

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD AT 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT Mayor Leslie, Councillors: Verna McFadden, Paul Isaac, Cheri Funke, Myron Thompson, Chris Vardas, and Nolan Blatchford

STAFF Linda Nelson, Chief Administrative Officer
Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration
Mike Marko, Manager of Planning
Betty Ann Fountain, Special Projects Coordinator
Cynthia Robey, Legislative Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a moment of reflection on the business of the evening.

MODIFICATION TO OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

297/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the October 2, 2017 Special Council Meeting Agenda, with the following additions/amendments/changes:

- Removal of Item # 4 Presentation - Parkland Regional Library
- Addition 9.2 In-Camera – Confidential Evaluations – FOIPP Section 19
- Addition of 9.3 In-Camera – Personnel – FOIPP Section
- Addition of 4.2 Council Report (under Presentation)– Councillor Thompson

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

298/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the September 18, 2017 Council Workshop Minutes, as presented. **CARRIED**

299/17 Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the September 25, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC ADDRESS

PRESENTATIONS

Parkland Regional Library

Council reviewed the 2018 Proposed Budget, and supporting documentation previously provided by Mr. Ron Sheppard, of the Parkland Regional Library. Administration informed Council that an RFD will be brought forward to the October 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.



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Visitor Centre, Council Report – Councillor Thompson

Councillor Thompson was pleased to report that Sundre is twenty eight (28) people away from achieving a total of 5,000 visitors to the Visitor Centre. He stated that by the end of this coming Thanksgiving weekend, we should achieve the 5,000th mark. Councillor Thompson said that he felt that the 5,000th visitor to Sundre should receive an acknowledgement and/or a gift from the Town of Sundre to commemorate the event.

The Visitor Centre continues to receive telephone calls from people who are inquiring about visiting Sundre. Councillor Thompson felt it important to acknowledge the persistent background work of Mr. Jon Allan, Economic Development Officer, who he feels is responsible for increasing tourism in Sundre. Mr. Allan's recent nomination for an Alto Award was also mentioned.

Councillor Thompson asked Mr. Simon Ducatel, Editor for the Sundre Round Up newspaper, to kindly publish this information in the Sundre Round Up newspaper.

FINANCE**RFD FortisAlberta Franchise Fee**

Every year FortisAlberta requests every municipality that has a Franchise Agreement to respond in writing with their decision to either increase, decrease or keep their franchise fee the same. For a change in the franchise fee to be implemented for January 1, 2018 FortisAlberta must be notified of the fee change by November 1, 2017.

300/17 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council set the FortisAlberta Franchise Fee at 8.00% effective January 1, 2018, and furthermore;

The Town of Sundre Council allocates the first 5.0% of the FortisAlberta Franchise Fee to offset 2018 municipal taxes, and furthermore;

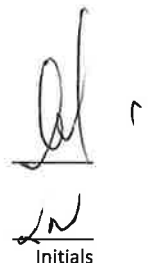
The Town of Sundre Council allocates the remaining 3.00% of the FortisAlberta Franchise Fee to the Infrastructure Reserve." **Voted for:** Councillors: Isaac, McFadden, and Thompson.

Voted Against: Mayor Leslie, Councillors: Vardas, Funke, Blatchford. **DEFEATED**

301/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council set the FortisAlberta Franchise Fee to 9.00% effective January 1, 2018, and furthermore;

The Town of Sundre Council allocates the first 6.00% of the FortisAlberta Franchise Fee to offset 2018 municipal taxes, and furthermore;

The Town of Sundre Council allocates the remaining 3.00% of the FortisAlberta Franchise Fee to the Infrastructure Reserve. **Voted for:** Councillors: Vardas, Funke, Isaac, Blatchford, and Thompson. **Voted Against:** Mayor Leslie, Councillor McFadden. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC HEARINGS**BYLAWS**


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ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Roadabout – verbal report

Administration provided a verbal report outlining the anticipated next steps and timelines for this project. Administration confirmed that CIMA indicates that the details of the project will be provided to Alberta Transportation and Town Administration shortly, and that Administration will keep Council updated once this information has been received.

Councillor Blatchford left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Councillor Blatchford returned to the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Council Policies and Bylaws

Administration provided Council with the following policies and bylaws for review and suggested amendments:

- Procedural Bylaw
- Appointment to Committees
- Council Remuneration
- Council Code of Conduct
- CAO Bylaw

Council directed Administration to make the amendments, as directed by Council, and bring back the documents for final review and approval to the October 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Leslie called a recess at 8:26 p.m.

Special Council Meeting resumed at 8:34 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AREA PARTNERSHIP (MAP)

COUNCIL REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

Mountain View County – Proposed Tax Changes to Small Businesses

Council reviewed a copy of a letter, which was received from Reeve Beattie, of Mountain View County. The letter was addressed to the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, and the



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contents outlined several concerns that Mountain View County has regarding the pending tax changes to small businesses.

302/17 Councillor Blatchford moved that the Town of Sundre Council draft a letter of support for Mountain View County, and to accept the correspondence from Mountain View County, for information. **CARRIED**

303/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council go into In-Camera at 9:34 p.m. **CARRIED**

Mayor Leslie called a recess at 9:34 p.m.

Special Council Meeting resumed at 9:38 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

IN CAMERA

Advice from Officials – FOIPP Section 24
Confidential Evaluations – FOIPP Section 19
Personnel – FOIP Section 17

304/17 Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council move to come out of In-Camera at 10:04 p.m. **CARRIED**


305/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council direct Administration to prepare a letter on behalf of the Town of Sundre Council to be forwarded and presented to Mountain View County for the October 11, 2017 Public Hearing, which gives written notice of the Town's concerns regarding Bylaw No. LU 43/17, and the prematurity of this matter going forward in the absence of further dialogue and/or mediation to resolve the Town's issues, pursuant to Section 690 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

306/17 Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council move to go back into In-Camera at 10:06 p.m. **CARRIED**

307/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council come out of In-Camera at 10:30 p.m. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

308/17 Councillor McFadden moved that the Town of Sundre Council adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 10:31 p.m. **CARRIED**



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Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Chief Administrative Officer

