

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT** Mayor Terry Leslie, Deputy Mayor Vardas, Councillors Jodi Orr, Myron Thompson, Cheri Funke, Verna McFadden, Councillor Paul Isaac

**ABSENT**

**STAFF** Dave Dubauskas, CAO  
Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Operations  
Judy Edge, Legislative Assistant  
Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration  
Marty Butts, Fire Chief

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**28/16** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the February 22, 2016 Agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**February 8, 2015 Regular Council Minutes**

**29/16** Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016 as presented. **CARRIED**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Mike Beukaboom, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, came to address Council regarding the 2015 Town surplus that was announced in January 2016 and asked Council to use it to reduce taxes for 2016 due to the economic situation that affects so many businesses and families in Sundre. He suggested that the Town consider this as an investment into the community.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Katie Jo Jackson was asked to come to Council to accept a cheque for \$500.00 to help her with her visit to New York City to attend the United Nations Roundtable discussions on gender equality. She was chosen by Lions Club International to join the prestigious round table discussions as their representative because of her strong leadership qualities. Katie Jo founded the local Leo Club at River Valley School when she was in grade 9. She is also the president of the school's student union and a representative on the division-wide Students Matter Committee, which works with the Chinook's Edge School Division superintendent as well as central office staff. Her other interests include acting and singing, is highly academic and an athlete who has competed at the Provincial level.



Initials

Katie Jo will be leaving for New York City on March 10<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the UN Round table on the 12<sup>th</sup> and will also be attending a celebration gala as a VIP, held in the ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. Katie was very appreciative of the cheque and Certificate of Recognition that was presented to her by Mayor Leslie.

### **Tour of Alberta**

Duane Vienneau, President and Chief Executive Officer and D. Adam Walker, Director of Operations of Tour Alberta presented their power point that explained and elaborated on the annual bike tour being held throughout Alberta from August 31, 2016 to September 5, 2016. This prestigious bike tour, with world-renowned athletes has held this event in Alberta since 2013. They are currently working with communities across the province to create a new route for 2016. The rights fee to host a start for the Tour of Alberta is \$100,000 plus civic services and the rights fee to host a stage finish is \$150,000 plus civic services. The Tour of Alberta requires 385 hotel rooms per night and the athletes and support staff require breakfast and dinner in each location. The cost is incurred by the Tour of Alberta and invested in local economies. At this point Tour Alberta is working at finalizing the route. The start will be in Lethbridge and continuing on to perhaps Waterton to High River, Okotoks or Kananaskis to Airdrie, Olds to Drayton Valley; Sherwood Park to Edmonton. So, this means the riders will ride through Sundre on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The actual time has not been confirmed as yet.

Mr. Vienneau commented that the networks and advertisers for this event are many and it is a world-wide event viewed by 41 million in 2013 and increasing to 47 million viewers in 2015. Riders represented 22 countries in 2015. Attendance for these events has been close to 200,000 people. Economic Impact has resulted in a gross output of around \$22 million with a net direct amount of between \$9 and \$11 million.

Mayor Leslie thanked both, Mr. Vienneau and Mr. Walker for coming to share this event with us and exclaimed that this would be a wonderful event to showcase Sundre. He stated that maybe in a few years Sundre could perhaps host a start, but not at this point in time. He also asked what Sundre could do to celebrate this event when they ride through Sundre? Mr. Walker said he would be contacting us with more information once the route is confirmed.

### **FINANCE**

### **BYLAWS**



### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**30/16**

#### **Community Recreation & Culture Grant Application – Sundre & District Allied Arts Society**

Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council award the 2015 Community Recreation and Culture Grant in the amount of \$11,704 to the Sundre & District Allied Arts Society. **CARRIED**

**Regional Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Purchasing Program****31/16**

Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council participate in the Regional Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Purchasing Program with the County of Mountain View along with the communities of Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona,

**And furthermore,**

That the Town of Sundre Council authorize the purchase of up to 14 MSA G1 SCBA units and accessories and that the Town's cost be funded to a maximum of \$45,000 from the Fire Reserve – Town Capital and \$10,000 from the Fire Reserve – Mountain View County.

**CARRIED**

**The Town of Sundre MOA Agreement with Mountain View County****32/16**

Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve that Mountain View County be designated as the administering partner for a 2015/2016 Alberta Community Partnership Grant application for costs related to Inter-municipal Collaboration to reaching a Memorandum of Agreement. **CARRIED**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councillor Vardas attended the Big Brother's Big Sisters meeting and was made aware that their finances are low. He asked if there were monies available to help them? Councillor Funke mentioned that GNP does not give any funding to local groups. Councillor Isaac stated that he would give Councillor Vardas contact information for grants an organization can apply to for funding. Councillor Isaac brought to the attention of Council that his church parishioners make up approximately 12 food hampers a month that are donated to families needing help due to the current economic situation.

Councillor McFadden gave her report on the meetings she attended during the last month that included Greenwood Neighbourhood Place on February 10, 2016. She advised us that the date for Snake Hill Slam is August 27, 2016 with a \$5.00 increase in registration fees.

She also attended the Downtown Area Revitalization Committee meeting on February 17, 2016. Round table discussions included the negative feedback from citizens that attended the Alberta Transportation open house on February 4, 2016. They discussed Communities in Bloom and spring cleanup. The committee thanked Jon Allan for his update on a snow removal action item at Centre Street/Main Avenue. The Sundre Event Development Initiative Fund (SEDIF) grant application by the Sundre Rodeo and Race Association was approved.

As a representative for Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission (MVRWMC), Councillor McFadden attended the Southern Alberta Energy Waste Association (SAEWA) meeting in Coaldale on February 19, 2016. SAEWA representatives met with NDP Minister Shannon Phillips who was very receptive to their organization and is supportive of their technology as she is opposed to landfills.


Councillor McFadden also attended the Sundre Municipal Library meeting on February 18. The Library Board would like Town Council to approve Emily Bennett as a board member. They would also like to know if the Sundre Library Board members would be covered under the Town's director's insurance? They would like confirmation as soon as possible.

The Sundre Municipal Library is a charitable organization and offers tax-deductible receipts for all donations. This year's donations have helped to ensure free library memberships for this year and 2017. The library has a Classroom on Wheels bus that is a friendly space for parents and younger children up to six years of age to learn and explore fun new ways to add literacy activities into their daily lives. On March 2 at 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. a "Library Legacy Presentation" will be held by the Centre for Family Literacy. Representatives from the Town of Sundre, MVC and major donors have been invited to attend.

Councillor McFadden also attended the MVRWMC meeting held on February 22, 2016. Landfill tonnage and municipal tonnage for January are on target compared to the business plan and the transfer station tonnage is slightly increased perhaps due to the drop in fees that are encouraging residents to use the facilities and/or the nice weather. The MVRWMC membership agreements have been signed by all municipalities. The next MVRWMC meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the MVC office.

Councillor Thompson mentioned that he is very frustrated that Mountain View County (MVC) rejected our letter regarding the Red Deer River Flood Mitigation support. MVC stated they would rewrite the letter to be sent to the Province. This discussion will continue on another date.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **FireSmart Update**

Fire Chief, Marty Butts was called out for an emergency but returned (false alarm) to give an update on FireSmart. The first meeting was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> with a small attendance but a committee was formed. A few MVC Councillors attended as well as our chosen Councillors along with a number of rural people who had concerns about their communities such as Bergen. Fire Chief Butts stated that we require help from the province to move forward. High priority items would require applying for grants from the Province. Sundre Fire Department has been working with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. SFD will continue with cleanup of brush and deadfall in areas around the Town of Sundre and are considering controlled burns in some areas. Fire Permits will be available beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, a month earlier than normal.

Chief Butts explained the Fire Stats for 2015. They showed that MVC had more than double the call-outs that the Town of Sundre had for that period. Also there were a few from the County of Clearwater with none from Bighorn County.

**33/16**

Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the FireSmart update presentation from Fire Chief, Marty Butts for information. **CARRIED**




**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Alberta Transportation – Invitation to Municipal Requests
- Town of Olds – Annual Mayors Prayer Breakfast
- AMA MSI 2014 SFE
- AMA GTF Assistance

**34/16** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the above correspondence for information purposes. **CARRIED**

Mayor Leslie called a short recess at 7:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

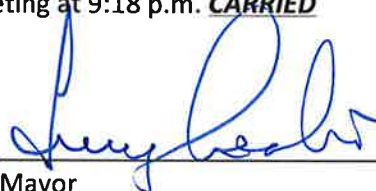
**IN-CAMERA**

**35/16** Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council go In-camera at 8:05 p.m. **CARRIED**

**36/16** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council come out of In-camera at 9:16 p.m. **CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

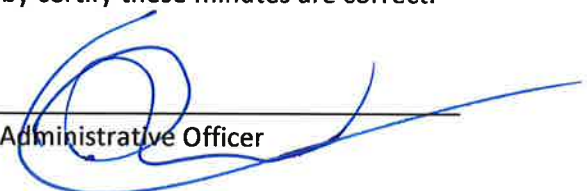
**37/16** Councillor Funke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. **CARRIED**




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Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.




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Chief Administrative Officer

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