

MARCH 27, 2017

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess
Councillors: Gordon Nicholson
Nadine Adolf
Carol Descoteaux

CAO: Greg Gayton
Teresa Boudreault – FCSS Programmer
Leah Moon – Hythe & District Agricultural Society
Renay Morgan – Hythe & District Agricultural Society

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Minutes of the March 13, 2017 regular Council meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the March 13, 2017 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 03/17/36**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

4. Representation:

a) Hythe Ag. Society – 5:30

Leah Moon and Renay Morgan spoke about the issues pertaining to the Agricultural Society and the former Hythe Swimming Pool. The Ag Society is still paying utility bills on the building. Renay Morgan asked for Council's advice on what should be done next with the building. Mayor Burgess suggested that it was probably time to look at demolition of the pool tank and the canvas roof over the pool. It was felt that there still may be alternative uses for the building that houses the front office and the change rooms. The Village will look into getting some estimates on properly shutting down the facility.

Renay Morgan noted that because the Ag. Society is a registered charity they have to spend a significant amount for their annual audit, she is considering wrapping up the Ag Society, and consequently a new society will have to be formed that would just deal with the Hythe Fair. She was also uncertain about whether or not volunteers should be solicited for casino. The Ag. Society has a casino booked for July 6th and 7th and she was not sure about proceeding. She will be researching to see if other community groups would be interested in this casino opportunity.

Council noted that it will take time to research the proper shut down practice for the pool building and encouraged Ms. Morgan to continue with the Ag. Society organization during that process.

Renay Morgan and Leah Moon left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

b) Teresa Boudreault – FCSS Programmer – 5:30 p.m.

Teresa Boudreault provided Council with some information on FCSS programming in Hythe, some statistics for 2016 were distributed. It was noted that Hythe FCSS has a Facebook page and Councillors may wish to check it out.

Teresa is looking at programs to teach safety while quadding and also has a Trauma Drama program coming up.

She noted that she had been attending meetings of a Regional Traffic Safety Organization. One of the things noted at a meeting was speed signs on school zones should be white, yellow signs are acceptable as a cautionary device but there are not enforceable in the same manner as

white signs are.

To date she has 42 income tax returns done, and she is working on a senior's breakfast for senior's week plus a bike rodeo.

She will be attending the Food Bank annual general meeting on April 10, 2017.

It was noted that the advertising had been started for the Volunteer Recognition night on April 26, 2017 and nomination forms are now available.

Teresa Boudreault left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

c) Steve Rawlyk – Public Works Report – 6:00 p.m.

Steve Rawlyk was unable to attend the Council meeting because of some drainage issues in Willow Grove that he was presently working on.

CAO reported on some of the current issues with Public Works.

Councillor Descoteaux asked about the culverts at the 4-way stop by the school. It seems that there is a lot of water pooling in the school driveway where the buses park. Staff will look into that further.

5. Meetings Attended: Council reviewed the meeting that they had attended from March 13, 2017 to March 27, 2017.

Councillor Adolf noted that she had attended a Hythe Minor Hockey Association meeting. They are looking at amalgamating with Beaverlodge Minor Hockey because Hythe is unable to supply enough players to stock a full team. It is easier if the two organizations amalgamate early to organize teams. The alternative is to try and find spots on an out of town team for your child to play on, which can be difficult to do.

There was some discussion about how this would affect the usage at the Hythe arena.

Councillor Adolf noted that there is still a large amount of use at the arena for games and practices. It will continue to be a busy place.

Councillor Nicholson noted that he had attended the Grand Spirit Foundation meeting. The Clairmont building is delayed a month, due to a truck accident which involved some of the kitchen supplies that were needed for the building.

6. Correspondence

a) ACP grant approvals

Council reviewed a letter regarding grant approvals on two regional ACP projects. CAO also noted that the Town of Beaverlodge had a grant approved for pavement evaluation.

b) Grace Energy – solar lights

CAO noted that the Village is looking at some projects for the Canada 150 grant application. Two projects that are being suggested is a traffic speed monitoring sign, with an approximate cost of \$3500.00. Staff are also looking at some solar lighting for the parks, playground and campground. However, no pricing is available at this time.

Council reviewed some depictions of some solar lights. Mayor Burgess suggested that we also need to research the operating cost for replacing batteries for those.

c) West County Traffic Safety – interchange – received for information.

d) Mernie Smith – industrial area road

CAO noted that Public Works has dealt with that issue. There was a problem with the amount of dirt on the road there. Seems that a third party was doing some drainage work in that area on their property and just deposited the excess dirt on our road which made it quite muddy recently.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Library Budget – 2017 – received for information.

b) Trans Canada Pipeline – Hythe Lateral Loop – received for information.

c) Bylaw #532 – water rates

Bylaw #532 authorized a water rate increase of one dollar per month for those residences that are on the municipal water system.

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to give Bylaw #532 first reading. **CARRIED**
03/17/37

MOVED BY Councillor Adolf to give Bylaw #532 second reading. **CARRIED**
03/17/38

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson to consider Bylaw #532 for third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 03/17/39**

MOVED by Councillor Descoteaux to give Bylaw #532 third reading. **CARRIED**
03/17/40

d) 2017 – MSI

CAO reviewed the amounts for the 2017 MSI Grants for capital and operating. Our amounts are similar to last years, just slightly less.

e) Regional Landfill – 2017 operating deficit

CAO reviewed a proposal letter sent to the West County Regional Landfill Commission. The letter noted that the Village of Hythe had been paying 15% of the operating deficit on the Regional Landfill. It was felt that this disproportionate amount to be levied against the Village considering that other larger urban municipalities are paying 15%. The proposal would be to pay not more that 7% of the annual operating deficit for the landfill. Council reviewed some information regarding equalized assessment populations and the comparative amount of garbage that is created.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to approve the proposal for submission to the Regional Landfill Authority. **CARRIED 03/17/41**

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Adolf asked that we look into getting some photo ID for Travis Peterson for when he is doing his water checks. She was also wondering if the Village had some of the Village truck decals available that could be put on Mr. Peterson's truck.

Councillor Descoteaux advised that she may be away for a few months for personal reasons.

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to go into camera. **CARRIED 03/17/42**

While in Camera Council discussed a sewer main issue and also staff salary grids.

9. In Camera

a) Sewer main issue

b) Grid system revision

MOVED by Councillor Adolf to go back into open session. **CARRIED 03/17/43**

MOVED by Councillor Nicholson that the CAO revise the grid system as discussed and bring it back for further review. **CARRIED 03/17/44**

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Adolf that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED 03/17/45

Time of adjournment was 8:30 p.m.