

## MARCH 29, 2016

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess  
Councillors: Gordon Nicholson, Carol Descoteaux, Cheryl Phillips, Lyle Sipe  
CAO: Greg Gayton

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson that the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 03/16/44**

3. Business arising from the Minutes:

Council discussed matters arising from the minutes. Letters for CNRL regarding fracking issues and the RPAP have not been done yet.

4. Representation:

a) Michelle Huey – Hythe Athletic Association

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillor Nicholson reported that he had attended a Grande Spirit Foundation meeting on March 18, 2016. Claude Legacy has been elected as the new board chairman.

CAO noted that the administrators had met to set the agenda for the April 15, 2016 inter-municipal meeting. There was some discussion about the viability of the inter-municipal meetings, and whether or not they were worthwhile. There was one suggestion that possibly a meeting with the City, the County and the other municipalities could be held once a year and then the towns of Sexsmith, Wembley, Hythe and Beaverlodge could meet once a year, without any presence from the City and County.

Michelle Huey, treasurer for the Hythe and District Athletic Association joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Huey reviewed with Council a personal matter that the Hythe Ag. Society was working on. She circulated a proposed letter regarding this matter. Ms. Huey noted that as the Village of Hythe supplies the Ag. Society with their insurance, she felt the Village Council should be advised.

**MOVED** by Councillor Descoteaux to accept the proposed letter as information. **CARRIED 03/16/45**

Ms. Huey then reviewed the status of the Hythe Arena. Repairs to the brine lines have been an ongoing issue this winter. This past winter the cost of repairs has depleted their bank account and they have some bills left outstanding. They are in a difficult cash flow position because they cannot get any grant funding from the County and the Federal government until later on in 2016. Ms. Huey thought that if the Village provided her with a \$25,000.00 operating loan that she could have \$20,000.00 of that paid off within several months and the remaining \$5,000.00 may take longer. Council was in agreement with providing the Hythe Arena with some operating assistance. It was noted that a Bylaw authorizing a short term loan was on the agenda later on in the meeting.

Michelle Huey left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

There was some discussion about the power consumption at the arena, as compared to the curling rink.

Michelle Huey dropped in briefly at 6:02 p.m. to advise Council that she had just received a letter noting a \$30,000.00 grant from the Community Facility Enhancement Program towards the arena renovations.

Councillors then continued on reporting on meetings attended.

Councillor Sipe advised that after ten years of president of the curling club, he is no longer in that position, Ed Wolosyzn is the new president.

6. Correspondence:

Council reviewed correspondence from:

a) Mayor Bill Givens – Catholic School – received for information.

b) Proposed Letter Ward Review – RE: Beaverlodge Health Complex

A letter was circulated regarding the Beaverlodge Health Complex for Councils review. Council was in agreement with the letter as written.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) Grants in Lieu – Senior housing units – CAO noted that the AUMA has provided some assistance in lobbying the province regarding this loss of tax funding. CAO noted that the Village of Hythe had lost 1,900,000.00 in assessment due to the loss of 32 units on the tax roll. Assuming that all other costs and revenue were the same the Village would have to increase property taxes by 2.13% to cover this loss in next year's budget. Council approved preparation of the letter to the Minister of Seniors Housing.

b) Steamer - repair bill – Council reviewed an invoice regarding repairs to the steamer. It was noted that the steamer should be serviced regularly, every year to avoid any more costly situations. Council was also advised that there was an issue with the water well at the public works shop where the sewer steamer was drawing water. The water well will be checked to see if there is anything that can be done to improve the water quality.

c) Estimate – office cabinets – received for information.

d) Date for Budget mtg. – Council discussed a date for a proposed budget meeting. It was decided to have the budget meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016.

e) Bylaw #527 – Bylaw #527 authorized loans to the Hythe Athletic Association. This loan had two components, \$48,000.00 capital improvements and a \$25,000.00 operating loan. Both portions of the loan would be payable within one year from the date of final passage of the bylaw.

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips to give Bylaw #527 first reading as amended. **CARRIED 03/16/46**

The Bylaw will then be advertised in the West County News.

f) Ken Brandsater Memorial – Ballet counting – Council then counted ballots for the Ken Brandsater Volunteer of the Year Award. It was reported that Jackie Oakford had thirteen votes and was the winner of the award.

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Sipe thanked the public works staff for some work they had done near is property with the skid steer.

There was some discussion who was attending the Tim Webb fundraiser April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Village has bought a table at this event.

CAO reported that the ball diamonds had been booked for a tournament in June in conjunction with Horse Lake. He noted that we will be requiring a \$300.00 refundable damage deposit, for any clean-up cost associated with the tournament. Horse Lake ball diamonds will be the primary diamonds for use and Hythe will supply the overflow ball diamonds.

There was some discussion regarding the volunteer appreciation supper On April 13, 2016. Council asked about the office staff attending.

CAO inquired about getting a quote on the Stith Family Memorial Horse Ring sign, at the Ag. grounds. Council authorized the CAO to go ahead and get a quote from Chad Wiwchar to repair the sign.

10. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

**03/16/46**

Time of adjournment was 6:50 p.m.