



Council Workshop
Council Chambers
February 21, 2017
6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Leslie, Councillors: Paul Isaac, Verna McFadden, Cheri Funke, Nolan Blatchford, and Chris Vardas

Absent: Councillor Thompson

Staff in attendance:

Angie Lucas, CAO (Interim)
Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration
Jon Allan, Economic Development Officer
Kevin Heerema, Community Peace Officer
Cynthia Robey, Legislative Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Leslie called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Modification to or Adoption of Agenda

Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the February 21, 2017 Workshop Agenda with the following additions/amendments:

- Addition of In-Camera - Labour



Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Blatchford moved that the Town of Sundre adopt the February 6, 2017 Workshop Minutes, as presented. **Carried**

4. Bylaw 1.17 – Snow Bylaw - discussion

Mr. Kevin Heerema, Community Peace Officer, brought forward proposed Bylaw 1.17, being a Bylaw for snow removal, for Council to review and have a discussion prior to this Bylaw being presented for approval at the February 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Heerema indicated that it was necessary to create the new Bylaw in order to address inconsistencies within Bylaws 819 and 789, such as two different deadline times stated for snow removal to be completed after a snow event.



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5. Use of Recording Devices in Council Meetings – discussion

During the February 6, 2017 Council Workshop, Councillor Vardas asked that the topic of the use of recording devices be discussed during the February 21, 2017 Council Workshop meeting. Legislative Services provided Council with a copy of the Municipal Government Act section pertaining to the use of recording devices during Meetings of Council.

Mr. Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration, told Council that the Town does not have the service capability yet to have this in place. Mr. Pirie also indicated that perhaps in the future, the expenditure could be included in the budget.

6. Broadband presentation

Mr. Jon Allan, Economic Development Officer, and Mr. Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration, presented to Council a power point presentation to accompany the Broadband Report that was submitted to Council within the February 21, 2017 Agenda Package.

Mayor Leslie called a recess at 7:30 p.m. Meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

Discussion points:

- The eventual revenues could offset taxes for generations yet to come.
- One of the most important projects this Council could undertake.
- Clarification concerning the process of the public consultation and the amount of money that was approved in the 2015 budget.
- Mr. Pirie told Council that 150,000 was approved in 2015, with an additional 20,000 added from the 2016 reserves, for a total of 170,000 available. Approximately 35,000 of these funds have been used thus far. Approximately 135,000 is still available for marketing plan and costs. Mr. Pirie indicated that costs for analyses by way of a consultant and the cost to ensure infrastructure requirements to bring this service to Sundre will be expensive.
- A public survey would be completed to include every house and business contacted for feedback to determine if the residents and businesses of Sundre would want and would be supportive of spending money to bring this type of service to Sundre. Mr. Pirie also mentioned the importance of approaching the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations for their feedback from the businesses in Sundre.
- Can weather conditions cause damage to Fiber Optics?
- Could draw more businesses to Sundre.
- Lease Agreement with Providers versus debenture borrowing.

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- Discussion about each of the Service Providers
- Leadership Initiative
- Petition On-Line by *Open Media* to be presented to local authorities to encourage the construction of the networks
- Time frame to have the service implemented
- Chamber of Commerce is supportive of this venture.

7. **Future Topics for Council Workshop and Council Meeting Agendas**

Topics currently identified:

- 1) Councillor Blatchford – January 30, 2017 – Business Incentives
- 2) Councillor Thompson – January 30, 2017 – Access to Exit Interviews
- 3) Councillor Blatchford – February 6, 2017 – Contracting of Arena Services

Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council go into In-Camera at 8:24 p.m. **CARRIED**

8. **In-Camera**

Land/Encroachment – FOIPP Section 16
Labour – FOIPP Section 17

Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council come out of In-Camera at 8:59 p.m. **CARRIED**

9. **Adjournment**

Councillor McFadden moved that the Town of Sundre Council conclude the Workshop at 9:00 p.m. **Carried**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



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