

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, October 26, 2015
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall
Castor, Alberta**

The meeting was called to order at p.m. by Mayor Garry DeVloo.

Councillors in Attendance:

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

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Dena Clark – ECA Review
Moush John - Castor Advance
Loreena MacGillivray – Recreation Director
Shawna James – Assist. Recreation Director

Agenda:

233/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

Delegation:

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Recreation Director Loreen MacGillivray and Assistant Recreation Director Shawna James to the meeting.

They are requesting that the Recreation office be closed during the Christmas break from December 22, 2015 to January 4, 2016. They feel the Recreation office should be treated differently than other departments for the following reasons:

- The office has been closed at Christmas for the past nine years.
- Hockey and arena are not busy during the Christmas season, it runs on skeleton hours.
- The job is not normal office hours – it involves plenty of after hour work.
- They have been available for contact at all times for the pool, arena, and ball programs.
- The job requires them to miss time with their families on a regular basis.
- They are hourly employees, not on a salary so therefore more flexibility can be given.
- Feel the job is stressful and thankless.

Mayor DeVloo explained Councils reasoning for wanting to keep the Recreation office open. Council discussed the issue with the ladies.

Council felt that keeping the Recreation office hours the same as the Town office would be best.

A request was received from a family that withdrew their sons from the 3 C minor hockey program and is requesting the Town of Castor refund their registration fees. The assistant recreation director explained the process of the registration. The 3 C's has a policy in place to handle request such as these.

Loreena MacGillivray and Shawna James left the meeting at 7:22pm.

Minutes:

The minutes of the September 28, 2015 regular meeting of Council were presented to Council for approval.

234/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the September 28, 2015 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts were presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 19323 payable to That's My Specialty.

235/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Account numbers 19289 to 19326 excluding account 19323 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

236/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Account number 19323 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 September 30, 2015 were presented to Council. The gas system losses are currently under 1% which puts us in a good position going into winter. This is due to the diligent work of our gas department. The water system remains consistent in its losses, we are seeing our lowest losses this year compared to the past 5 years.

237/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the water and gas comparisons be accepted as information.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Battle River Watershed Alliance:

A funding request was received from the Battle River Watershed Alliance.

238/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not take part in the Battle River Watershed Alliance at this time.

CARRIED

Victim Services: Coronation/Consort Victim services will not be asking for a per capita funding for 2016.

Presented for Council's information.

Red Deer River Water
Shed Alliance:

A Municipal support request was received from Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

239/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the Town of Castor not participate in funding the Red Deer River Water Shed Alliance for 2016.

CARRIED

Moush John left the meeting at 7:40pm.

Old Business:

Bylaw 1040 – CAO
Bylaw:

The CAO brought the revised version of CAO Bylaw to Council for their approval.

240/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Bylaw Number 1040 be Introduced and Read a First Time this 26th Day of October, 2015.

CARRIED

241/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Bylaw Number 1040 be Read a Second time this 26th Day of October, 2015.

CARRIED

242/15 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Bylaw Number 1040 be given a Third Reading at this Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

243/15 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Bylaw Number 1040 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 26th Day of October, 2015.

CARRIED

Fire Radio Update: The CAO advised Council that the Town of Castor repeater has been installed and is currently working. The Nose Hills Tower is working, it currently has a temporary repeater and will receive it's permanent repeater this week. Most aspects of the system appear to be working well.

Councillor Nelner informed Council that the pages and calls have been very clear.

Dr. Recruitment

MOA:

The Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Paintearth, Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital Foundation and the Town of Castor was brought back to Council for approval with a change. It was suggested at the board meeting that items 12 and 16 be left in the agreement and that the Town of Castor be responsible for the general taxes levied against the residence.

244/15 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that item 12 be taken out of the agreement and that item 16 be changed to reflect that all taxes be shared equally among the three partners.

CARRIED

New Business:

Palliser – Proposed
Subdivision:

Council was informed of a proposed subdivision adjacent to the Town Boundary. Council voiced no concerns with the proposed subdivision.

ATCO – 2014
Franchise Report:

The CAO presented Council with the 2014 franchise report from ATCO. Presented for Council's information

Collaborative Tourism
Visioning Project:

Council was presented with the final report from the Collaborative Tourism Visioning Project for their perusal. Council may take it with them and read it over to be prepared to bring it back to the next meeting and pass a motion to accept and support the development of the regional tourism theme; make a motion to accept and support the development of their individual municipal niche, and finally approve sharing the final report with Canadian Badlands Tourism.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended PEPS meeting, noted that they are committed to keeping the Brodersen tower up and running. Someone will be hired to trench the power in and hook up the electrical.

Councillor Nichols:

- Victims Services meeting. Dare to Care program has been set for November 23 and 24, 2015. A list of other programs have not had dates set.

C.A.O.

- Asked Council if they would like to schedule an Open House in December. The Open House will be held Friday, December 18 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
- Which Councillor will be attending the Remembrance Day Service on behalf of the Town?
- Due to the long period of time the yard has been dug up at the old home hardware site, the renter has been given two months' rent free.
- The Town's Beaver is nearly ready, we need to pick a color and a place to put it. The size will be 10' long by 5' tall. Council would prefer the beaver to be brown and placed on the west side.
- Old Home Hardware remediation is nearly complete. Hole will be filled in this week and a report will be forthcoming.

Dena Clark left the meeting at 8:11pm.

In Camera Session:

Council will go to an in camera discussion to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

245/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the meeting move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:12pm.

246/15 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Council return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council Returned to the regular meeting at 8:30pm

247/15 MOTION: Councillor Zinger to extend the date of the Town's engineers comments to January 2016 to allow sufficient time to make a recommendation to the Town.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

248/15 MOTION: Councilor Nichols that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER