

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, September 23, 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 Slempp, Rod Zinger, Mike Bain, Brenda Wismer, and Dennis Filipenko.

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Stan Boettcher – Public Works Foreman  
Cody Borek & Eva Wylie - Observers

**Agenda:**

**197/13 MOTION:** Councillor Slempp that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular Meeting of Council.

**198/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

*Councillor Slempp entered the meeting at 7:08pm*

**Accounts:**

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

*Councillor Filipenko declared an interest in account number 16318.*

*Councillor Zinger declared an interest in account number 16343.*

**199/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account Numbers 16301 to 16342 excluding cheque number 16318, be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**200/13 MOTION:** Councillor Slempp that Account Number 16318 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

*Councillor Filipenko did not participate in any discussion on this account.*

**201/13 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that Account Number 16343 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

*Councillor Zinger did not participate in any discussion on this account.*

**Correspondence:**

Preliminary Equalized Assessment:

Council was presented with the preliminary equalized assessment report for information. The Town of Castor's total Equalized Assessment will go up nearly 5,000,000 in 2014. This is due to the drop in assessment level for residential assessment.

Parkland Regional Library Budget:

Council received Parkland Regional Library's 2014 budget for their approval. The Town will see an increase of \$204.50 from 2013 to 2014.

**202/13 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer that the Town of Castor approve the Parkland Regional Library's 2014 budget as presented.

CARRIED

Restorative Justice Week:

Correctional Service Canada is requesting municipalities to proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2013 from November 17 – 24.

**203/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor proclaim the week of November 17 – 24 as Restorative Justice Week.

CARRIED

The proclamation will appear in our monthly newsletter.

**Old Business:**

Gas Agreement:

The Town of Castor's Gas Agreement with Imperial Oil Limited expires on October 31, 2013. The C.A.O. has been comparing agreements offered by Imperial Oil Limited and Gas Alberta.

The Imperial Oil contract has no changes from the current contract – the Town would pay the Month Ahead Index plus \$0.025/GJ for transportation.

Gas Alberta would require the Town to become a shareholder in Gas Alberta Inc. – we would purchase shares at \$1.00/share based on last years sales (\$110.00 total cost). We would also be required to purchase a subordinated debenture of approximately \$22,500.00. We would purchase gas at a pooled rate plus a variable rate (currently \$0.17/GJ)

**204/13 MOTION:** Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor approve the Gas Contract with Imperial Oil Limited.

CARRIED

Aggregated Energy Program:

Council was presented with two options to purchase power through Unified Energy 8760 Ltd. or through AMSC. 8760 Ltd. purchases power through Public Tender, where AMSC purchases power through TransAlta Energy Marketing Corp. Purchase costs with either company would be similar however, 8760 Ltd. brings a more transparent process with maximum flexibility, combined with budgetary help makes them more attractive.

**205/13 MOTION:** Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor contract our power through 8760 Ltd. for a two year period.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

PRWM:

A unanimous consent resolution of the members of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. to provide a donation to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society in the amount of \$100,000.00 was presented to the Town of Castor as a signatory.

**206/13 MOTION:** Councillor Filipenko that the Town of Castor consent to the provisions of a unanimous consent resolution of the Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. authorizing a donation in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Paintearth Economic Partnership Society.

CARRIED

CAEP Membership:

Council discussed the benefits to belonging to the Central Alberta Economic Partnership. In the past our membership has been paid through PEPS, this will no longer continue. If the Town of Castor wishes to belong to CAEP we will pay our own membership

**207/13 MOTION:** Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor not renew our membership to CAEP at this time.

CARRIED

Weseen Subdivision:

Council will proceed to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision agreement.

*Councillor Filipenko declared an interest and left the meeting at 7:32pm.*

**208/13 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to move to an in Camera session of Council at.

CARRIED

**209/13 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer to come out of the in camera session.

CARRIED

*Council came out of the camera session at 8:24pm.*

*Councillor Filipenko returned to Council Chambers at 8:25pm.*

**210/13 MOTION:** Councillor Bain that the Town of Castor, through our legal counsel, Brownlee LLP, will send a letter to Weseens outlining the discrepancies in his letter and that an extension of 60 days from Aug. 31 to Oct 31. be given to final completion and receipt of engineer reports. Cost for the extension will be borne by Weseens.

CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Bain:

- Continue to work with Covenant Health toward Family Care Clinics.

Foreman:

- Crack filling is finished for the year.
- Spent several days hydrovacating at the water plants.
- Met with the contractors for the Pump House project, they should be here to start work in early October. Abandoned pipe has been removed. There are currently open ditches. They are barricaded. Still needs to hydrovac the street. There is still some work to do inside the building – sky lights will need to be put in to place to insert and remove pumps. A picker truck will need to be rented that has a large boom. The project should be completed by the end of October.
- Adam has been flushing hydrants.
- Robert and Brett have been away on holidays.
- ATCO will return to finish the Main Street light project the first week in Oct.
- Started road patching . Foreman has a list of spots that need patching.
- Gas system needs some work that will hopefully fit in this week.
- Arjan and Brett will be taking the trench rescue course.
- Plants are being watered periodically.
- Holding ponds have been sampled.
- Lagoon will be released in early October.

C.A.O.

- ATB Financial will donate \$1,000.00 to the Town's tree program plus a 2' spruce tree.

- A draft Utilities ByLaw is ready for Council to review and bring to the next meeting with comments.
- The Castor Air Cadets are in jeopardy of being moved to Stettler. There is a meeting this evening where the final decision will be made.
- Provided Council with a list of candidates for Mayor and Council in the upcoming election.

Adjournment:

**211/13 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER