

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT Mayor Terry Leslie, Deputy Mayor Chris Vardas, Councillors Myron Thompson, Cheri Funke, Verna McFadden

ABSENT Councillors Paul Isaac, Jodi Orr

STAFF Dave Dubauskas, CAO
Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Operational Services
Judy Edge, Legislative Executive Assistant
Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration
Jon Allan, Economic Development Officer
Jim Hall, Operations Manager
Ian James, Community Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

55/16 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the March 23, 2016 Special Meeting Agenda as amended with additions of: 5.1 Presentations - Jason Nixon; 15.1 In-Camera - Legal and 15.2 - Labour. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

March 7, 2015 Regular Council Minutes

56/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2016 as presented. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC ADDRESS

PRESENTATIONS

Sundre Bike 'n Ski Club – Paul Shippy

Paul Shippy, president of the Sundre Bike 'n Ski Club discussed a proposed 600 metre bike loop on Snake Hill. He informed Council that the club has a positive partnership with Chinook's Edge School Division and the Rodeo and Race Association for the use of their property for Jackrabbits X-Country skiing. The Club has contacted Sustainable Resource Development for use along Bearberry Creek to Highway 22. He thanked the Town for its positive feedback relating to the Beta Loop that was created last fall. He informed Council that there are 30+ participants of all ages participating in mountain biking and also attending




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the Tues night skiing on the Rodeo grounds. That slowed down considerably as the snow melted. He stated that the club organizes ski trips to Kananaskis, that a running team has been formed to participate in a Banff/Jasper relay team. The Bergen walking club has contacted the Bike 'n Ski Club and are now walking the trails in Town and on Snake Hill. The Club is requesting that they would like to make another 600 metre loop within the main quadrant.

Councillor Vardas praised Paul Shippy and his Bike 'n Ski Club for their initiative and proposal. Councillor Vardas would like to see this move forward. Councillor Thompson asked the rest of Council and Administration how this can move forward with as little red tape as possible? He would like to see the club enhance the Snake Hill trails as he believes they are a drawing card for tourism and the Town of Sundre. Councillor McFadden thanked Mr. Shippy for his club's endeavors and is in favour of promoting more trails.

Mayor Leslie appreciates all that the club has done and their interest in promoting a healthy active lifestyle for residents of Sundre. Mayor Leslie asked what happens if the club disbands in the future? Mr. Shippy stated that if the club disbanded, the bike trails, without maintenance would resume being game trails again.

Councillor Vardas would like a survey done to see how people like the new loop and whether they are in support of the club's maintaining the trails.

Councillor Thompson said about 60% of the people stopping at the Visitor Information Centre is asking about Sundre's trails. He also asked how many what staff does it involve to move this forward? Dave Dubauskas, CAO said there is a plan that was developed a number years ago but there are some components missing. It's a matter of putting trails ahead of other priorities and having staff work on a master trails plan.

Mayor Leslie thanked the club for all it has done to promote the use of the Snake Hill trails and looks forward to working with them in the future.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Broadband Update

Dave Dubauskas, CAO, presented an update on the proposed broadband. The Broadband Committee has researched the costs on how to fund this endeavor. Mr. Dubauskas will schedule this for the next workshop to share all this information.

Alberta School Foundation Fund

Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration presented the Alberta School Foundation Fund Report from the NDP Provincial Government. He informed Council that municipalities will not receive the requisition from the Provincial Government in time for April 18st to send out tax notices. He doubts if anyone will receive this information until the end of April as the Provincial Government is waiting for the Federal budget before they announce their budget. If the mill rate is received by the 2nd week in May taxpayers will have 30 days to pay their taxes before they are penalized. It was asked if the Town could modify bylaws, and change





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dates for when taxes are due? The Town and other municipalities are working with AUMA regarding this.

FINANCE

Capital Project Listing – Comparing Budget to Actual

Vic Pirie presented the monthly capital project budget to the actual report to keep Council informed on the status of projects.

57/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council receive for information the Capital Project Listing for the period ending February 29, 2016. **CARRIED**

Vic Pirie informed Council that the auditors have been in the office since Monday and will be here until next week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 02.16 – Town of Sundre Temporary Borrowing Bylaw

58/16 Councillor McFadden moved that the Town of Sundre Council Bylaw No. 02.16, being a bylaw to authorize temporary bank borrowing from the Alberta Treasury Branches in the Town of Sundre accept first reading. **CARRIED**

AND

59/16 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council, Bylaw No, 02.16, being a bylaw to authorize temporary bank borrowing from the Alberta Treasury Branches in the Town of Sundre be read a second time; **CARRIED**

AND

60/16 Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council, Bylaw No, 02.16, being a bylaw to authorize temporary bank borrowing from the Alberta Treasury Branches in the Town of Sundre be presented for third reading. **CARRIED**

AND

61/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council Bylaw No, 02.16, being a bylaw to authorize temporary bank borrowing from the Alberta Treasury Branches in the Town of Sundre be read a third and final time. **CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS



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NEW BUSINESS**Alberta Government Guidelines for Gas Utility Operation**

- 62/16** Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the responsibilities of the submitted Quality Management Program for the Alberta Government Guidelines for Gas Utility Operation. **CARRIED**

MVC/Sundre Weed Inspection Agreement

- 63/16** Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council enter into an agreement with Mountain View County for Weed Inspection Services for the 2016 season at a cost of no more than \$2,000 for the season, to be paid from the 2016 Community Services – Weed Control budget.

AND

That the Town of Sundre appoint Mountain View County staff, Darcy Alm, Jane Fulton & Lorelee Grattidge as the Town's Weed Inspectors. **CARRIED**

Sundre Rodeo and Race Association Requests

- 64/16** Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the request to relax Noise Bylaw No. 818 for the two Sundre Rodeo and Race Association events Sundre Pro Rodeo, June 24th through June 26th and Bulls n' Wagons, August 5th through August 7th 2016;

AND

That the Town of Sundre Council approve the request for Enhanced Policing from the Sundre R.C.M.P. Detachment, on behalf of the Sundre Rodeo and Race Association (1 Officer for the Sundre Pro-Rodeo evening on Saturday, June 25, 2016); *Motion amended to include Bulls n' Wagons for Saturday evening August 6th, 2016;*

AND

That the Town of Sundre Council approve the fireworks display proposed for Friday, June 24, 2016 after the evening Sundre Pro-Rodeo performance at the discretion and requirements of the Town of Sundre Fire Chief; taking into consideration Bylaw No. 763 Section 3 – Use of Firearms, Weapons and Fireworks designating the green space south of the Ball Diamonds, on Chinook's Edge School Division, as the designated discharge area, with approval from Chinook's Edge School Division, and releases the Sundre Race and Rodeo Association from obtaining a License/Permit;

AND

That the Town of Sundre Council approves the request to relax Bylaw 763 Section 6 – Discharging of a Weapon permitting the discharge of the fireworks for the purpose of a




fireworks display by the registered technician under contract working under the supervision of the local Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, June 24, 2016;

AND

That the Town of Sundre Council approve the Sundre Pro-Rodeo street banners be put up in the spring along with the Town of Sundre street banners. Additionally, Council approves the hanging of a Sundre Pro-Rodeo canvas banner on the Derrick fence;

AND

That the Town of Sundre Council approves grading of the gravel road along the ball diamonds and Snake Hill by Town staff prior to the event if approved by Chinooks Edge School Division Property. **CARRIED**

Policy and Procedures Development

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Councillor Funke moved that The Town of Sundre Council adopt the *Developing Policies and Procedures* Policy. **CARRIED**



Mayor Leslie called a recess at 7:43 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Jason Nixon, MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, arrived to speak about the public meeting that was held on Monday, March 21st at the Sundre Legion. He informed council that he has sent a letter to Minister Hoffman asking her to halt the closing of any long-term care beds in the Sundre Hospital. He will be meeting one on one, after Easter with Minister Hoffman, strongly urging this decision to be turned around and hopes to have Minister Hoffman travel to Sundre to visit the Hospital.

Minister Hoffman has committed to solve the Sundre Hospital employment situation about keeping those people employed by the Sundre Hospital to be guaranteed a position at the Mountain View Seniors Housing long-term care unit.

Another issue was the age limit for long-term care at the Mountain View Seniors Housing facility. This was limited to patients over 65 years of age. Councillor Funke asked Mr. Nixon, "What happens to people that need long term care and are under the age of 65?" Mr. Nixon will clarify this when he meets with Minister Hoffman. He noted that the community feels they were uninformed and not included in the decisions that were made. Mr. Nixon has asked for a full stop on the whole process until they meet with those concerned. Councillor Thompson stated that there are mixed messages between Alberta Health Services and the Ministry of Health about what they are informing the public about.

Mr. Nixon commented on the Red Deer River Flood Mitigation and suggested that the Flood Mitigation Committee keep in touch with Minister Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and also with Municipal Affairs. MLA Nixon has been in contact with the Drumheller MLA, Rick Strankman regarding flood mitigation as well as the NDP MLA's. Mr. Nixon will keep the Town informed about the results of these meetings.



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2016 Resolution Number Changes

66/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the 2016 resolution number changes to the 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. **CARRIED**

Biomass Feedstock Mapping and Research Project

67/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council allocate up to \$3,500 in unallocated Economic Development Reserves toward funding our contribution to the Biomass Feedstock Mapping and Research project being undertaken by the Government of Alberta. **CARRIED**

Grants in Lieu of Taxes (GILT)

68/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council write the Minister of Seniors and Housing to reinstate the Grants in Lieu of Taxes for housing units operated by public housing across our Province;

AND

That the Town of Sundre Council submit a newspaper article to the Sundre Round-up regarding the NDP Government's elimination of Grants in Lieu of Taxes for public Housing in Sundre. **CARRIED**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Funke reported on her meeting with Greenwood Neighbourhood Place (GNP) on March 9, 2016. She stated that their funding has been cut by \$40,000 by the Provincial Government. GNP has considered cutting staff hours, closing the office for another day a week, meaning the office will only be open three days instead of four or the possibility of closing the office for the summer. There is a possibility that we will be losing the funding for the Healthy Families Program as well. As a board, they will be looking at fundraising and looking to find grants to cover the shortfall. Some of their programs will suffer if funds are not found. On the March 16th, GNP Regular Board Meeting they announced a \$15,000 donation from the Totem Foundation. There is also some new funding for Senior's projects. It was decided to run the Santa Anonymous program in-house this year, meaning that they will not be paying an outside coordinator, but will still need help from volunteers. The Santas' Anonymous Program has been part of GNP for at the last 15 years.

Council Funke reported on the FireSmart Committee meeting. Sundre Fire Department staff will be required to have some training along with evacuation drills to work with community. It was suggested that the wood chipper be used for a day have residents clean their yards and bring their deadfall to the street and move the chipper along the street to do the chipping. It was suggested to use the water treatment plant for a FireSmart area to show the public what is required for safety.




Councillor McFadden attended the AquaPlex Society Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. Two more front desk staff has been hired. The gym at the Aquatic Centre has been very busy since Curves closed. Some of those members have joined the gym. Maintenance on the diving board, water slide and other areas has been completed.

Councillor McFadden attended the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Committee (MVRWMC) meeting on Monday, March 21st, 2016. The Commission is in a deficit and will have to transfer money from reserves.

Mayor Leslie attended Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (RDRMUG) meeting March 17th, 2016. The Red Deer River Watershed Management committee(RDRWM) is organizing a tour on June 23rd, 2016 to view the head of the Red Deer River watershed. Mayor Leslie, Councillors Thompson, Funke and CAO, Dave Dubauskas will be attending.

Mayor Leslie announced the Mountain View Senior's Housing Foundation Gala for \$200.00 a plate being held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the new facility.

Myron attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. They will be hosting the Explore Sundre Adventure and Home Expo in April. The Chamber will be organizing the parade this year. Councillor Thompson asked the Town to include a float in the parade this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

17.03.16 - Jason Nixon, MLA

69/16 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the above correspondence for information purposes. **CARRIED**

70/16 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council meeting continue past 9:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor McFadden brought forward a Notice of Motion that Administration facilitate the Bike 'n Ski Club to create one 600 meter multi-use trail in the spring of 2016, and one multi-use trail in the spring of 2017 on Snake Hill and that Administration include this in the 2017/18 municipal budget monies, subject to future Council budget approval to review and update the "2004 Open Spaces and Trails Plan" ensuring alignment with to the 2014 Master Recreation Plan.

Discussion continued on the pros and cons of allowing the Bike 'n Ski Club to go ahead and let them continue to make another mountain bike loop on Snake Hill beginning mid-April.

71/16 Councillor McFadden moved that the Town of Sundre Council bring forward the Notice of Motion to the April 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED**



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Mayor Leslie called a short recess at 9:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

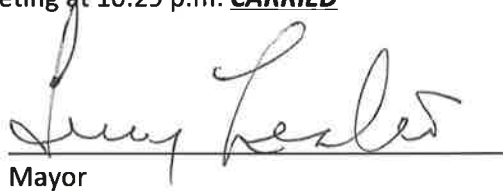
IN-CAMERA – Legal - Labour

72/16 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council go In-camera at 9:40 p.m. **CARRIED**

73/16 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council come out of In-camera at 10:27 p.m. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

74/16 Councillor Funke moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Chief Administrative Officer



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