Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council Of the Town Of Castor Held Monday, September 25, 2017 Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall

Castor, Alberta

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor

Councillors in Attendance:

Lonny Nelner, Brenda Wismer, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.

Garry DeVloo.

Weston Gibson – Acting Foreman

Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent

Kevin Sabo – Assistant Correspondent

Karen Holloway - Clearview School Board Representative

Mayor DeVloo welcomed Mrs. Karen Holloway, Trustee. She is here representing Clearview School Division for the last time, Mrs. Holloway has served 19 years as trustee. She will be replaced by Erica Grice. After the election there will be at least 4 new members on the Clearview board. The school division is running well; they are under the leadership of an excellent superintendent who is bringing many improvements to the schools.

- Clearview now boasts a phenomenal computer program with 1 to 1 computer-student ratio for grades 1-9.
- Their focus on literacy completes assessments from grade 1

 12 for teachers to see where they need to put more enfaces.
- Numbers of kids in division the division population dropped 1% this year, however, Gus Wetter school was up.
- Council asked about bussing. Mrs. Holloway informed Council that one route has been dropped.
- Council thanked Mrs. Holloway for her dedication over the past 19 years.

Mrs. Holloway left the meeting at 7:14pm.

Agenda: 201/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda

be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegations/Interviews:

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the September 11, 2017

regular Meeting of Council.

202/17 MOTION: Councillor Elhard that the Minutes

of the September 11, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts:

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for

payment.

203/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that Account

numbers 22114 to 22154 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of

Council.

CARRIED

Gas and Water Comparisons:

The budget comparison for the month ending August 31, 2017 was presented to Council. We saw a gain in the gas system in August, we are still under a 2% gain. An increase in losses in the water system was noticed again this month.

204/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Gas and

Water comparisons be accepted as

presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Alberta Federation of

Labour: The Alberta Federation of Labour is requesting Councils

support for "A fair transition plan for Alberta's coal

workers and their communities".

Council discussed the issue and felt it best to hold off on

commenting for the time being.

Minister Bilous: Confirmation was received from Minister Bilous regarding

the Coal Community Transition Fund. The Town of Castor

will be participating in a regional application.

Old Business:

Cousineau Land Donation: Charles Cousineau has presented Council with a plan for

donating creek front property to the Town for a Memorial

Park in memory of his father Doctor Cousineau.

Councillor Elhard declared an interest and left the Council

Chambers 7:30pm.

Council discussed the plan and have concerns about the maintenance involved. The C.A.O. was directed to contact Mr. Cousineau and invite him to a Council meeting to

discuss this plan.

205/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that Mr. Cousineau

be invited to attend a Council meeting to present a clear and comprehensive plan for the

Memorial Park.

CARRIED

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Councillor Elhard returned to the meeting at 7:36pm.

New Business:

Report from Infrastructure

Progress Meeting:

An Infrastructure Progress meeting was held on September 19, 2017. Council was updated on the status of the project.

Organizational Meeting:

The date for the Organizational meeting will need to be set. All Councillors are in by acclamation so there will be no need for an election. As per changes in the MGA, a new committee for joint use with school boards will need to be set up with a Councillor Representative.

206/17 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the

Organizational meeting be set for

October 23, 2017.

CARRIED

207/17 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that a Councillor

be chosen as a member to sit on a joint use committee with the respective school boards that represent the Town of Castor.

CARRIED

MGA Report: The C.A.O. attended a training session regarding the

proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act. A number of changes will mean an increase in policies and

Bylaw over the next two years.

Presented for Council's information.

Building Capacity Award: The Castor Choosewell committee has been awarded with

the Building Community Capacity Award. Presentation of the award will take place at Lake Louise on October 26, 2017. Natasha Bozek and Mandy Fuller will attend to

accept the award.

ATCO Franchise Report: The C.A.O. met with Patrick Charron, Customer Service

Representative from ATCO to go over the 2016 Franchise

Report.

Presented to Council as information.

Tree Removal: A request was received from a resident to build a parking

pad on his property to accommodate his holiday trailer. The property owner would like an impeding boulevard tree

to be removed.

208/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that a boulevard

tree be removed to accommodate the construction of a trailer pad; the tree will be removed at the discretion of

the Town crew.

CARRIED

Gas Cost Refund: The C.A.O. informed Council that a Gas Cost Refund was

received from Gas Alberta Inc. This refund is a result of

the Company's gains that were generated from gas management and hedging activities.

The C.A.O. requested Council to reserve these funds for the time being.

209/17 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town of

Castor place \$7,395.20 into reserves

for the gas system.

CARRIED

Parkland Regional Library 2018 Budget:

Council received the 2018 proposed budget from Parkland Regional Library. They are proposing an increase of 1%. That would bring the Town of Castor Requisition to \$7,543.48.

210/17 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Parkland

Regional Library proposed Budget

be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Sidewalk (51st Street):

Council discussed the state of the sidewalk on the west side of 51st Street running from 50th Ave. to 51st Ave. Councillor Zinger is concerned with the way the sidewalk was laid. The C.A.O. will set up a meeting with the engineers.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

• The Fire department will be hosting their annual Halloween Party Oct. 28 5:30 – 8:00pm at the new fire hall.

Councillor Nichols:

• The Ag. Society is concerned with Provincial funding – they are not sure how their programs will be affected since they have not received any funding yet this year.

Councillor Elhard:

• Attended a Museum meeting – a new chairman has been chosen. Oct. 14 is the "Gala" fundraiser; there is just a handful of tickets are left. The fundraiser is to help pay for the removal and re-build of a new annex (60' x 24') with a basement.

Public Works Rep. Weston Gibson:

• Sewer lift at the school has been acting up. The crew is watching it closely. The light appears to be going off but the levels are fine.

C.A.O.

• Will be away Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29.

Mayor.:

• Has been invited to an ATCO Power Leadership meeting. Deputy Mayor Elhard will plan to go with Mayor DeVloo.

Adjournment:	211/17 MOTION:	Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned .
		CARRIED
	The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.	
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