

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall  
Castor, Alberta**

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

**Councillors in Attendance:**

Brenda Wismer, Tony Nichols, Rod Zinger, and Richard Elhard.

**Absent:**

Lonny Nelner, and Travis Ryan

**Also in Attendance:**

Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Trudy Kilner - Observer  
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent  
Charles Cousineau

**Agenda:**

**212/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the agenda be approved with additions.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

Charles Cousineau attended this Council meeting to present his proposal of a park in memory of his father Dr. Cousineau.

*Councillor Elhard declared an interest and left the meeting at 7:01pm.*

- Would like to donate the property owned by the Cousineau family, to the Town of Castor for a memorial park. (Cousineau Memorial Park)
- The lot is un-serviced and the family would like to leave it in its natural state. They would like to do some plantings (crocus/buffalo beans/shooting stars). They would provide an off road parking area for up to two vehicles.
- It would be an extension of Pals park and they would place benches within the park.
- The estate would look after the maintenance of the property.
- Mr. Cousineau will work with his family and bring back details for Council.

*Mr. Cousineau left the meeting at 7:20pm and Councillor Elhard joined the meeting.*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the September 25, 2017 regular Meeting of Council.

**213/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Minutes of the September 25, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**214/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 22179 to 22214 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule “A” and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Cash Statement:**

Council was presented with the cash statement for the month ending September 30, 2017.

**215/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the cash statement for the month ending September 30, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:**

The Budget Comparison for the month ending September 30, 2017 was presented to Council.

**216/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Budget Comparison to month ending September 30, 2017 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received.

**Old Business:**

Alberta Federation of  
Labour – Support:

A letter from the Alberta Federation of Labour, requesting support for “A fair transition plan for Alberta’s coal workers and their communities” was brought back to Council from the September 25, 2017 meeting of Council.

**217/17 MOTION:** Councillor Elhard that the Town of Castor approve the endorsement of a letter to Minister Bilous, Economic Development and Trade, as drafted by the Alberta Federation of Labour regarding a fair transition plan for Alberta’s coal workers and their communities.

CARRIED

**Unkempt Yard:**

Council previously discussed an unkempt yard at 5501 – 50 Street. The C.A.O. has discussed this with the owner and he has formed a plan to work on tidying up the yard.

Deputy Mayor Elhard and the C.A.O. will go over to the property and make a list of what they want to see cleaned up and provide a time limit for the resident.

**New Business:**

**Recreation Report:**

Mayor DeVloo asked Deputy Mayor Elhard and Councillor Ryan to give the Recreation Report.

- The Castor Minor Sports AGM has been postponed to November 6<sup>th</sup> due to weather.
- 3C's Evaluations are complete.
- Games for Atom to Midget begin October 13<sup>th</sup>; IP and Novice games begin Nov.4<sup>th</sup>.
- Hockey School had over 50 players registered and a free coach clinic was added
- Soccer is complete, the program wrap-up will be October 16<sup>th</sup>; 38 players were registered for this program. We received jerseys, socks, balls and medals from the Tim Hortons soccer program for each player.
- Basic skating begins October 9<sup>th</sup> and Power Skating begins October 12<sup>th</sup>. New Power Skating instructors this year are Mark Dietz, Aaron Neumeier and Stephen Fletcher with additional help from Garrett Compton.
- Toronto Maple Leafs Game
  - We have two majors sponsors; a jersey sponsor; leaving two major sponsorships, the bus sponsor, and the program sponsor left.
  - \$500 team spots are full; individuals can buy raffle tickets for \$100 to still win an opportunity to play or coach.
  - Banquet (\$60) and game tickets (\$50 for family of 4, \$20 for adults, \$10 for teens and \$5 for kids) are now on sale.
  - A mini game will take place ahead of the alumni game with the Castor Atom team taking on the alumni.
  - All Castor IP, Novice and Atom players will receive a free ticket to the game.

**Infrastructure Progress Meeting:**

An Infrastructure progress meeting was held on October 5, 2017 at the Town office. Council was presented with the meeting notes for their information.

**Council Pictures:**

The C.A.O. has contacted a photographer to take the Council pictures on December 11, 2017. Retiring employees will also be photographed.

**Notice of Special Resolutions:**

Council was made aware of three special resolutions that will be presented at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the AUMA on November 24, 2017.

Presented as information.

**Cat Trap Lending Contract:**

Currently, the Town of Castor has no rules regarding the lending of cat traps. As a result, cat traps have gone missing. Given the rules surrounding the usage of cat traps in the new animal

Bylaw, it would be prudent to have a lending contract in place for residents wishing to borrow Town cat traps.

**218/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Cat Trap Lending Contract be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Border Paving Quote:

Council was presented with a quote from Border Paving for patching work. A portion of the quote is for the intersection of 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A request for re-imburement from transportation has been made.

**219/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger to approve the asphalt repairs as presented.

CARRIED

Task Force Update:

An Economic Opportunities Task Force meeting was held on October 5, 2017 in Forestburg. Meeting notes were presented to Council for their information.

**Committee Reports:**

Advance Reporter:

- Moush John resigned as editor of the Castor Advance.

Councillor Nichols:

- The Ag. Society received a grant of \$32,000.00.
- Victim Services meeting – 2 incidents were reported where Victim Services advocates were called out.

Councillor Elhard:

- Attended an ATCO meeting where it was reported that there shall be no coal by the end of 2029 – this is from the Federal Government.
- 8,000,000.00 paid out in carbon tax by Sheerness alone – next year could be as high as 100,000,000.00.
- Wind power was discussed – it is 30% effective.

Foreman:

- The crew is busy cleaning up branches. We have rented a tractor with a grapple. Residents are bringing out private trees to the boulevard for the crew to pick up.

A discussion ensued as to whether or not to charge residents that bring trees from their property to the boulevard for Town pick up. Council was concerned that it would be too easy to miss charging someone so, for this instance only, we will not be charging residents.

Mayor DeVloo:

- Ask about a generator for the sewer lift. The foreman indicated that he was looking into this and that the crew would like to look at something portable.
- Mayor DeVloo expressed his gratitude to Council and staff during his time served as mayor. He has enjoyed his time on Town Council. He credited the staff for the good work they do and for their

support to Council. During his time on Council he has seen 10 Councils come and go. He wished the new Council the best.

**In Camera Session:**

Council moved to an in camera session to discuss a staff issue.

*The Advance reporter left the Council meeting at 8:47pm.*

**220/17 MOTION:** Councillor Wismer to move to an in camera session to discuss a staff issue.

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in camera session at 8:47pm.*

**221/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols to return to the Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

*Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:50pm.*

Councillor Nichols:

Reported to Council that a new caretaker had been hired for the community hall.

**Adjournment:**

**222/17 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

---

MAYOR

---

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER