possession. Director Linderman advised that we don't own it and we don't have to own it to sell it. The owners abandoned home after the auction. CAO advised that there is a cost to dispose of it and it is an older building. Director Linderman advised that there was a reserve of \$5000 at the auction and sealed bid process and it didn't sell.

Motion Carried 19-156

7E) South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission

CAO and Director Chant spoke to the need to proceed with interim operations of the South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission, wastewater line. The current operations contract with Mountain View Water for the South Red Deer Regional sewer line will be ending on July 1, 2019 and to ensure reliable and cost effective operations of the system it has been recommended that the member communities work together for the overall operations of the system on an interim basis. Director Chant indicated that there were a few items to sort out and there is a meeting set with the member communities of the SRDRWC to set the Terms of Reference. CAO Merritt spoke to cost recovery and qualified staff to work on the negotiations.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that council approve and direct Administration to enter into negotiations for the interim operations of the South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission, wastewater line, in partnership with the member communities of the SRDRWC."
Motion Carried 19-157

Council asked how long an interim contract be.
Director chant indicated perhaps 12 months.

7F) CAO Review

Mayor Muzychka spoke to the annual process of the performance review of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and summarized what was completed to comply with the Municipal Government Act and the Town of Olds CAO Bylaw. Mayor Muzychka indicated that Council was very satisfied with Mr. Merritt's work.

Councillor Blatz moved "be it resolved that Council conducted the annual evaluation of the Town of Olds Chief Administrative Officer in May, 2019 in accordance with the Section 205.1 of the; and further, that Council approve the 2018-2019 performance evaluation for Mr. Michael Merritt, CAO."

Motion Carried 19-158

7G) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors

Mayor Muzychka spoke to the item as contained in the agenda package. He was seeking council's approval to run for a member seat on the FCM Board of Directors. The Mayor indicated that there would be no expenses if elected, however he would like to request a budget for campaign expenses.

Councillor Harper asked how long there term was.
Mayor Muzychka indicated that it was a three year term.

Mayor Muzychka indicated that currently FCM will cover the travel and participation expenses for the Alberta rep if on the Board of FCM.

Councillor Harper asked about Honorarium/per diem, and does the Town pay? And how much is that?

Mayor wasn't sure of time commitment as he was waiting for further details that were to come. Once he receives that information, he will advise Council.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that council approve a resolution to endorse our Mayor to seek a position as a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors."
Motion Carried 19-159

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that council approve a budget of up to \$5000 for campaign expenses for our Mayor to seek a position as a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors."
Motion Carried 19-160

Councillor Harper asked if the Mayor would be contributing any of his own money to the campaign. Mayor Muzychka said yes he could, but hadn't considered it yet.

Mayor recessed the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

8A) Reports from Council, Boards and Committees

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that the reports from Council, Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Committees, ending May 13, 2019 be received for information."

Councillor Blatz attended and worked at McHappy Day here in Olds.

Councillor Bearchell reported on Mountain View regional Water Services Commission meeting.

Councillor Overwater attended regular meetings of Council (regular council, policies & priorities and CAO/Council convo), observed the Olds Gymnastics Club at their facility, went to the Olds Instituted Annual General Meeting, and worked at McHappy Day here in Olds.

Councillor Ryan worked at McHappy Day here in Olds, attended the Summer Student Orientation, went to the Olds Instituted Annual General Meeting, and the Library Board meeting.

Councillor Harper attended and worked at McHappy Day here in Olds, as well as the Inter-municipal Cooperation Committee (ICC) meeting and attended the Mountain View County Council meeting on May 1st, and attended the retirement celebration lunch for Larry Wilson's with the Town staff.

Mayor Muzychka also attended many of the already mentioned events.

Motion Carried 19-161

9. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

9A) Quarterly Financial Position

Director Linderman spoke to the financial report as contained in the agenda package. Reports are provided showing revenue and spending for both operating and capital budgets during the 03 months of 2019; that being January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019. At 25% of the way through the 2019 fiscal year, the Operating budget is 16% spent while the Capital budget is 2.1% spent. Invoicing does lag slightly and therefore the total amount spent and committed to be spent would be slightly higher.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that the financial report for the three (3) month period January 1st, 2019 to March 31, 2019 be accepted for information."

Motion Carried 19-162

Council asked on the status of the Sunshine Bus.

Director Wagstaff indicated that it has been ordered, and will advise of the ETA as soon as he knows.

10. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

11A) Correspondence and Information

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that the Correspondence and Information Report ending May 13, 2019 be received for information."

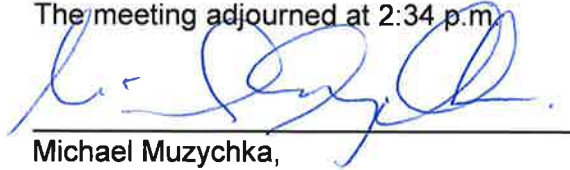
Motion Carried 19-163

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that this meeting adjourn."
Motion Carried 19-164

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Michael Muzychka,
Mayor



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes approved this 27th day of May, 2019.