

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town of Castor  
Held Monday, November 12, 2018  
Council Chambers, Castor Town Hall  
Castor, Alberta**

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

**Councillors in**

**Attendance:** Trudy Kilner, Lonny Nelner, Travis Ryan, Tony Nichols.

**Absent:** Brenda Wismer, Rod Zinger

**Also in**

**Attendance:** Sandi Jackson – C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Kevin Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent  
Natasha Bozek – Castor Community Network  
Marcy Renschler – Castor Community Network  
Mandy Fuller – Castor Community Network  
Terry Duchcherer – NETAGO Presentation

**Agenda:** **280/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that the agenda be approved with an addition.

CARRIED

**Delegation:** Natasha Bozek, Marcy Renschler, and Mandy Fuller updated Council on the projects that the Castor Community Network have been working on.

- Mandy Fuller gave an account of how the “AHS piolet project” aimed at Cancer protection, came to be the Castor Community Network.
- **Goals** – educating cancer and chronic disease, making healthy choices and promoting healthy eating, and to provide a clear path to start a walking program.
- Marcy Renschler gave a brief explanation of the budget – The group worked with approximately \$33,000.00 of grant funding.
- A “Walkability Study” was completed, lighting throughout Pals Park was replaced, promotional items were purchased, surveys were completed, and the trails were mapped out. In addition, the group helped out with the purchase and placement of outdoor fitness equipment in Pals Park. A benchmark food study was completed to promote healthy eating in places like the arena. The group sponsored a run to open the trails – 43 residents participated.
- Natasha Bozek explained how the group plans to continue with the program. They are working with the Community Standards Bylaw to produce a policy that promotes healthy living within the Town. To kick start the project, a cold prep table has been purchased for the Arena – through donations – to aid in healthy choices. Another survey is underway and the group is currently working on a volunteer data base for the community.
- **Planned celebration** – A mental health challenge is under way for the new year. They already have a Seniors program planned to get seniors out. A grant has been applied for to support a “buddy” to go with seniors to appointments (person other than a driver). Currently a New

Horizons grant funding has made it possible to purchase a shed, kayaks, snowshoes, and pickle ball accessories.

- Finally, a “Mental Health Challenge” is coming up – a calendar where each day you choose to do something that contributes to a healthier well being (for example: take a walk, read a book, help a friend, or just do something that makes you feel good).

*Natasha Bozek, March Renschler, and Mandy Fuller left the meeting at 7:17pm.*

Terry Duchcherer, representing NETAGO based in Hanna introduced his company that provides wireless internet services. He is looking to expand his Fibre Optic Network and is interested in a partnership with the Town of Castor.

- He originally bought the east link plant in Consort to run cable internet but changed the plan to fibre optics.
- Terry believes his product would do well in Castor. Working with the Town would require a municipal access agreement – to use the right of ways in Town and a Tele communications lease agreement. He would provide internet services into our Town Facilities for space at the Town office for a small piece of equipment.
- Would provide service to customers in the Town of Castor to both commercial and residential.
- Cost is \$55.00/month for the basic package and \$95.00/month for high end service.
- Most of the services will connect to the residences via aerial, in some cases directional boring and trenching would be necessary.
- NERAGO currently owns 42 towers around the neighboring counties.

*Terry Duchcherer left the meeting at 7:30pm.*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council.

**281/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the October 22 Organizational meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**282/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the Minutes of the October 22, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The List of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**283/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that Account numbers 23823 - 23880 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 October 31, 2018.

**284/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Cash Statement for month ending October 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Budget Comparison:**

The C.A.O. presented the Budget Comparison to October 31, 2018 to Council.

The C.A.O. noted that it would be prudent to reserve \$20,000.00 for the swimming pool this year.

**285/18 MOTION:** Councillor Ryan that \$20,000.00 be reserved for the swimming pool in 2018 and, if feasible, reserve that amount in future years.

CARRIED

**286/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the Budget Comparison to October 31, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Battle River Watershed Alliance:

Requesting Council to provide Municipal Funding in the amount of \$.50 per capita.

**287/18 MOTION:** Councillor Kilner that the Town of Castor not participate in the Battle River Watershed Alliance.

CARRIED

Alberta Health Services:

A notice was presented informing Council that, effective immediately, all subdivisions, land developments, zoning applications, and existing plan reviews such as bylaws, area structure plans and Municipal Development plans be forwarded to Environmental Public Health at Alberta Health Services.

Presented for Council's information.

The C.A.O. will check with Palliser Regional Services as to what part they will play in submissions.

Memorial Plaque:

A letter was received from a resident, on behalf of a number of Town residents, asking that the Town allow a memorial plaque to be placed near 48<sup>th</sup> Street in recognition of a beloved dog that recently lost it's life in an accident.

Council has no problem with volunteers erecting something. They need to come to Council with a concrete plan of what he would like to do and where it would be placed.

**Old Business:**

Castor Trap Club: After clarifying with the Castor Trap Club as to the desired length of their Lease, the C.A.O. brought the Lease back for Council's approval.

**288/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the Lease between the Town of Castor and the Castor Trap Club be extended five years to 2028.

CARRIED

MOA – Coronation &  
District Seniors Housing  
Society:

A memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Coronation, the County of Paintearth, and the Town of Castor to form a joint Society was presented to Council for consideration. Mayor Elhard explained that this Society will be for the future of Seniors in the Region.

Council felt that a few guidelines need to be set out, a mission statement of the society and the three community members at large need to be specified. They also need to justify the salary of the recording secretary.

**New Business:**

Recreation Board  
Report:

Mayor Elhard provided Council with the following Recreation Board Report:

- 3C's teams have been chosen and are posted on the 3C's website at [www.3csmha.ca](http://www.3csmha.ca).
- Castor hockey teams will be doing the Nutrien Bear Tracks Ice Melt fundraiser. Pails are \$21/each and Castor Minor Sports will receive \$8/pail.
- In lieu of coaches' gifts going forward, each coach and manager will be given a nice thank you card and a team picture.
- Power skating will begin in the new year. The Rec Board would like Mark Dietz to run the programs as follows:
  - Novice – strictly power skating
  - Atom – 50% power skating, 50% skills
  - PeeWee-Midget – 100% skills
- Due to low numbers the Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program will be discontinued.
- The arena chiller will be installed the first week of November.
- A donation was received from the Doan Foundation to be used towards something tangible for the building.
- We are currently in search of volunteers for the Oilers 50/50; we need approximately 20 more volunteers for a total of 57 volunteers.
- Natasha is working on completing the application for Registered Charity Status for Castor Minor Sports.
- Hockey School ran October 5-7 with 52 players registered.
- Held a work bee November 10, a large amount of work was accomplished.

**289/19 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner to ratify the Fees for IP, Novice, and Atom tournaments to:

IP Tournament	\$400.00
Novice Tournament	\$500.00
Atom Tournament	\$600.00

CARRIED

Mayor Elhard informed Council that the stainless steel for the arena kitchen will cost approximately \$6,500.00 and that cost will need to come out of the contingency.

**290/19 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the \$6,500.00 for the Stainless steel work in the arena concession be approved.

CARRIED

**Generator:** The staff is looking into the cost of a mobile generator for the main purpose of using it at the sewer lift stations in the event of a power failure.

Some second hand generators have surfaced at costs up to \$30,000.00 with very little hours on them. This is slightly higher than the amount budgeted for a new one which would run in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00.

Council's preference would be to purchase new, however, the Foreman is authorized to purchase a second hand generator providing it would be in very good condition.

**Sidewalk Report:** Council was presented with the sidewalk condition assessment report. This report addressed all defects in our sidewalks and will be used in our ASSET Management Plan. In the future we can use this report to determine the priority for replacement.

**Five Year Capital Plan:** The C.A.O. presented Council with the Five Year Capital Plan for Approval.

**291/18 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Five Year Capital Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**Joint Council Meeting:** Council received the minutes from the recent Joint Council Gathering.

Presented as information.

**Equalized Assessment:** The Provincial 2018 Equalized Assessment Report was given to Council. Our Equalized Assessment has gone down considerably from last year.

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Kilner:

- Oct. 28 – participated in “pumpkin time” at the Library. The Library is now on facebook. The Librarian is working on a way to get books up to the lodge. There will be a craft day on Dec. 9 from 2-4 at the Library. The Library will be closed Dec. 21 – Jan. 2
- Has an upcoming Museum meeting Thursday.

Councillor Nelner:

- Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Palliser Regional Planning Commission. Not much is changing. They are still struggling with their funding formula. We will see a 2% increase in 2019. The Board will set up a committee to work out a funding formula.
- Th Fire Hall has been backfilled. Any changes in the building plan will be brought forward to Council.
- The Haunted house raised over \$700.00 in cash and a huge load of food for the food bank. 230 people went through the haunted house. A Bouncy house and a magician were a part of the festivities. The Department received several donations to help put the event on, they were even able to purchase more Halloween props.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended an Ag Society meeting last Monday – the annual meeting will be held in January.
- The Ag. Society covered the rent for Remembrance Day.

Foreman:

- Many of the crew have been using up their holiday time.
- Robert is getting gas meters installed, all of this years allotted meters should be installed by the end of the year.
- There are a few sewers to camera before the end of the year.
- Equipment is ready for winter.

C.A.O.

Report attached.

Mayor Elhard:

- Sold Raffle tickets at the business appreciation evening.
- Took part in Remembrance Day Service.
- Asked about Christmas lights – the staff is looking for alternatives.

**Adjournment:**

**292/18 MOTION:** Councilor Nichols that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER