## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council Of the Town Of Castor Held Monday, January 22, 2018 Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall Castor, Alberta

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

Councillors in

**Attendance:** Lonny Nelner, Rod Zinger, Travis Ryan, Brenda Wismer, Trudy

Kilner, Tony Nichols.

**Absent:** 

Also in

**Attendance:** Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.

Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman

Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent

Patrick Charron – ATCO Electric Kevin Ouellette – ATCO Electric

**Agenda:** 018/18 MOTION: Councillor Ryan that the agenda

be approved.

**CARRIED** 

**Delegations/Interviews:** Patrick Charron and Kevin Ouellette of ATCO electric presented Council with options for LED street lighting.

• LED's are a safe, viable option for street lights. The light is a much cleaner light.

- Have been converting communities across the province.
- Every street light that is switched out now is replaced with LED.
- Wattage is much lower with LED and the light comes on instantly with reduced glare.
- Smart technology compatible & dark sky compliant.
- Multiplier program is now being offered to communities. Replace HPS and install LED lights. Money can be added onto our monthly bill. We would see approximately \$1.00/yr./street light based on a 100 watt light. The 150 watt light would be \$1.00/yr. cheaper so the total cost per year is less than \$80.00.
- Another option would be to pay up front (about \$73,000.00). There is funding available through the FCM.
- Future technology options are solar lighting; wireless control system.
- Time frame for changeover would be completed in about three weeks.

Mr. Charron and Mr. Ouellette left the meeting at 7:30pm.

 Council discussed the benefits of changing out our current street lights to LED. **019/18 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to proceed with

the changeover of our streetlights to

LED using 150w lights.

**CARRIED** 

**Minutes:** Council reviewed the minutes of the January 8, 2017

Regular Meeting of Council.

**020/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes

of the January 8, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

**CARRIED** 

**Accounts:** The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for

payment.

**021/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that Account

numbers 22593 to 22640 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of

Council.

**CARRIED** 

Water and Gas

**Reconciliation Reports:** Council was presented with the water and gas comparisons

to month ending December 31, 2018.

**022/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the water and

gas comparisons to December 31, 2017 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED** 

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was brought forward.

**Old Business:** 

Request for Variance: Council was informed that the Development Board met on

January 18, 2018 to review a request for variance. The

request was granted.

Alberta Gaming,

ProServe Regulations: The recreation director will be taking the ProServe Training

through Alberta Gaming. Members of the fundraising committee will also be encouraged to take the training.

Phase III

Environmental: As per the last meeting, Parkland Geo was contacted to

make a couple of minor changes to the report. After a discussion with Parkland Geo, one change to the report was

made and the report is now ready to be submitted to

Alberta Environment.

**New Business:** 

Working Alone Policy: Council was presented with the Working Alone Policy.

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Council discussed the policy at length and made a number of suggestions for change. Changes will be made and the policy will be returned to the next meeting of Council.

BREOC Meeting

Update:

Mayor Elhard and the C.A.O. attended a conference call this morning to help prioritize the requests on the CCTF application.

It was decided to leave the application the way it was originally submitted.

Dr. Recruitment

Update:

Mayor Elhard and the C.A.O. attended a Dr. Recruitment meeting on January 9. They received Dr. Murphy's resignation, effective June 30, 2018. As a result, the Dr. Recruitment Board will be meeting monthly to find a replacement.

Infrastructure Project

Update:

A meeting was held with ISL Engineering and Netook Construction to discuss a few issues with the south portion of 51<sup>st</sup> Street. Most of the issues addressed will be looked after in the Spring.

## **Committee Reports:**

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended a Victims Services meeting they are looking ahead at activities. Some suggestions:
  - Ladies conference.
  - o Further programs for anti-bullying
  - o Critical incident stress workshop
  - Mock disaster
  - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Foreman:

- The crew has been checking and repairing water meters that have not been working.
- Had and issue with a water service line that was part of the new infrastructure project. The new line is shallow and the frost got to it. We rented a heater and got the water running (this line is situated at the end of a line where there is not a lot of activity). Something will have to be done differently with that line take it down deeper.
- Councillor Zinger asked the crew to look at the lions campground and remove a number of fallen or broken trees.

C.A.O.

- Will be attending an Emerging Trends seminar in Edmonton on February 15 put on by Brownlee LLP.
- We will be doing the Paintearth Lodge payroll again starting in January.

Mayor Elhard:

- Attended a phone meeting with Kevin Bergermiester from ATCO. The first stages of terminating BR5 PPA have been started at the Battle River Power Plant. They will continue with the transfer to 50% gas on #4.
- Castor bottle depot has sold and will continue to function.

**In Camera Session:** Council moved to an in camera session to discuss an employee evaluation.

**023/18MOTION:** Councillor Nelner to move to an in

**CARRIED** 

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employee evaluation

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:32pm.

**024/18 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer to return to the

Regular meeting of Council.

**CARRIED** 

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:37pm.

Adjournment: 025/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the

meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED** 

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER