

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, August 28, 2017  
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:**

Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:**

Lonny Nelner.

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent

**Agenda:**

**178/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

**179/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**180/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 21982 to 22017 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Gas and Water Comparisons:**

The budget comparison for the month ending July 31, 2017 was presented to Council. We saw a gain in the gas system in July, we are still under a 2% gain. A consistent loss in the water system continues.

**181/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the Gas and Water comparisons be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Lane Quinn: A news bulletin from Lane Quinn, the Town's benefit consultants was received as information. The letter was in regard to the amendments to the Employment Standards Code and Labour Relations Code that come into effect as of January 1, 2018 with the passing of Bill 17 (Fair and Family-Friendly Workplaces Act).

**Old Business:**

Curb, Gutter, or Sidewalk Removal And Replacement Policy: The C.A.O. brought the revised Curb, Gutter, or Sidewalk Removal/Replacement Policy back to Council for approval.

**182/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Curb, Gutter, or Sidewalk Removal/Replacement Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

Report from Infrastructure Progress Meeting: An Infrastructure Progress meeting was held on August 23, 2017. Council was updated on the status of the project.

ATCO Franchise Fee: ATCO has presented Council with the annual option to change the franchise fee percentage. The Town of Castor has not changed their fee percentage for many years. It was discussed to increase the franchise fee from 5% to 6%.

Council asked the C.A.O. to obtain some comparisons as to what other communities have set their franchise fee at and bring the information back to the next meeting.

Property Lease: The Old Home Hardware lease between the Town of Castor and Maury Van der Vliet/Gord Baker needs to be updated to take Gord Baker off the agreement as a Tenant – as per Mr. Baker's request. A new lease was drawn up between the Town of Castor and Maury Van der Vliet.

**183/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the request for termination of the lease between the Town of Castor and Maury Van der Vliet/Gord Baker be approved.

CARRIED

**184/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the lease between the Town of Castor and Maury Van der Vliet be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Palliser Regional Municipal Services Subdivision: A proposed subdivision of part of the NW ¼ Sec. 35-37-14 W4M was presented to Council for comment. Council had no comment.

**Committee Reports:**

C.A.O.

- Inquired as to where Council would like the “Canada 150 signature signs” placed now that the pool is closed.  
It was decided that the signs should be placed in the arena for the winter.

Mayor.:

- Will attend a meeting with Minister Bilous in Forestburg tomorrow. The meeting was set up for Mayors and Reeves to have a conversation with the Minister concerning the closure of the Coal Mine.

**In Camera Session:**

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

**185/17 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 7:34pm.*

**186/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council returned to the regular meeting at 7:40pm.*

**187/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the proposed road plan and profile plus the storm water management plan be approved as per recommendations by the Town Engineer.

CARRIED

**Nomination Day:**

Mayor announced nomination day is September 18 and that nomination forms are available.

**Adjournment:**

**188/17 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned .

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER