

**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Council
Of the Town Of Castor
Held Monday, September 24, 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, Brenda Wismer, Trudy Kilner, Tony Nichols.

Absent: Travis Ryan

Also in

Attendance: Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.
Weston Gibson – Assit. Foreman
Emily Wheller – ECA Review Correspondent
Kevin Sabo – Advance Correspondent

Agenda: **244/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

Delegation: Michael Simpson, C.A.O. for the County of Paintearth No. 18 was introduced to Council. He joined the staff at the County in September and he is beginning to get up to speed on the relationships within the Communities.

Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

245/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that the Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

Accounts: The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

246/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 23646 to 23689 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 August 31, 2018.

247/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that the water and gas comparisons to August 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

ECAA – Fire
Medical Assist:

A letter was received from the Operations Manager of ECAA informing Council that any invoices received for Fire Assistance without EMS requesting Fire to attend via Dispatch will not be accepted.

The Castor Fire Department currently responds to lift assists only when called out by EC911. EC911 will only contact the Castor Department when requested by ECAA.

Old Business:

Office Computers:

A second price was obtained for computer hardware. This price is very close to that of Trinus. Trinus support is invaluable to the Town and purchasing from another venue may jeopardize some aspects of our current support.

248/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that the Town of Castor proceed with the computer hardware purchase from Trinus.

CARRIED

Bylaw 1062:

A Bylaw to revise the IDP with the County of Paintearth No. 18.

249/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that Bylaw No. 1062 be Read a Second time this 24th Day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

250/18 MOTION: Councillor Wismer that Bylaw No. 1062 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 24th Day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

Bylaw 1063:

A Bylaw to adopt an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the County of Paintearth No. 18.

251/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that Bylaw No. 1063 be Read a Second time this 24th Day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

252/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner that Bylaw No. 1063 be Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this 24th Day of September, 2018.

CARRIED

New Business:

Smoking Survey:

The C.A.O. presented a draft copy of a “Smoking Bylaw Survey” for Council to peruse.

Council will keep tabs on other communities to see what they are doing and talk to peers at the AUMA convention. A hold will be put on the survey for the time being.

BREOC Update: Mayor Elhard and the C.A.O. attended a BREOC meeting on September 20. They presented Council with information on the Transition path forward, with Step 1 nearly completed. The transition offices are being renovated and staffing is being finalized.

Parkland Regional Library: Council received the 2019 proposed budget for Parkland Regional Library. We will see an increase of 1.6% bringing the total 2019 requisition amount to \$7,664.25.

The C.A.O. will invite the librarian to the next Council meeting to give her report, after which, Council will make a decision on the 2019 Parkland Regional Library.

Arena – Outside Tin: The tin on the outside front of the arena is in very poor condition. The building committee would like to replace it at a cost of \$2,340.62. This would need to come out of the contingency.

After a discussion, Council felt it would be best to wait until we are closer to completion before approving this expenditure.

Green Jobs Initiative: The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has approved the Town of Castor for further funding through the Green Jobs Initiative. They will pay 50% of the wages and benefits for up to 160 hours. Mackenzie VanHeinen will be the student for this project as she is currently enrolled in the Horticulture program at Olds College. The work she will do for the Town is:

- Set up the long term tree replacement program.
- Set up a weed control program.
- Look into options to eradicate the duck weeds from our ponds.

253/18 MOTION: Councillor Nichols that approval be given for Mackenzie Van Heinen to be hired as a temporary student worker under the Green Jobs Initiative program.

CARRIED

Organizational Meeting: A date will need to be set for Council's organizational meeting.

254/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner that October 22, 2018 be set for the Organizational meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nelner:

- Received permit and approval to move forward with fire hall renovations. The renovations will be exempt from the new requirements.

Councillor Zinger:

- Asked about pot hole filling by the Missionary church. The assistant foreman will get to work on that tomorrow.
- It appears that the crew working on the highway are dumping material on our industrial lots. The staff are unaware of anyone dumping any materials on our industrial lots. The CAO will check into what is being dumped.

Councillor Nichols:

- Leanne Howe will be using the community hall for pickle ball.
- Over \$6,000.00 was raised for the community hall from the non-event.
- Attended a Victim's Services Meeting. They had the final count from the BBQ's this summer:
Consort 22 attended and raised \$72.30.
Coronation 46 attended and raised \$78.00.
Castor 92 attended and raised \$484.95.

Assist. Foreman:

- The crew will be doing two more curb stop digs this week.
- They hope to complete the pot hole filling by the end of the week.

C.A.O.

Report Attached

255/18 MOTION: Councillor Zinger that the Town purchase tickets to the Golf Club Christmas Fundraiser in lieu of a Christmas party for Town Staff, Council, and Fire Department.

CARRIED

In Camera:

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

256/18 MOTION: Councillor Nelner to move to an in camera session to discuss the Weseen Subdivision.

CARRIED

Emily Wheller and Kevin Sabo left the meeting at 8:10pm.

Council moved to an in camera session at 8:11pm.

257/18 MOTION: Councillor Kilner to return to the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:41pm.

Adjournment:

258/18 MOTION: Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER