

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT

Mayor Terry Leslie, Councillors Tony Jordan, Chris Vardas, Verna McFadden, Jodi Orr, and Myron Thompson

ABSENT

Councillors Paul Isaac

STAFF

Dave Dubauskas, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services
Erin O'Neill, Manager of Planning and Development
Jacci Hager, Manager of Community Services
Anne-Marie Wolfe, Legislative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Leslie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/14 Councillor Jordan moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

February 18, 2014 Regular Council Minutes

23/14 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting as suggested by Mayor Leslie to be amended to read, "met with Minister Fawcett at the Mountain View County Offices in Didsbury", "met with the water operators in Drumheller", and "had a meeting with Minister Hughes at the Town of Sundre Office on February 7." **CARRIED**

PRESENTATIONS

RCMP Presentations

Cpl. Ryan Hodge, of the RCMP, gave his RCMP Presentation for the RCMP initiatives for Council. Cpl. Hodge discussed each initiative in detail. Based on the input in the community the continuing initiatives will be as presented in the Policing Plan Cpl. Hodge provided. There will be a continuous enforcement of the drug enforcement program in Sundre.

Mayor Leslie feels that the RCMP has already exceeded their goals and the initiatives are admirable and he thanked Cpl. Hodge for the service the RCMP provides to the Community.

Councilor Thompson asked if the speed enforcement or the topic of speed on the Highway 27 has been addressed with the RCMP in town. The Provincial government posts the speed limits for the

Highways, the RCMP enforces the speed limit. The RCMP will work with Kevin Heerema, Bylaw Officer, to continue to enforce the speed limits throughout Sundre.

Tony Jordan exited the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Tony Jordan returned to the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Bylaw Officer Report

Kevin Heerema, Bylaw Officer, gave his annual report to Council.

Throughout the last year he has continued with joint enforcement with the RCMP as in years past. Officer Heerema assisted the ROAR Society of Rocky Mountain House in expanding their services to include the Sundre area. He also attended the Peace Officer Conference. He was able to assist with a MVA shortly after this conference and was able to utilize new skills provided at that conference.

He spoke to the upgrading and training skills he had acquired over the past year including community support issues which included safe ATV riding, hoarding, an aggressive dog course, which was brought to the Town Staff later in the year as instruction for those who are in contact with those who may have aggressive dogs (i.e. Gas Meter Readers, Parks and Rec staff, etc.). He also assisted with SPOG to a greater degree this past fall than usual.

Officer Heerema assisted with several blitzes put on by Alberta Transportation and the RCMP. He was involved with the Sundre Bike Rodeo and Olds and Area Traffic Safety Committee during the 'Return to School' blitz in September.

Councillor Orr inquired as to the lack of income from the Bylaw department over the previous budget year. Officer Heerema explained that the income depends on the amount of violations that are occurring and when there are not many violations occurring, the income will be less.

Councillor Jordan asked about Provincial citations and how long on average it takes for the Town to be paid from these citations. Officer Heerema indicated this process could take a minimum of 3 months up to 2 years before the Town will receive money from provincial citations.

Councillor Orr asked if citations were tracked by Bylaw. Officer Heerema does his best to track citations but it isn't a black and white process as some citations are plead down to a lesser charge, etc. He does get information from the Province saying which citations are paid but not always how much of the citation is paid.

Mayor Leslie thanked Officer Heerema for his report.

Associated Engineering

Mr. Andrew Christopher from Associated Engineering spoke to Council regarding the proposal of an increase in Water utility prices.

Councillor Thompson asked what the bottom line really would be; as we cannot afford "surprises" in our municipality and inquired as to what the price would actually look like over 27 years. Mr. Christopher said that the Engineers have to be forward with what the future plans will cost and they use a model of between 3.3% to 3.35% interest over each year. These costs are compounded over the year for Construction costs and this model helps them to forecast the price in 27 years.

The Mayor liked the flat lining of the budget for the residents. The Mayor inquired if we are in a place to do this yet, or where are we in this journey? CAO Dubauskas said that Administration will be providing a further detailed outline for Council with greater detail in the future.

CAO Dubauskas introduced, Dave Hill as our new Operations Officer.

Mountain View County and Town of Sundre Weed Inspection

Ms. Jane Fulton from Mountain View County spoke to Council regarding the Weed Inspection Program.

Mayor Leslie called a recess at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BYLAWS

Bylaw 03.14 – Off Site Levy Bylaw

Erin O'Neill, Manager Planning and Development presented the Off Site Levy Bylaw to Council.

24/14 Councillor Orr moved that Bylaw No. 03.14, being the Offsite Levy Bylaw, be read a first time.
CARRIED

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Leslie presented his report to Council.

Red Deer County is concerned that some counties haven't been contacted to have a say in regards to the affects a future flood event might have for them along the Red Deer River. Residents of Red Deer County are bringing to the Council's attention the problems they are having past the Garrington Bridge; and Red Deer County would like to team up, be involved and included in the Red Deer River Flood mitigation. There was a meeting on Friday with Mr. Lorenz, a Councillor from Red Deer County, and the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group, they agreed that there should be a multi-municipality meeting with Stantec. Mayor Leslie will be sending a copy of the minutes to all members of Town of Sundre Council to keep them informed.

There will be a meeting with the Province and the County at the Legion on March 11 to update residents about the River Flood Mitigation.

Councillor Thompson discussed the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA). There have been no actions to preserve the muskeg, which helped with the retention of the river; it is seen that this is one reason why there is so much erosion and damage along the river banks and there is no where for the water to go but into the surrounding areas. The muskeg around the river 'sopped' the water up and formed a natural barrier to overland flooding in the past. There has been nothing done by the RDRWA. Councillor Thompson shared that he felt the erosion was due to the logging in the area and that the watershed hasn't been looked after and they have been working on getting the Alliance to do something since the 1970s. He feels very discouraged about the lack of care that has occurred upstream from Sundre. We need to have something done upstream from us. 242,000 people rely on this river for water.

The long-term focus has been to retain our watershed and train the river. Mayor Leslie agreed with Councillor Thompson, and the RDRMUG group backs Councillor Thompson’s history of the Watershed of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance upstream of Sundre. This needs to be brought forward when the MP is in our Council Chambers.

Councillor Thompson would like to take this topic to Ottawa and keep them at their word. He would like for the MPs and the Lobby group to go to Ottawa, so that the Federal Government hears our message.

Councilor Orr reported to the SPIRT meeting on February 20 at the Kurt Browning Arena in Caroline. This gives insight to forest planning in and around the Sundre area. The SPIRT meeting was chaired by Pat Toone. Councillor Orr also attended the Library brainstorming session on Saturday (March 1) which was a discussion concerning ideas to help increase revenue for the Library. There is a need to increase their bottom line as they have been reporting a loss over the last two months.

Councillor McFadden also attended the Library brainstorming session on Saturday, March 1. She also attended Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission’s meeting. It was noted that the Commission has changed their name. They are under the management of Al Graham. Councillor McFadden also discussed the progress of repairs at the Aquatic Centre and continued programming available at the West Country Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE

2014 CPAA Planning Conference

Please see CAO Dubauskas if you are interested in attending this Conference up in Red Deer.

Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast Hosted by Olds Mayor

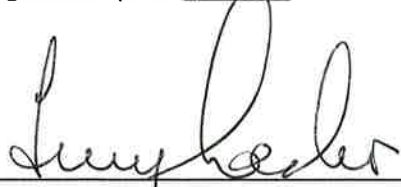
Alberta ESRD Flood Mitigation Correspondence

Safety Services New Flood Team

There was no notice of motion for the 2nd Avenue Corridor Strategy, as a meeting with the School has not occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

25/14 Councillor Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Chief Administrative Officer