

# MINUTES OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Present: Mayor Gary Burgess  
Councilors: Gordon Nicholson  
Carol Descoteaux  
Cheryl Phillips  
Lyle Sipe

CAO: Greg Gayton  
Dave MacGregor – Reporter, West County News

1. Mayor Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular Council meeting

**MOVED** by Councillor Phillips that the minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular Council meeting be approved as presented. **CARRIED 11/15/159**

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

4. Representation: No delegations scheduled for this meeting.

5. Meeting Attended:

Councillor Descoteaux had attended the Friends of the Library Society meeting on November 19, 2015.

Councillor Phillips had attended a Royal Purple meeting.

Councillor Sipe had emcee'd the Beaverlodge Christmas Festival on November 20, 2015.

6. Correspondence:

Council reviewed correspondence from:

- a) Employment Grants – provincial and federal
- b) Water and Sewer Grants – provincial
- c) STARS – gift acknowledgement
- d) Town of Beaverlodge – new CAO

Items 6. a, b, c & d were received for information.

7. Other Business & Information:

a) First Responder Policy

Council reviewed a First Responder policy. The policy pertained to providing medical first responder protocols for Hythe Fire Department members. This was discussed at the November 9, 2015 regular Council meeting with Fire Chief Ed Woloszyn and training officer Robin Fisher. CAO advised that Mr. Fisher and himself had met later on and worked through the policy.

**MOVED** by Councillor Descoteaux to accept the Medical First Responder Policy for the Hythe Fire Department. **CARRIED 11/15/160**

b) FCSS agreement – GP County

Council reviewed a proposed service agreement between the Village of Hythe and the County of Grande Prairie for the provision of FCSS services. Councillor Sipe inquired about the staffing level in this agreement. CAO advised that it was a four day per week

programming coordinator that would be provided.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to accept the joint agreement for FCSS services with the County of Grande Prairie. **CARRIED 11/15/16**

8. Other matters (members' business):

Councillor Sipe inquired about chlorination with our in the Hythe municipal water system. He had noted that at certain times there are high chlorine levels. The water has a very noticeable taste and smell to it. The CAO said he was unaware of any activities that were being undertaken that might influence the water quality and advised that he would look into it.

Councillor Nicholson commented on a situation adjacent to the foodbank involving the old fire hall building. There has been some discussion between our Public Works Department and the people doing the shoveling for the old fire hall, regarding placing snow on the Village street. Council recognized that the guiding principle is everyone's snow should stay on their own lot. It is not acceptable for people to throw their snow onto the street with the hopes that the Village will take it away. However, some people may not be familiar with this rule and it would be acceptable to take the snow away the first time, and letting them know to not do it again in the future. Council felt this would promote a more neighborly approach. CAO will pass this information back to the Public Works Supervisor.

Mayor Burgess reported that he had had a conversation with Kerry Rowe regarding the manhole in front of his house. This manhole was replaced in 2015 as part of the manhole replacement program. Mr. Rowe is concerned that there still might be issues with the manhole and was asking if the Village would be flushing it on a regular basis. The CAO said that regular flushing should not be required with new manhole and a new sewer main installed in that area. However, they will inspect the manhole when time permits. CAO also advised that staff have often commented that part of the problem is Mr. Rowe is not putting enough water through his service line to ensure positive drainage of the debris from the manhole.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to go into camera. **CARRIED 11/15/162**

Dave MacGregor left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.9. In Camera

a) Fire Agreement update

While in Camera, Council discussed a proposed Fire Agreement with Grande Prairie County and a personnel matter.

**MOVED** by Councillor Nicholson to go back into open session. **CARRIED 11/15/163**

Councillor Nicholson requested that there be some snow clearing around Baba J's on November 30, 2015 when they are doing the Christmas food hampers.

Adjournment

**MOVED** by Councilor Sipe that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED 11/15/164**