

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Thursday, January 28, 2013
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:

Troy Slemp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Jeff Ensign, Dennis Filipenko and Brenda Wismer.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman
Robert Perrault – ISL Engineering
Deon Wilner – ISL Engineering

Delegations/Interviews:

ISL Engineering – Robert Perrault & Deon Wilner

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Mr. Perrault and Mr. Wilner to the Council meeting. ISL Engineering is interested in looking at our sewage system for a future project that the Town is currently considering. They had a short slide presentation describing design elements of lagoons and lift stations in the form of a planning session. They showed samples of a dumping station. Options and possibilities were discussed. Samples of main street improvements were shown. The presentation ended with a brief description of their firm.

Mayor DeVloo thanked Mr. Perrault and Mr. Wilner for attending the Council meeting and giving an informative presentation.

Mr. Perrault and Mr. Wilner left the Council Chambers at 7:45pm.

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

013 /13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Minutes of the January 14, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Filipenko declared an interest in account Number 15377.

014/13 MOTION: Councillor Filipenko that Account Numbers 15346 to 15384 with the exception of account number 15377 payable to Filipenko Bros. Construction in the amount of \$656.25 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED .

015/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that cheque number 15377 to Filipenko Bros. Construction be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement:

The Cash Statement for the period ending December 31, 2012 was presented to Council. The C.A.O. informed Council that we are now having some cash flow problems. The short term loan for the hall demolition will be put in our account shortly and if the utility bill payments continue to come in steadily we may not have to borrow through our operating loan yet. The Fire GIC has come due and \$2,000.00 of the \$22,000.00 was put back in so that we can pay our share of the jaws. We still have over \$151,000.00 in GIC's.

016/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Cash Statement for the month ending December 31, 2012 be approved as Presented.

CARRIED

Gas Comparison Report:

The 2012 final totals show that the losses in the gas system were down slightly from last year. Robert changed 100 meters and plans to do the same in 2013. We hope to see fewer loses yet in 2013.

Water Comparison Report:

The 2012 water comparisons show slightly less losses over last year. We did manage to stay within our 10% true up for water consumption.

Correspondence

Trail of the Buffalo:

The 2012/13 Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association Membership was presented to Council for approval. This membership is paid by PEPS for the Town.

017/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town of Castor remain a member with Trail of the Buffalo Tourism Association for the 2012/13 term.

CARRIED

Old Business:

On Call Pay:

The C.A.O. brought back the on call pay amounts to Council. The current rates are not covering the cost of wages for the public works crew when they are on call. A suggested stand by pay amount was presented as follows:

Regular Weekend	\$330.00
Weekend with Stat	\$510.00
Stat only	\$180.00

018/13 MOTION: Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor approve the on call rates as presented.

CARRIED

County of Paintearth
Guide:

The County of Paintearth Business Relocation Guide had been tabled at the last Council meeting to give Council a chance to clarify with the County and PEPS what they were looking for from the Town. The Towns and Village will each have one page in the guide for their own use. There is no expectations of added advertising from the Towns and Village.

019/13 MOTION: Councillor Slemph that the Town of Castor not purchase additional advertising in the County Guide.

CARRIED

New Business:

Fire Agreement Meeting:

The C.A.O. and Fire Chief attend the Fire Agreement meeting at the County office on January 18. Suggestions coming out of the meeting included the consideration of each community as to the value of their department. Also costs related to the rescue unit were discussed. The C.A.O. has since met with the fire chief and it was recommended that the costs for training be increased. The Castor fire department members are looking at approximately \$25,000.00 to bring the members to an acceptable training standard.

Report from Environment
Meeting:

Mayor DeVloo, Councillor Bain, and the C.A.O. met with Karen Gervais and Todd Urquhart on January 22, 2013 to discuss contamination issues on Town properties. Going forward, environment would like to see the Town put a management plan in place, that would eventually include hiring a consultant to determine what needs to be done to bring the property to an acceptable level.

Councillor Filipenko left the meeting at 8:30pm.

The C.A.O. has submitted a copy of the purchase agreement with Home Hardware and a copy of our current water ByLaw to environment.

A plan will be drafted and sent to Environment.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Slemp:

- Voiced concerns with extra hours that the arena caretaker is putting in due to no one to cover shifts for him. The C.A.O. and Recreation Director met with the caretaker and the assistant caretaker and a schedule will be drawn up to even out the work hours.

Councillor Bain:

- Discussed PEPS meeting that was held January 17.
- Suggested a nomination for Senior's Service awards. Councillor Bain will talk to the Paintearth Lodge Administrator.

Councillor Ensign:

- Ambulance meeting – agreements are still not in place.
- Victims Services Fundraiser will be February 9th in Coronation.
- Asked the Foreman about a smell coming from the main sewer lift station. The Foreman suggested a couple of possibilities. The Town crew will look into the issue.
- Reported that the FCSS coordinator has resigned. One of the Home support aids has also resigned. The FCSS office is not always open since the coordinator will need to be away at meetings. The Town may be able to help out with the handi van booking.

Foreman:

- Jackhammering at the old hall site. There could be another day or two left. We have not had to put a truck on.
- Worked on drainage around town.
- Christmas decorations have been taken down.
- Cut trees in alleys back.
- One staff went with fire extinguisher inspector.
- A sewer on a highway residential lot froze up and was thawed out by the Town crew.
- Cleaned Main Street a few times to keep the edges down.
- Dug grave last week. It was tough digging this time of year.

C.A.O.:

- A copy of the final bill for the Golf Club is in Council's folders for information. Will the \$8,000.00 MRTA grant be given to the Golf Club again this year or will only half of it be given?

020/13 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor contribute the full \$8000.00 MRTA grant to the Golf Club this year.

CARRIED

- The joint “All Council’s” meeting is on February 6 at the Golden Circle at 6:00pm. If Council has anything they want on the agenda, it needs to be submitted tomorrow morning.
- Raymac has signed the Zamboni contract that the Town drew up and he was paid the \$4,000.00.
- The Town’s audit is scheduled for February 26 and 27.
- The Waterline project is officially completed. There was \$4,968.20 in engineering costs unspent.
- Our application for underground distribution and crossing for the street light project has been approved by Alberta Transportation.
- Laverne Allen has been a member of the Castor Fire Department for the past 32 years and is retiring. The department has asked if Council would like to give a gift. I looked into the possibility of having a photo of him taken to be hung in the fire hall, with a copy to Mr. Allen.

021/13 MOTION: Councillor Ensign that the Town have Mr. Allen’s picture taken in full gear and present it as a gift and have a copy made for the fire hall.

CARRIED

Mayor DeVloo:

- Attended Lodge 101 workshop.
- Attended the Gas tabletop Exercise with the Town Staff.
- Was confronted for comments about FCSS by a blogger.

Adjournment:

022/13 MOTION: Councilor Slemph that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:12p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER