

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAVELY TOWN COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th 2017 AT THE STAVELY TOWN OFFICE.

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Clrs. Perusse, Norby, Johnson, Gillespie, Binmore and Gugala. CAO - Clayton Gillespie and Foreman Watson.

NOT PRESENT:


Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Agenda CAO Gillespie noted the addition of correspondence from Community Futures and the Oldman Watershed Council. After the additions Clr. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Confirmation Of Minutes Clr. Norby moved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 2017 be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Elks Curling A further request from CAO Gillespie regarding the request from the Elks presented at the previous meeting. CAO Gillespie noted the Town has lots of pins on hand so donating pins would be feasible and a monetary donation would also be acceptable. Discussion followed – amount of pins and an ad or just sponsor donation. After discussion Clr. Johnson moved the Town donate pins (amount to be determined) and place a full page ad for the cost of \$100 in the event booklet. **MOTION CARRIED.**



Willow Seedlings A proposal for willow tree seedlings to be planted around the perimeter of the lagoon presented to council for consideration. Discussion followed – costs involved, benefits of a planting, growth rates, environmental outcomes and town staff involvement compared to outsourcing the planting of the seedlings. No further discussion and no motion from council to proceed further.

C.A.R.E.S. A request from the Claresholm Animal Rescue Society for a \$2000 operating grant for 2017 presented to council. Discussion followed – amount of grant funding in previous years, reasoning for the increased amount in 2017 and the service provided by the society. After discussion Clr. Gillespie moved the Town provide a \$750 operating grant to the society for 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATB Loan

CAO Gillespie provided council with options for the loan that will be needed to finance the upcoming land purchase. Discussion followed – variable rate compared to fixed rate, the rates available, the term of the loan – 10 or 15 year, penalties applicable if the loan is paid out early, annual payment amounts in each case and interest payment amounts in each case. After further discussion Clr. Norby moved the Town proceed with a 10 year variable rate loan from ATB to finance the purchase of land. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Op. Budget

The first draft of the 2017 operating budget was presented to council for consideration and feedback. CAO Gillespie noted a few of the highlights, reasoning for the increase and noted that some key information is still needed. Discussion followed – recycling costs, costs applicable to the land purchase, MSI operating funding and impacts of the assessment on the potential mill rate. Clr. Binmore moved to table the operating budget discussion until further information is received and for CAO Gillespie to continue work on the budget. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Museum



Clr. Binmore presented a request from the Museum for general help in moving items, installing shelving and for use of the Town photocopier. After a short discussion outlining reasoning for the request Clr. Gugala moved approval of Town employee help with the request and use of the Town photocopier for the museum. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 795

Discussion – CAO Gillespie ^{noted} that no negative feedback has been brought forth regarding the borrowing bylaw.

Clr. Gillespie moved that Bylaw No. 795, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness by the issuance of borrowing for the purpose of purchasing 25.70 acres of agricultural land be given second reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Clr. Perusse moved that Bylaw No. 795, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness by the issuance of borrowing for the purpose of purchasing 25.70 acres of agricultural land be given consent for third and final reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**


Clr. Gugala moved that Bylaw No. 795, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness by the issuance of borrowing for the purpose of purchasing 25.70 acres of agricultural land be given third and final reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS

- Clr. Perusse** Reported on the recent joint rec board and community hall board meeting – money was given out to thirteen different groups and noted he will be attending an OWC workshop on February 28.
- Clr. Norby** Nothing to report.
- Clr. Johnson** Reported on the recent Landfill meeting – 2016 audit, student employment for the summer and a company that may help with dealing with mattresses.
- Foreman** Nothing to report.
- Clr. Gillespie** Nothing to report.
- Clr. Binmore** Reported on the recent Golden Age Center AGM – a need for new board members.
- Clr. Gugala** Nothing to report.
- CAO** Reported on recycling, insurance, availability of ORRSC minutes and an update on election registration.
- Mayor Hall** Reported on the recent Community Hall board meeting – no changes in the executive and on the Mayors supper in Nanton.



CORRESPONDENCE

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- Fortis** Notice to council of the 2017 Earth Hour challenge and ability to apply for a grant to enhance energy efficiencies within the community.
- Mayors Caucus** An invite for council to attend the annual Mayor Caucus in Edmonton hosted by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.
- Excellence** Notice to council of the Annual Minister's Awards for municipal excellence.
- Community Futures** Notice to council of an opening to sit on the Community Futures Alberta SW board of directors.
- OWC** Notice to council of an Oldman Watershed Council event being held in Stavelly on March 1.

FINANCIAL


Jan. Bank Rec. The January 2017 bank reconciliation presented to council for consideration. Clr. Johnson moved to accept the bank reconciliation as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A/P Clr. Norby moved the accounts from chq # 15852 to 15863 together with internet payments and payroll chq # 15835 to 15851 for a total of \$65,204.20 be paid as listed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONFIDENTIAL

Adjournment There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

TOWN OF STAVELY



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer