

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, April 27, 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

Agenda:

093/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

The C.A.O. noted that she had made an error in the April 13, 2015 minutes – Recreation Report. It was reported that hockey registration for the 2015/16 season will be \$150.00. It should have been recorded that there will be a \$150.00 late fee for hockey registrations received after the deadline.

094/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the April 13, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved with the correction.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 18590 payable to That's My Specialty.

095/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 18557 to 18591 excluding account 18590 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

096/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account number 18590 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Water and Gas Reconciliation:

The water and gas reconciliations to March 31, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system is holding it's own; we experienced only a slight loss in March. The water system loss was higher again in March, however, compared to last year at this time we are seeing significantly less losses.

097/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

the FCM's 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held from June 5th to 8th in Edmonton. Council discussed attending the conference.

FCM Women in Municipal Government Fund:

The FCM Regional Caucus is challenging all municipalities across Alberta to donated \$100.00 to the Women in Municipal Government Fund.

098/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not donate to the FCM Women in Municipal Government Fund.

CARRIED

Old Business:

Fire Department Radios:

The Fire Departments' radios are still not working properly. The Town may need to look for a solution in a different direction.

099/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town contact Communications Group to assess the fire radio situation.

CARRIED

2015 Budget:

Council was presented with a draft of the 2015 balanced budget. The C.A.O. and Council went through the budget in detail. There was no increase in the mill rate this year, however, the minimum tax was increased from \$450.00 to \$500.00.

100/15MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the 2015 Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Taxation Bylaw 1039:

The 2015 taxation Bylaw 1039 was presented to Council for approval.

101/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw 1039 be read a first time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

102/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that ByLaw 1039 be read a second time at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

103/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that ByLaw 1039 be given a third reading at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

104/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that ByLaw 1039 be read a third time and finally passed at this meeting of Council.

CARRIED

New Business:

Speed Bumps:

A request was made to place speed bumps near the playground on Parkview Drive.

Council discussed the issue of placing speeds bumps at length.

105/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that speed bumps be placed at the playground on Parkview Drive, revisiting the situation in four weeks.

CARRIED

Industrial lot use:

It was requested that Council consider allowing used cars that are for sale to be parked along the Industrial lot to the east of the community hall. Discussion ensued.

106/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town not allow cars (for sale by owners) to be parked on the Towns' Industrial lots.

CARRIED

Gas Line to Industrial
Subdivision:

The Town needs to increase the gas supply to the Industrial Subdivision. The Paintearth Gas Co-op, in cooperation with the Town crew, will install the line.

107/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town proceed with the gas service to the Industrial Subdivision.

CARRIED

MSI Applications:

The C.A.O. presented Council with the 2015 MSI allocations.

108/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the 2015 MSI allocations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ByLaw 1037
Utility Bylaw:

A Bylaw to provide for the levying and collecting of charges and rates for water service, sewer service, gas service, and garbage service.

109/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that ByLaw Number 1037 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 27th Day of April, 2015.

CARRIED

110/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that ByLaw Number 1037 be Read a Second time this 27th Day of April, 2015.

CARRIED

111/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1037 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

112/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that ByLaw Number 1037 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 27th Day of April, 2015.

CARRIED

Bylaw 1038, Community Standards:

A Bylaw to regulate neighbourhood nuisance, safety, and livability issues.

113/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that ByLaw Number 1038 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 27th Day of April, 2015.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued, Council will look at the Bylaw over the next two weeks and bring it back to the next Council meeting.

Gas Tax Fund:

Council received the 2015 gas tax fund allocation. The Town of Castor will receive \$50,000.00 under the program. Presented for Council's information.

Committee Report:

Councillor Nelner:

- Will have a PEPS meeting tomorrow evening and brought forward recommendations to take to the next PEPS meeting.

Councillor Ryan left the meeting at 8:47pm

Councillor Wismer:

- Noted mistakes in the Castor Advance regarding functions put on by the Castor FCSS.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended the PCALC dialogue in Fleet. He reported on the important role PCALC plays in our communities and the diversity of the program.

Councillor Zinger:

- Attended a SMRWSC meeting. There was discussion on the SMRWSC line going to Monitor and Brownfield.

Councillor Elhard:

- Received complaints about potholes in the streets. The Town crew will start work on street repair in the near future.

Foreman:

- Two employees attended water and sewer training courses.
- Spent time preparing the walking path to gazebo for a recycled rubber overlay.
- A few students have started.
- Worked on a sewer dig on 45th street to repair the pipe.
- Has cold mix for road repairs and is currently working on getting the equipment ready.

C.A.O.

- Received a complaint about the deer that continue to come into Town and destroy plants and shrubs.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended the ASHA Convention in Edmonton with the Paintearth Lodge. Reported on the activities and sessions. Discussed lobbying, financial, and employees. Felt it was a worthwhile convention.
- Two students have been hired to work the tourist booth at Crowfoot Crossing for the summer.

Wismer:

- Asked about summer students and cell phones. The Foreman explained the Towns' new policies, for safety reasons, the students will not be able to keep their cell phones with them during the work day, radios will be supplied to the students when necessary.

Adjournment:

114/15 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER