

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, September 8, 2014
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.

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Arjan Van Heinen – Public Works Foreman
Jenna Witherow – Q-14 Radio
Joel van der Veen - Castor Advance

Agenda:

178/14 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes:

Council reviewed the minutes of the August 25, 2014 regular Meeting of Council.

179/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

Councillor Nelner declared an interest in Account number 17753 payable to That's My Specialty.

180/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 17726 to 17757 excluding account 17753 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

181/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that Account number 17753 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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

Cash Statement: The Cash Statement for the period ending August 31, 2014 was presented to Council. Currently, the Town is in a good financial position.

182/14 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Cash Statement for the month ending August 31, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Municipal Affairs
Gas Tax Fund:

Council received confirmation that the program materials for the federal Gas Tax Fund grant will be forthcoming. We should soon see confirmation of our allocation and funding agreement for 2014. Council received this as information.

Old Business:

Fire Radio Report:

The C.A.O. had a meeting with the technical provider of the fire radios. He is hopeful he can have them working better. The C.A.O. will contact the technical provider and discuss moving back to analog until the digital is operational.

New Business:

Castor Recreation Board:

Mayor DeVloo called upon Councillors Elhard and Ryan to give the Recreation Report.

- Public skating will stay the same as last year.
- There has been some interest in the concession
- Castor Rocks concert netted approximately \$5,000.00.
- Met with Coronation and Consort to join into a "3C" group. Parents will meet to make a final decision. It would be on a one year at a time basis to start.
- There will be a hockey school in Castor on Thanksgiving weekend.

Aggregated Energy
Program:

AAMDC aggregated tender date is October 31, 2014. Although the Town originally signed up until December of 2015, AAMDC will be extending their member energy arrangements beyond the original date into the years up to 2020. The reasoning for the extension is that the future energy prices are in a very favorable state at the moment.

183/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor participate in the aggregated tender for the extension of our energy requirements up to 2020.

CARRIED

Alberta Community
Partnership Grant:

Council was presented with three projects that potentially could be submitted for funding under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program.

1. Paintearth Regional Airport Enhancements (3 year project) where the County will be the managing partner. Funding will be requested for improvements to the Castor and Coronation Airports.

2. East Central Regional Disaster Plan (1 year project) where the Town of Castor will be the managing partner. Funding would be requested for the development of a Regional Disaster Plan and purchase of required disaster response assets.
3. Coronation Medical Clinic where the Town of Coronation would be the managing partner for development of a new office and exam rooms, and relocation of the waiting room area. Castor would be a supporting partner only.

184/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor support, in principal, the application for funding under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for the Paintearth Regional Airport Enhancements.

CARRIED

185/14 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor support, in principal, the application for funding under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for the East Central Regional Disaster Plan.

CARRIED

186/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor support, in principal, the application for funding under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for the Coronation Medical Clinic Expansion.

CARRIED

Town Shop
Electrical:

A quote for the Electrical wiring to the Town storage shop and inside wiring, not including lights was received as well as an estimate from ATCO Electric to upgrade the transformer. The combined cost of the project would be approximately \$23,038.75. Council discussed the project.

187/14 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor proceed with the electrical project for the Town storage shop.

CARRIED

Beaver Mascot:

The C.A.O. informed Council that a new beaver mascot for the entry to Town was being investigated. Council was asked if they had any recommendations for size, shape, etc. of a new mascot.

FSEPP Grant
Application:

In the past the Town Fire Department has attended grant funded courses through East Central Alberta Fire Training Group. The group is in the process of acquiring another grant and is looking for support for their application.

188/14 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that the Town of Castor support, in principal, the application for funding under the Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness Program by the ECAFT Region.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Foreman:

- New Gas line heater has been installed
- Hot water tank at arena has been installed
- The Town crew is getting ready to dump the lagoon, scheduled for the beginning of October.
- Patching continues when the weather cooperates.
- New public works employee started today.

C.A.O.

- Work experience student started today.
- Sent a number of yard clean up letters out.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Foreman will attend the AUMA Conference in place of Councillor Elhard.

In-camera Discussions:

Council proceeded to an in-camera session to discuss the Weseen subdivision.

Jenna Witherow and Joel van der Veen *left the Council meeting at 7:59pm*

189/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council went in-camera at 8:00pm

190/14 MOTION: Councillor Elhard to come out of an in-camera session.

CARRIED

Council returned to an open session of Council at 8:16pm.

Adjournment:

191/14 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER