

**JUNE 11, 2019**

**Present:**

Mayor Brian Peterson

Councillors: Sandra Miller

Bill Guise

Ed Smith

CAO Leona Hanson

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Craig Hewitt

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:00 PM
  
2. **MOTION** by Councillor Miller to adopt the meeting Agenda. **CARRIED 06/19/134**
  
3. **MOTION** by Mayor Peterson to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting **CARRIED 06/19/135**
  
4. BUSINESS ARISING:  
West County Regional Landfill Authority – additional information is being obtained to assist in preparing a letter of request to the Authority.  
  
Animal Control – Council raised concerns regarding the increase in complaints regarding barking dogs and dogs/cats running at large and/or unleashed. Follow up with County Bylaw Enforcement on the matter.  
  
Old Legion Cleanup – Dumpster arriving June 12<sup>th</sup> and cleanup continues prior to demolition.
  
5. DELEGATIONS:  
Faris Atkinson presented a plan and drawing for a Community Garden on the Beaverlodge Funeral Home Lot in downtown. Faris has the support of the owners of the Beaverlodge Funeral Home and is working with AHS on the Community Garden plan. The AHS department that Faris is working with has a mandate for healthy community building and the Community Garden Concept being looked at is a good fit. Other community partners will be approached for possible interest including the Pioneer Home and School. Good discussion and idea sharing occurred including an all-season garden, the incorporation of the planned move of the mural from the east side to the west side of the office/library building that could serve as a beautiful backdrop for the gardens, and possible phasing of the gardens design.  
  
MOTION by Mayor Peterson to provide a letter of interest in support of the community garden concept. **CARRIED 06/19/136**

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Greg Longson - PW Report

Public Works Supervisor Greg Longson gave an update on the following: Bins for Spring Cleanup done on June 7, 2019. They've been hauled away. Painted curbs and sidewalks. Ed Woloszyn to install new door at Pumphouse 1 with locks upstairs and down. New panel for Sewer Lift Station installed, need to finish communication wire. Maintenance at well 1 continues with temporary water system in place. Took pump 1 from storage, put in rental unit to supply village. Flushed all water lines, used 20m<sup>3</sup>. Installed two new toilets in lady's bathroom at campsite. Problem with flapper in tanks. Pete to start mowing after rain. Trouble with pumps at lift station. Dyck Sand and Gravel hauled 25 yards 1 ½" to Nodes Calvert. Kabota option to trade off for bobcat or other parts. Further attempts will be made to sell the Kabota unit. Notifications to be sent out to adjacent landowners prior to commencing demolition of the Old Legion building.

b. Leona Hanson – CAO Report as attached.

7. BUSINESS & INFORMATION

a. Hythe Memorial Arena Designation of Provincial Historic Resource – RFD. Council discussed plus and minuses of possible historical designation.

**MOTION** by Councillor Smith to proceed with completion of the application for historic designation consideration. **CARRIED 06/19/137**

b. Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment – January to April 2019 Stats provided for information. Council observed the increases of criminal activity reflected in the report. A request was made to have a breakdown of the stats specific to the Hythe community as a separate report from the regional report.

**MOTION** by Council Miller to send a letter to MP Chris Warkentin, MLA Travis Toews, and the Alberta Minister of Justice relating to the concern with the increase in rural crime in the area and request a response to what efforts are being taken to reduce the harmful activity (i.e., increased enforcement, legal consequences for actions). **CARRIED 06/19/138**

c. County of Grande Prairie Enforcement Services monthly services report was reviewed.

**MOTION** by Councillor Smith to advise the County Enforcement Department of the Village of Hythe's priority areas for enforcement: Littering, Animal Control, Speeding with emphasis on Highway

Corridor.

**CARRIED 06/19/139**

d. Village Council Team will be volunteering for the Hythe Legion Supper on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Theme is Christmas in July.

e. Policy 12-03 Expenditure Authorization was reviewed with changes to be brought back to Council for consideration.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Peace Library System – Board Meeting Highlights and update from Councillor Miller provided. Of specific note is the limitations of internet connectivity for the library due to cost. The speed at the Hythe Library is a real issue with a cost of \$533 per month to receive 5 mb and would increase by \$2300 per year to receive up to 20 mb.

b. Water North Coalition Information was provided to Council. Request was made to invite Chair, Councillor Bob Marshall to a Council Meeting to provide additional information about the Water North Coalition.

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e. Alberta Recreation & Parks Association – 2019 ARPA Conference and Awards correspondence was received for information.

9. Meetings Attended and Members' Business

Councillor Miller attended Peace Library board meeting. Hythe Library Board are doing a BBQ for a fundraiser at the Ag Fair. The Library is developing a 5-year plan of service and are currently seeking board members.

Councillor Guise helped-out at the Seniors' BBQ on June 5, 2019. Swimming pool assessment conducted for remediation/repurposing – fill in pool with gravel screenings. Approximate cost is \$25,000.00 for approximately 25 loads and a packer to compact it. Drain slab with concrete poured over top. Possible for any equipment to be salvaged for sale? Looking at options for top tarp. Getting prices for new panels, netted/wind break/see-thru.

Councillor Smith filled out the Tourism SWAT Survey. Would like to request the two old vehicles at racetrack and the demonstration vehicles at the Fire Hall be removed as they are a potential hazard. Need a snow fence for Old Legion clean up. Planting in the green flower box next to the Village office.

Mayor Peterson inquired about the Unsightly Bylaw status. Request a list of commercial lots and vacant lots that are Village owned. Represented

the Village at the Seniors' BBQ on June 5, 2019.

**MOTION** by Councillor Smith to send a letter to formally request the funding support from the County that was previously approved for the cleanup and repurposing of the old swimming pool. **CARRIED 06/19/140**

10. IN CAMERA

**MOTION** by Councillor Miller to move to In-Camera at 8:15 p.m. **CARRIED 06/19/141**

**MOTION** by Councillor Smith to move out of In-Camera at 8:53 p.m. **CARRIED 06/19/142**

**MOTION** by Councillor Miller to approve the satisfactory performance evaluation of CAO, Leona Hanson and that her probationary period is successfully completed (ended) with the permanent appointment as CAO for the Village of Hythe effective June 11, 2019. **CARRIED 06/19/143**

11. **MOTION** by Mayor Peterson to Adjourn the meeting. **CARRIED 06/19/144**

Time of adjournment was 8:57 p.m.