

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Manning in the Province of Alberta held in the Council Chambers May 24, 2017 Commencing at 5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Walker, Deputy Mayor Smith, Councillors, Daryl Presakarchuk, Greg Rycroft and Brenda Kerr

ABSENT Councillor: Eric Schmidt

ADMINISTRATION: Dennis Egyedy, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER Deputy Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 17-12796 Mayor Walker Moved:
 "To adopt the agenda with the following additions:
 Delegation: Vicky Presakarchuk, Manning Swimming Pool
 Old Business: Letter to the Editor
 New Business: Private Alley
 Information in Council File: (f) Northwest Species at Risk Committee;
 (g) Seniors Week in Alberta

Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 17-12797 Councillor Rycroft Moved:
 "To adopt the Minutes of May 10, 2017 regular meeting as presented"

Carried

DELEGATION

Vicky Presakarchuk, Resident

Mrs. Presakarchuk came to Council to discuss the closure of the Manning Swimming Pool for the 2017 season. On May 12th, she called the Chief Administrative Officer to determine if the pool could be opened this year. There is a problem with the Town pool policy which limits the age of Senior Lifeguards to the age of 18. Mrs. Presakarchuk researched ways to open the pool and called various communities for suggestions.

Mrs. Presakarchuk recommended that the town policy be amended to lower the age for Senior Lifeguards which is allowed under the Lifesaving Society Standards. She has found two individuals capable and willing to assume the position of Pool Manager. Secondly, she has a list of volunteers willing to assist at the pool. Finally, the town should follow the guidelines from the Aquatic Procedural Manual as the document will stand up in court if there are any operational issues on the pool.

Vicky expressed her concern that the pool needs to be opened this year as we need to build more capacity in the community. The junior lifeguards need the experience to assume the role of senior guards.

Deputy Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Presakarchuk for her presentation and informed her that council will be discussing the swimming pool at the end of the meeting.

CAO REPORT

CAO Egyedy informed council about the sewage lagoon problems resulting from the recent rain and flooding. The river water was flowing into the lagoon and had to be pumped back into the river.

Councillor Kerr expressed concern over the "Northwest Alberta Emergency Resource Agreement" not being signed with the Town of High Level which may leave the town unprotected in a major fire. Egyedy explained that numerous attempts have been made to have a signed agreement but it is in the hands of High Level.

MOTION 17-12798 Councillor Presakarchuk Moved:
 "To approve the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented."

Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Walker nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Smith reported on her attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and their Regular Meeting. The Chamber is working on business planning workshops in Manning. The Chamber is taking over the barbecue for the Ag Society as they are finding it difficult to find volunteers. Alberta Labour provides information on job grants for employers and funding up to \$10,000 per year to train employees.

Councillor Kerr reported on a North Peace Housing meeting and concerns over fire suppression at the Lodge which is presently on hold. The Housing Strategic Plan will be presented next month.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS CONT'

Councillor Schmidt absent

Councillor Presakarchuk requested that a Press Release be prepared to provide an update on the Splash Park construction.

Councillor Rycroft reported on a meeting with Alberta Health Services and the construction of a sidewalk to the hospital. Apparently, the town owns the land next to the road which is a buffer to the hospital land. AHS will construct the sidewalk on their property but the town is responsible for the sidewalk portion on town property. AHS will have a survey completed to determine property lines between the town and hospital.

OLD BUSINESS

Rodeo Letter Councillor Presakarchuk made reference to a "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in the Banner Post which projected the Town Council not supporting the Ag Society. There were negative comments made by council when discussing a financial contribution for the Rodeo. The Ag Society would like council to provide moral support in promoting their events.

MOTION 17-12799 Councillor Kerr Moved:
"To write a letter of support to the Ag Society for the events and visitors they bring to Manning during the Rodeo each year."

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Private Alley Councillor Rycroft requested that the CAO investigate the grading of a private alley between 1st Street NE and Main Street and report back to council.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Action List	Enclosed
(b) Financial Statements and Cheque List	Enclosed
(c) Minister of Municipal Affairs – Shaye Anderson	Enclosed
(d) Farm Safety Center – L. Nelson	Enclosed
(e) Minister of Seniors and Housing – Lori Sigurdson	Enclosed
(f) Northwest Species at Risk Committee	Handout
(g) Seniors Week in Alberta	Handout

MOTION 17-12800 Councillor Kerr Moved:
"To approve #8 (a-g) as information only."

Carried

MOTION 17-12801 Mayor Walker Moved:
"To appoint Mayor Walker as committee member and Councillor Kerr as an alternate committee member on the "Northwest Species at Risk Committee."

Carried

Councillor Presakarchuk asked the CAO why the first item on the action list continues to be outstanding? Egyedy replied that the owner of Humble Pie was in the process of opening a new laundry mat and winter is not a favourable time to complete outside renovations. Egyedy would follow up immediately with Humble Pie.

Councillor Presakarchuk asked why there were so many cell phone bills. There appears to be too many cell phones. CAO Egyedy replied that a lot of the phones are for alarm systems on the various lift stations and buildings. Egyedy will supply a list of all telephone and cell phones being charged.

Councillor Presakarchuk asked why the budget for sidewalk salaries is almost depleted. CAO Egyedy replied that the budget was used up during snow removal of the town sidewalks and walking trails.

Councillor Presakarchuk asked why the storm sewer wages has exceeded the budgeted amount. CAO Egyedy stated that he would investigate the charges but sometimes there are accounting errors by staff recording where they work.

Councillor Presakarchuk asked why there were over expenditures in gas travel and training. When council sets a budget, staff must not exceed the amount. CAO Egyedy explained that we hire a new town employee specifically to be trained in gas as a backup in gas. Our main gas man completed his Level II certification and the new employee completed Level I. The training of two gas employees is essential for the town to pass our last gas audit.

MATTERS RELATING TO PRESENTATIONS

Manning Pool Opening Council asked why was the water left in the pool? Councilor Kerr stated that the pool used to be cleaned out in the fall. Councilor Presakarchuk stated that the pool used to be open every year on the 1st of May. CAO Egyedy explained that water is left in outdoor pools to prevent any lifting or cracking over the winter.

MOTION 17-12802 Mayor Walker Moved:
"To rescind motion #17-12773 "to approve the closure of the Manning Centennial Swimming Pool for the 2017 swim season due to the lack of qualified staff."

Carried

MOTION 17-12803 Mayor Walker Moved:
"To approve the opening of the Manning Centennial Swimming Pool for the 2017 swim season."

Carried

MOTION 17-12804 Councilor Rycroft Moved:
"To approve a deficit budget to cover the expenses of operating the swimming pool for the 2017 season."

Carried

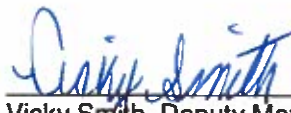
Deputy Mayor Smith suggested that council take home their budgets to find a way to cut budget areas as a means to fund the swimming pool operations. Council will discuss the budget on May 31st, 2017 during the review of 13 Ways Report.

MOTION 17-12805 Deputy Mayor Smith Moved:
"To instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a Grant Policy for the funding requests from service groups."

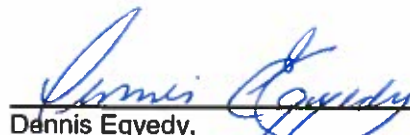
Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Vicky Smith, Deputy Mayor



Dennis Egyedy,
Chief Administrative Officer