

## **FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

Present: Mayor Brian Peterson

Councillors: Ed Smith

Craig Hewitt

CAO: Greg Gayton

Teresa Boudreault – FCSS Coordinator

1. Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting had been rescheduled for an hour later to accommodate work schedules.

Council began with the report from the FCSS Coordinator.

Teresa reported that she had just completed a babysitting course.

Alliance Pipeline had contributed \$2,500.00 to use towards safety programs, and she used some of that funding for the babysitting course.

She then spoke on her work with the Regional Traffic Safety Coalition. The Traffic Safety Coalition obtains grants to do educational seminars related to safety. They are hosting bike rodeo's and have put on an All-terrain Vehicle Safety course.

Teresa noted that the South Peace Learning Council was interested in what courses were requested in Hythe. CAO requested that Teresa forward some information on what SPRL has hosted in the past. Council will consider this at a future meeting.

There was some discussion about regional transportation issues. It was noted that in addition to the regional transportation study that is presently being done through Alberta Community Partnership grant, there is now a Provincial program that was recently announced. Further discussion centered around what Hythe needs to be part of a Regional Transportation system. It was noted that any bus services should be done on a scheduled basis.

Some discussion followed regarding the Volunteer Week recognition, on April 18, 2018. Staff updated Council on the changes in the menu for the Volunteer supper.

There was some discussion on the Leaders of Tomorrow Award in conjunction with the Volunteer Week celebrations. The FCSS Coordinator advised that nominations for the Leaders of Tomorrow award are done on a regional basis. If there is a winner from Hythe, then that winner is also recognized at our Volunteer recognition event. The number of winners varies from year to year.

Teresa Boudreault left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

2. Minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Smith that the minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 02/18/30**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

There was some discussion about having the Public Works staff deliver the mailers for the strategic plan questionnaire door to door. Many people are stating that they are not getting them in their post office box.

In response to a letter to Teare Creek as noted in the February 12, 2018 regular Council minutes. Will be sent out this week.

4. Representation:

a) Teresa Boudreault – FCSS report – see above

b) D’Arcy Guise – Ball Hockey at the arena - was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. Council discussed his anticipated proposal regarding having ball hockey at the arena. Council was in favor of the project.

Mayor Peterson noted that he still needed to schedule a meeting with Lane Flaten regarding the arena matters. He is planning to suggest that they improve the headers in the brine system, it should be easier to do pressure testing of the lines at the headers.

5. Meeting Attended:

Council reviewed the meeting they had attended from February 12, 2018 – February 26, 2018.

Mayor Peterson had attended the February 23, 2018 Economic Development session in Clairmont.

6. Correspondence:

a) Environment Canada – warning notice

Council reviewed the letter from Environment Canada regarding sewage lagoon operations. Council felt that it may be worthwhile to have someone provide some oversight on operating our water and sewer systems, to ensure we remain in compliance with the legislation. This would provide additional supervision regarding the changes to legislation and the reporting expected from our staff.

Council also discussed the need to ensure that the staff are getting proper training and that there is a continual commitment to compliance with all applicable legislation.

**MOVED** by Mayor Peterson that CAO write back and acknowledge receipt of the warning notice. **CARRIED 02/18/31**

b) Elected Officials – Emergency Management training  
Councillors committed to some Emergency Management training on the evening of March 20, 2018 in Grande Prairie. Mayor Peterson, Councillors Hewitt, Smith and the CAO will attend.

c) Rural Transportation – pilot project  
Council reviewed some information regarding the recently announced Rural Transportation Pilot project. Council noted that there is a lot of issues associated with participation in a public transit service. However, it would be worthwhile to send a letter of support for an application for the pilot project.

**MOVED** by Councillor Hewitt to send a letter of support for an application on the Regional Transportation grant. **CARRIED**  
**02/18/32**

d) Fire Department radio's  
Council reviewed a letter from the Fire Chief to update Council on the radio project. The Fire Department is now looking at leasing radio's rather than purchasing them. The annual cost for leasing these radios would be \$17,000.00 per year.  
Councillor Hewitt questioned how much funding had been obtained from the oilfields for this type of project. He noted that in the past the oilfield companies had been very supportive of community safety efforts in the area. Council also discussed other means of private fund raising.  
The matter was deferred pending further research.

## 7. Other Business & Information:

a) 2018 budget update  
Council reviewed a memo from the CAO updating Council on the budget preparation process. It was decided to set a budget meeting for Monday March 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

b) Strategic Plan  
Council once again discussed a strategic plan, and some next steps. It was decided to have a meeting in late March when Councillors Sipe and Guise are back. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2018.  
Council felt that it would be worthwhile to have both students in Hythe Regional School and the residents of Hythe Pioneer Home involved in this strategic plan project.  
Mayor Peterson contacted Dwayne Speager at the Hythe Regional School, he will consult with his teachers and provide some recommendations on how to

get the students involved.

Council discussed attending some of the Friday night suppers at the Legion and possible circulating some surveys there and trying to drum up some interest.

c) Cannabis Legalization – received for information.

d) Cheque listing – 20180001-20180126 – received for information.

e) CAO report – verbal

There was some discussion about the accident that had damaged the gate leading into the old landfill. Council felt that when the gate is replaced, that there should be some reflective tape and other signage around that gate, so it is not run into again.

Council Hewitt asked about winging back some of the snow from the roads to widen it out.

Some discussion about when the news letter would be out. CAO advised that the news letter should be out following this Council meeting.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Council had concerns about the job Ledcor had done for snow removal on Highway 43 during the recent snow storms. Highway 43 through Hythe was in a very ratty condition that was difficult to drive over. CAO advised that he and the Public Works Supervisor were looking at having a meeting with their new area supervisor sometime soon, so that issue will be brought up then.

Councillor Hewitt inquired about getting speed cameras on highway 43. CAO will talk to the detachment commander about that.

It was noted that there is a definite need for young people who are available to shovel walks and driveways for elderly people. There are some residents in town who would be willing to pay for this service. However, it seems there are not many young people willing to take advantage of that revenue opportunity.

**MOVED** by Mayor Peterson to go into camera.

**CARRIED 02/18/33**

9. In Camera

a) Compensation review

While in camera, Council discussed compensation review.

**MOVED** by Mayor Peterson to go back into open session.  
**02/18/34**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Councillor Hewitt to approve the compensation changes as discussed. **CARRIED 02/18/35**

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Smith that the meeting be adjourned.  
**02/18/36**

**CARRIED**

Time of adjournment was 8:51 p.m.