

**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Of the Town Of Castor  
Held Monday, November 27, 2017  
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, Tony Nichols and Trudy Kilner.

**Absent:**

Travis Ryan

**Also in Attendance:**

Donna Rowland – Assist. C.A.O.  
Arjan Van Hienen – Foreman  
Lynn Sabo – Castor Advance Correspondent  
Emily Wheller – East Central Alberta Review  
Constable Jordan Tourney - RCMP

**Agenda:**

**249/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nelner that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**Delegations/Interviews:**

Constable Jordan Tourney attended the meeting to update Council on activities of the past quarter.

- **Detachment update** - Sargent McGunigal has extended his leave until the end of January. Constable Voyer is still training and should be a full member in March. They are currently still short a member due to a medical reason and are operating with 2.5 members. The detachment risk assessment in October went well and there were no issues from district as to how the detachment is running.

- **RCMP Radios** - the Provincial infrastructure is up and they are hoping to start using the system in the summer of 2018. Emergency services will need to add a channel to the RCMP radios so there is open communication. They have been testing the system to clear up the kinks and correct dead spots.
- **Crime** - break and enters and motor vehicle thefts are down. Other activities are on par to previous years. Our area has seen one third of break and enters and one eighth of motor vehicle thefts compared to other areas of our size. Impaired driving/negligent driving charges are up
- **Concern** - it was noted that many residents within the Town do not have their properties marked with their addresses. This makes it difficult to respond in a timely fashion to the correct residence. It was suggested that the Town encourage our residents to post their house numbers in a visible manner so emergency services are able to locate the property in a prompt and efficient manner.
- **Concern** - there have been some complaints received by the RCMP regarding the Nightwatch group operating in Town. Constable Tourney will touch base with the organizer of the program.

Mayor Elhard asked if our area has had an influx of opioid related calls. Currently, there has been no influx of these types of drugs in our area.

Mayor Elhard thanked Constable Jordan Tourney for updating Council. Constable Tourney will try to provide an update in January of 2018.

*Constable Jordan Tourney left the meeting at 7:18pm.*

**Minutes:**

Council reviewed the minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

**250/17 MOTION:** Councillor Nichols that the Minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular meeting of Council be approved.

CARRIED

**Accounts:**

The Lists of Accounts was presented to Council for payment.

**251/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that Account numbers 22355 to 22396 be approved for payment and that the list of Accounts be marked Schedule "A" and attached to these minutes of Council.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

Battle River  
Watershed Alliance:

A funding request to join the Battle River Watershed Alliance was received by Council.

**252/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the Town of Castor not join the Battle River Watershed at this time.

CARRIED

**Old Business:**

Ray Holloway  
Fence:

A drawing and photo was received by Council regarding fencing that Ray Holloway wishes to install on his property. A discussion followed regarding the variance that was requested.

**253/17 MOTION:** Councillor Zinger that the request be approved for the 5'4" wrought iron fence with the stipulation that the fence must be completed by October 31, 2018.

CARRIED

**New Business:**

C.A.O's Report: The C.A.O's report was submitted to Council for information.

**Committee Reports:**

Advance Reporter:

- There are less people at the Advance and still no editor, the advertiser is on a medical leave. Other papers within their organization are stepping up to help.

ECA Review Reporter:

- Next museum meeting is December 6, 2017

Councillor Nelner:

- Palliser's Requisition for 2018 will increase by 2% (increase of approximately \$200.00). The requisition will also increase by 2% for 2019. Palliser is in the process of restructuring their funding formula for 2020 and thereafter.

Councillor Zinger:

- Has noticed that at the Cemetery some of the light posts are rusted and need re-painted. The Public Works Foreman is aware of this and noted that some posts will be moving and there will be some smaller posts used in areas that are compact.

Councillor Nichols:

- Attended the annual Victim Services meeting; Brian Bunbury is now vice president. Karve has made a donation of \$7500 to Victim Services. They appreciated the program and services that were provided to their employees and families after an incident that occurred during the summer.

Foreman:

- Public Works has been doing lots of sanding.
- They are trying ¾ inch gravel in places that are non paved roads.
- Many of the public works employees are using their holidays.
- Have done some parking lot sanding for private businesses and organizations.

Assistant C.A.O.

- Reminded Council to be at the next meeting by 6:15pm for Council pictures.

Mayor Elhard:

- Mayor and Council received a thank you from Wildflower Rustix for the basket received during their grand opening.

**Adjournment:**

**254/17 MOTION:** Councilor Wismer that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

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MAYOR

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ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER