

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAVELY TOWN COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 2017 AT THE STAVELY TOWN OFFICE.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Clrs. Perusse, Johnson, Gillespie, Binmore and Gugala. CAO - Clayton Gillespie and Foreman Watson. Delegation – Darryl Scase.

NOT PRESENT: Clr. Norby.

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

**Agenda**

No additions were noted. Clr. Gugala moved to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Confirmation Of Minutes**

Clr. Johnson moved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2017 be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**DELEGATION**

**Darryl Scase**

The Town's Auditor, Darryl Scase was present to discuss and answer questions council had with respect to the 2016 Financial Statements. Darryl started with some pie charts which outlined the Town's revenues and expenses. The revenues showed the current (2016) amounts and where the monies are collected from and also the 2015 amounts for comparison. Expenses by function and expenses by object were shown – both 2016 and 2015 for comparison. Darryl noted that in both cases these do not change much from year to year in Stavely's case. Darryl briefly went over the Town's debt and debt servicing which is showing improvement as the Town's debts are being paid down. A quick comparison of actual to budget was discussed and Darryl noted that overall the Town is in a healthy financial position. Council had no questions and Darryl left the meeting at 7:44 pm.



**NEW BUSINESS**

**2017 Budget**

CAO Gillespie presented council with three different budget options (total tax amount to collect) along with corresponding mill rates for each option and a comparison of mill rates among southern Alberta communities. Discussion followed – amount set to go into reserves and the impact of the assessment were the main topics. It was noted that option 1 is the same budget presented at the previous meeting, option 2 would reduce reserves by \$6000 and includes a \$2400 savings that is possible while option 3 is in the middle – due to the assessment the average tax payer will see an increase regardless. Short discussion on the mill rates for other

communities, how Stavely compares and the reasoning for the variation in mill rates. After discussion Mayor Hall asked for a motion. Clr. Perusse moved that the operating budget be approved as per option #3 – total tax to collect will amount to \$356,835.07 which is a 2.42% increase over 2016 and the corresponding municipal residential mill rate will be 6.159 (0.3 % increase) while the municipal non-residential mill rate will be 7.628 (0.1% increase). **MOTION CARRIED.** CAO Gillespie will bring the appropriate mill rate bylaw for consideration to the following meeting.

**Recycling Con.** A proposed recycling agreement between the Town of Claresholm and Stavely for cardboard recycling presented to council for consideration. No issues or concerns were noted. Clr. Gugala moved the Town enter into the agreement with the Town of Claresholm for the remainder of 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Curbside Recycling** A request for direction presented to council with regard to a recent presentation on curbside recycling. Clr. Johnson noted that the company out of Fort Macleod presented this at a recent Landfill meeting. CAO Gillespie provided council with some financials and points to consider. Discussion followed – costs are high, residents may be hesitant to pay extra and recycling for MD residents would have to be eliminated. After further discussion the general consensus among council was to not do further investigation into the subject – the current recycling the Town provides is adequate.

  


## **BYLAWS**

## **REPORTS**

**Clr. Perusse** Reported on the recent FCSS meeting and the walking path committee.

**Clr. Norby** Not present.

**Clr. Johnson Foreman** Reported on the recent Landfill meeting.  
Reported on the fill from the drainage project and requested direction from council regarding an alley that has been grassed over – council advised to provide gravel to create an alley similar to other alleys in town.

**Clr. Gillespie** Reported on the recent Alberta SW meeting – Castle Park development, broadband discussion and the upcoming AGM to be held in Claresholm.

**Clr. Binmore** Reported on the Golden Age Center, the PHL and the Museum – grand re-opening is set for June 9.

**Clr. Gugala** Nothing to report.

**CAO** Reported on councilor gifts received, news of MSI funding commitment for 2 more years, non news on land purchase, MD of Willow Creek open house regarding

their proposed MDP, walking path progress and reminded council to provide suggestions for a town parade float – the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary is fast approaching.  
**Mayor Hall** Reported on the junior ATB project at the school, the Oddfellows anniversary dinner and the upcoming benefit for Kathy Kidd.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mayors Caucus** Information for council from the AUMA on the upcoming Mayors Caucus being held in Okotoks in mid June.

**Bill C-37** A thank you note from MP John Barlow regarding the Town's letter sent and an update on where things sit with Bill C-37.

**Picture Butte** An invite to the Picture Butte Jamboree Days Parade on August 19, 2017.

**Senator's Award** A request from Senator Doug Black regarding his senate of Canada contribution award.

**Chinook Arch** The Chinook Arch Board report for council's information.

**Alberta SW** A bulletin from the Alberta SW REDA outlining current happenings.

### **FINANCIAL**

**A/P** Clr. Binmore moved the accounts from chq # 15944 to 15956 together with internet payments and payroll chq # 15934 to 15961 for a total of \$34,258.29 be paid as listed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CONFIDENTIAL**

**Adjournment** There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

### **TOWN OF STAVELY**

  
Mayor

  
Chief Administrative Officer