

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services  
Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Development  
David Hill, Director of Operational Services  
Karla Eagles, Legislative Assistant

**ABSENT** Dave Dubauskas, Chief Administrative Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**182/14** Councillor Jordan moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the agenda as amended to add item 9.4 Appointment of Development Officer. **CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**September 15, 2014 Regular Council Minutes**

**183/14** Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 15, 2014 as presented. **CARRIED**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**Tara Tooth, President, 2014 Graduating Class Committee**

Tara Tooth, President, 2014 Graduating Class Committee and Sherri Blackhurst, from the decorating committee made an address to Council regarding an invoice that the Town gave to the committee for costs incurred to clean up a spill of hydraulic fluid from a burst hose on a scissor lift that was on the arena floor. The spill happened while the committee was putting up decorations.

**184/14** Councillor Thompson moved that any late charges be rescinded and that the Town of Sundre Administration come back to Council with a solution. **CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Sgt. Lank, R.C.M.P. Introduction and Report on Statistics**

Sgt. Lank, R.C.M.P., newly reposted to Sundre as Detachment Commander, introduced himself to Council and presented his report on statistics, which included comparisons between 2013 and 2014. The charts included statistics for the Town of Sundre, Clearwater County and Mountain View County. Priorities for the year are identified through public consultation. Issues and priorities are

updated quarterly. In July, August and September the focus was on contributing to safer youth by engaging with youth informally, to build stronger relationships with youth and have a goal of looking at 100 informal interactions by yearend. Part of the initiative is to provide presentations in the community on internet misuse, drug and alcohol use, traffic safety. They are planning a PowerPoint event targeting Grade ten students to be presented at the high school.

There is a push to reduce oilfield crime, theft, vandalism and suspicious persons. Due to a high number of incidents last year, one of the priorities in the Annual Performance Plan this year is to reduce / deter / and increase investigational capacity with respect to oilfield crime (i.e.: theft, vandalism, identify environmental activists opposed to the Industry, etc.).

The RCMP have several initiatives in place for addressing this issue including: Regular meetings and information sharing with SPOG, Oilfield Representatives, and other key agencies such as Forestry and the Provincial Government. This will result in an increase in the sharing of information and may lead to multi-jurisdictional - coordinated investigations throughout the province.

They are also conducting high visibility - proactive patrols throughout our area where Oilfield lease sites and plants are located.

Reduction of crime within the Oilfield Industry is one of four priorities the RCMP have identified this year. The other three are:

- 1) Youth Safety: Police officers engaging in informal, positive interactions with groups of youth / Police providing education and information sessions on a variety of safety issues including road safety / safe operation of motor vehicles / drug and alcohol / bullying, etc.
- 2) Road Safety: To enhance safety to the community including motorists, pedestrians and general public. This includes both enforcement and educational initiatives.
- 3) Elder Safety: Police providing information and educational sessions to elders in the community on a variety of topics including such areas as fraud and other crimes, physical and emotional abuse.

The Annual Performance Plan is tracked and monitored quarterly to determine if they are "on track" with their priorities and with meeting their objectives.

Sgt. Lank said that what he expects from his members and staff is that they reflect the true values of respect, integrity and trust. He will not tolerate problem members and will keep his members accountable. He has a high level of expectation that his members put in a full day of work and are encouraged that afterward they go out and be engaged in the community.

Sgt. Lank responded to Councillor Thompson's questions regarding what the expectations of the Bylaw Officer are, by saying that the Bylaw Officer and the R.C.M.P. will work closely together with an understanding and mutual respect.

Sgt. Lank mentioned that he would like to see a new Tri-Services building; typically this could include police, fire, and ambulance. However it may not always be this combination. It depends on the specific needs, financing options, and circumstances of the community. The current detachment is very old and needs replacing for many reasons. He looks forward to working closely with the Town, other stakeholders, and K Division with the intent of moving this forward as soon as possible.

Sgt. Lank said that he would appreciate presenting to Council quarterly

- 185/14** Councillor Vardas moved that the Report from the Fire Chief be presented ahead of new business, so that Fire Chief Marty Butts can be finished and excused without having to sit through all the new business. **CARRIED**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **Fire – Quarterly Report**

Fire Chief Marty Butts presented the Quarterly Report for the Sundre Fire Department. Highlights included the possibility of a potential Bylaw regarding times when the firemen are called out, (repeat calls) especially to the country and there isn't a fire but they have to put in a couple of hours, perhaps at two in the morning.

He is currently working on a service agreement with Clearwater County.

During the Fire Advisory Committee meeting an item that came up was to purchase a bunch of swift water rescue gear and extra life jackets – total \$3600. A deployment system for \$3000, which is a gun that will shoot ropes with anchor points across a river. A few of the items required to make their work safer and more efficient, as well as the Life jackets, Dry suits totaling \$2890. Thermal imaging camera for new truck \$9500 to take into the dark and find the hotspots in a house, find someone in their bed instead of using the old method. Total is \$ 18,000 worth of equipment. He is asking now where as in the past they would just buy what they needed but they are trying to have a better relationship in partnering with the Town.

Councillor Jordan, Council member appointed to the Fire Advisory Committee, spoke and explained that The Fire Society has money that has been fundraised from casinos, ball tournaments, etc. Discussion at the Fire Advisory Committee meeting was that they support the purchase of this equipment. It will be the replacement costs or maintenance costs that would be the responsibility of the Town.

- 186/14** Councillor Jordan moved that the Town of Sundre Council approves the Sundre Fire Department or Committee's purchase of the thermal imaging camera and accept the cost of the capital costs of replacement or maintenance down the road and that Administration receive the proper receipts and paperwork involved. **CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **AAMDC Fall 2014 Convention**

Council discussed who would attend the November convention for Alberta Association of Municipal District and Counties. Budget allotment for 2014 is for two representatives.

- 187/14** Councillor Orr moved that Mayor Leslie attend the AAMDC Fall Convention, November 18, 2014 as representative for the Town of Sundre Council. **CARRIED**

#### **Purchase of Electrical Supply**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld provided background information regarding electrical power. The Town of Sundre does not provide its own electrical power and therefore must purchase this service. She provided information on the current contract with Enmax as well as options with various types of electricity plans. The rate can be blended which will be a large savings.

- 188/14** Councillor Orr moved that The Town of Sundre adopts the new electricity contract rates as provided by Enmax Energy Corporation for a five year period using the load following plan effective January 1, 2015, utilizing the blend and extend option. **CARRIED**

**Franchise Agreement**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld spoke to the RFD explaining that every year FortisAlberta requests that every municipality that has a Franchise Agreement responds in writing with their decision to either increase, decrease or keep their franchise fee the same.

- 189/14** Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council set the Franchise fee to 5% effective January 1, 2015. **CARRIED**

AND

- 190/14** Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council set the Franchise Fee to offset taxes. **CARRIED**

**Appointment of Development Officer**

Administration recommended that Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Development be appointed as Development Officer.

- 191/14** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council appoint Director of Planning and Economic Development, Angie Lucas to fill the role of Development Officer, effective immediately. This appointment will give her official signing designation and authority to delegate that permission should she deem it a requirement. **CARRIED**

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Councillor Vardas talked about the skate park, now that it is completed, where are the signs? People whose companies supported the creation of the park have asked him, they expect to have their names up for advertising on the signs.

Councillor Thompson reported on the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. It looks like we will have good support for our hope for measures upstream to protect the Town; it was unfortunate to not have representation from the county. Stettler for one said that we need to be stronger advocates. The list of water related of priorities will be finalized.

Councillor Thompson said that he knows what the bylaw is but when you have an individual or individuals in the town, who lose a garbage bucket, then are responsible to pay for it, for some people who are on a fixed budget it is a detriment to them. Just throwing that out there for consideration, one individual is out there waiting for a response.

Mayor Leslie asked if there was a way to waive the fee for the replacement bin? Wanda Watson-Neufeld said that something could be done but it might set a precedent.

Councillor Orr reported on several different events that she attended in the last month:

- September 10, she attended the Walk in Memory-Walk in hope where she brought a welcome and greetings from Town Council and the Town of Sundre. It was a wonderful and well-organized event, which raises awareness of suicide and mental health.
- September 12, Councillor Orr attended the SPOG Neighbor's Day, serving breakfast and lunch with Councillor Isaac, Mayor Leslie, Dave Dubauskas, CAO and Karla Eagles.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> was a full day attendance at the Business Retention and Expansion. This course was a continuation of the Economic Development for Elected Officials course, also taught by Natalie Gibson. BRE is an ongoing cooperative effort between business, local government, agencies/other organizations and people in the community with the purpose of identifying opportunities and actions to assist local businesses in expansion, retention and creation of jobs as well as implementation of defined actions to improve the local business climate. 80-90% of growth will come from the expansion of existing business. It is important to have a BRE program as it can slow down or even stop businesses from exiting our community. Examples of a BRE program could be a BVP (Business Visitation Program) or a downtown revitalization plan.
- September 18, Councillor Orr attended the Library Meeting as an alternate. Alberta Culture Days were at the Library from September 23 – 30<sup>th</sup> - showcased paintings by Virginia Wilson and wood art by Glenn Kowalski. Mine craft, a popular game about building and breaking blocks will be at the Library October 4-15<sup>th</sup>. The Library budget is continuously being fine-tuned and they continue their hard work with exciting new programs.
- September 22, Councillor Orr attended two workshops at the Parkland Regional Library Conference in Lacombe. Keynote speaker was Linda Cook, CEO, Edmonton Public Library, which won the prestigious 2014 Library of the Year Award.
- September 23-26<sup>th</sup>, AUMA Convention. The inspirational Keynote Speaker was Frank O'Shea. During the various times of reporting, seminars and networking, the constant words were collaboration and communication. The highlight for Councillor Orr was meeting Premier Prentice and Dave Quest, Associate Minister of Seniors who now knows who Sundre is.
- September 30, Councillor Orr reported that at the Sundre Regional Recreation Advisory Committee (SRRAC) meeting of September 3, talks continued on the tennis courts, trails and community gardens. The Terms Of Reference for the committee will be ready soon to come to the Council for approval. The Greenwood and Bergen Road playgrounds are now complete.
- Councillor Orr congratulated Mayor Leslie on his Bronze Readers Choice Award for Best Local Politician.
- CAEP Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) is having their Annual Achievement Awards for 3 categories, Community Collaborative Project Award, Quality of Life Improvement Award, and Volunteer Leadership Award with an entry deadline of October 30, 2014. Fall General Meeting and Awards night is November 27, 2014.

Councillor Isaac reported on the September 23-26, AUMA Convention – Partnerships! He heard repeatedly and loudly, that this government wants partnerships. He is challenging administration and Council's need to get together and have some partnerships time. He wants a letter so Dave Dubauskas, CAO, Town of Sundre and Norm McInnis, CAO, Town of Olds, can talk and form partnerships. Councillor Isaac thinks we should pro-actively stay in the conversation regarding regionalization. AUMA had a resolution in place that the GOA provides a monetary incentive to municipalities for regionalization.

Mayor Leslie asked for permission from council to go ahead and create the follow up letters for the Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Minister and Alberta Transportation Minister.

Mayor Leslie reported on the main points of discussion and interest that were covered at the annual AUMA convention in Edmonton. Regionalization - what it holds for the future of municipal governance. Consolidation of municipalities - can we commit to the synergy necessary for relationship success, do we consider the values of those we represent.

Diana McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs spoke at the AUMA Convention regarding the 54 options being considered in the revision of the MGA; Councils need to be given time to consider. Her priorities are cross ministry collaboration, the MGA and relationships building partnerships.

Premier Jim Prentice spoke to AUMA Convention attendees saying you contribute to the quality of life that builds hope and optimism in the future for our children and grandchildren. He said that Alberta is under new management and there will be decisions made. Rebuilding trust is the first priority. The Alberta Government is interested in partnerships with municipalities. His approach will begin with mutual respect that follows to accountability.

Mayor Leslie provided feedback regarding the scheduled meetings with Inspector De Goeig, R.C.M.P. – K-Division, Randall Barrett, Executive Director, Red Deer North Saskatchewan Region, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and Russell Watts, Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Transportation that were held during the AUMA Convention. These were opportunities for Mayor Leslie and Council to speak in person on behalf of Town of Sundre residents, making inquiries, voicing concerns and insisting that attention be given to outstanding issues.

Mayor Leslie presented his report on the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of the Mountain View Seniors' Housing Board of Directors. The Overall goals were reviewed with the big goal being affordable housing for seniors complete with all levels of care to allow Mountain View County residents to age in place without having to leave communities, the supports of family and friends, when medical conditions beyond their control make those decisions reality. Further goals are to:

1. Build Sustainability
2. Develop Leadership
3. Invest in Staff Development and training
4. Quality Facilities Management

Mayor Leslie also shared that Mountain View Seniors' Housing Board have realized their responsibility to report regularly.

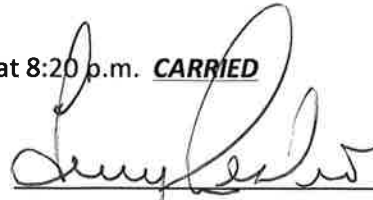
Councillor Thompson attended the Mountain View Seniors Housing Sundre Supportive Living Facility groundbreaking ceremony on October 3, 2014 where he appreciated the words of Sam Smalldon, CAO. He was impressed at how the CAO outlined how this is going to operate and how he is going to be accountable; he has it right.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sundre Community Van Association

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**192/14** Councilor Vardas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. **CARRIED**



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Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



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Chief Administrative Officer