

AUGUST 14, 2017

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councilors: Gordon Nicholson
Nadine Adolf
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton
FCSS/Recreation Coordinator, Teresa Boudreault

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Teresa Boudreault distributed some handouts on the splash park tour that she and the CAO had done on August 3rd, 2017. They looked at splash parks in Sexsmith and Clairmont. Sexsmith was deemed to be the better example to follow.

There was some discussion about liability for operation, and how a water circulation system would work for the splash park.

The Town of Sexsmith had been quite good about providing us with information on their capital cost and capital revenue for building their splash park.

Teresa then reported on other FCSS matters. The transition from Home Care has been completed.

There will be a Tiny Teeth program in the Community Centre and that will be included with the play castle program. Play castle will be starting again in September.

Teresa has a booth at the fair, she will be there to promote FCSS and the Community Centre. She asked Council if there were any other items they wish to promote. It was suggested that she stock some material on running for Council, including a prospective Council handbook that had recently been prepared.

Teresa Boudreault left the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

2. Minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular Council meeting, and minutes of the July 24, 2017 special Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 08/17/94**

MOVED by Councillor Sipe that the minutes of the July 24, 2017 special Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 08/17/95**

3. Business arising from the Minutes: No business arising from the minutes.

4. Representation:

a) Teresa Boudreault – Recreation/FCSS report – 5:30 p.m – see above.

b) Deb Balderston – Cemetery matters – 5:30 p.m.

Deb Balderston joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m. to discuss cemetery matters.

Ms. Balderston noted that the work bees have not been sufficient enough to keep up with the mowing this year, and that more help is needed on the mowing.

CAO noted that there have been some discussions with the County of Grande Prairie regarding their mowing program. We understand now that the County is moving from a program where they hired high school students and started in July, to a program where they

will hire college students and start in May.

There has also been discussion between the Village and the County that if the County could guarantee us four cuts a year, then the Village may be willing to make a financial contribution towards that.

It was noted that it was important to have ongoing discussions with the County before they finalize their budget for the 2018 operating year.

Deb then discussed the need to emphasize to the local families that it is their responsibility to look after the plots. It is not up to the municipality or the public at large to look after specific plots. Deb would like to rewrite the cemetery brochure to stress that point and she would be willing to work with Betty Atkinson on revising the brochure.

Discussion then moved to the possibility of a Columbarium. Some information was distributed regarding the County's new columbarium announced at the Emerson Trail cemetery. Deb Balderston noted that we did have a firm quote from Bevan Toews for the supply and insulation of a columbarium. She felt that there was a good market for this product and niches in the columbarium should sell quickly.

Council agreed in principle with the concept of a columbarium.

Deb Balderston left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Public Works Supervisor, Steve Rawlyk joined the meeting at this time.

c) Steve Rawlyk – signage upgrades – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rawlyk advised Council that he had done some research on signage for providing no parking signs on the service road leading down from the Legion to Western Manufacturing. He had also been working on a signage program for the truck route and advised Council of the cost of signage for that. He has been working closely with the County Bylaw staff to ensure that the signs are erected and the regulation of large truck traffic will be in enforceable.

Mr. Rawlyk advised Council that he had obtained prices for graveling a portion of the access road into Wendell Hommy's property that comes in off of 103rd street. Price is approximately \$6500.00 to supply 2" gravel down to the south end of Lynette Majewski's lot. There is additional cost to grade the road.

There was some discussion of the temporary nature of this access. It was noted that it is close to a high-pressure gas line. When a permanent access is eventually put in place it should be two lanes wide and configured like a conventional municipal street, as opposed to a drive way.

Council agreed to discuss this matter further later in the meeting.

Mr. Rawlyk noted that there was still some issues with the pumps and circulation at well house #1, but it is being dealt with.

They are preparing for the fair this week, and will ensure that the lot across from the legion is graded to a good standard.

Mr. Rawlyk commented that a large part of the cleanup for the fair this year involved picking up garbage that had been dumped in various points, in the fair grounds and in other areas.

Steve Rawlyk left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from July 10, 2017 to August 14, 2017.

6. Correspondence

a) Demitra Webb – trees

Demitra Webb had prepared a letter for Council regarding removal of four trees in front of

her property.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to remove the trees on the boulevard in front of Demitra Webbs property as requested. **CARRIED 08/17/96**

b) Hommy/Majewski/Bain – property issues

Council then reviewed a letter from Wendell Hommy, Lynette Majewski and Mary Bain regarding issues with their property. Council discussed the matter at length, including historical background behind this situation. There was some concern about setting precedent on these matters and there were also some concerns about doing proper long-term planning for that property.

As there were a number of issues that have to be considered carefully, Council felt they needed more time to review the matter.

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to table the letter from the property owners to the September 11, 2017 regular Council meeting. **CARRIED 08/17/97**

c) Grande Prairie County – joint meeting

Council reviewed a letter from Grande Prairie County regarding some joint Council meeting to discuss the inter municipal collaboration frame works. After some discussion of various options, Council agreed to suggest a meeting date of September 12th or 14th, 2017 in the evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will check with the County to see if they want to include supper before the meeting or what the preference is in regards to that.

CAO will follow up with the County staff on this.

d) Alberta Labour – STEP grant

It was noted that the Village will be getting a \$4,200.00 grant for our STEP student this summer, this confirmation was made in July, well after the student had been hired.

e) Hythe Agricultural Fair – received for information

f) Water North Coalition

Council reviewed a letter from the Water North Coalition regarding a \$100.00 membership fee. Council was in favor of the \$100.00 membership fee as suggested. Council felt that every organization paying the \$100.00 fee should be a voting member.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to support a \$100.00 membership fee for the Water North Coalition. **CARRIED 08/17/98**

7. Other Business & Information:

- a) Canadian Natural – planned frac
- b) Canadian Natural – sour gas battery
- c) Culligan – quotes for upgrading Well #1 and Willowgrove
- d) Atco Gas – franchise agreement
- e) Playground update
- f) Equipment sharing agreement
- g) Hythe Nursing Home – AGM minutes
- h) Town of Sexsmith – ACP grant

Items 7. a) to 7. h) were received for information.

8. Other matters (members' business):

CAO reported on the tenders had been closed for the phase 5 of the sewer relining project. It's looking like the work will probably happen in the 2018 calendar year. However, staff and our engineers will work closely with the Pioneer Home to make sure that this delay does not slow down their project in any way.

There was an inquiry regarding the odor from the lagoon. On one of the hot days last week the odor was quite noticeable. CAO will look into that.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to go into camera. **CARRIED 08/17/99**

While in camera there was a brief discussion regarding a pending subdivision application.

9. In Camera

a) Subdivision application -

MOVED by Councillor Sipe to go back into open session. **CARRIED 08/17/100**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Adolf that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 08/17/101**

Time of adjournment was 7:50 p.m.