

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

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.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER