

Minutes, FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on April 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Council Mayor Don McDowell, Councillor Don Holinaty, Councillor Marguerite Wobick, Councillor Pete Pelley, Councillor Don Vincent

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer; Lisa Wiebe, Recording Secretary

Call to Order Mayor McDowell called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Gallery None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

April 18, 2017 Agenda #111-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept the agenda for the April 18, 2017 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes #112-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 regular Council Meeting with amendments to Individual Councillor Reports related to ticketing and bylaw officer discussion and Coalhurst actual cost of \$100,000 per year not \$40,000.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

7:02 pm – Member of Parliament Rachael Harder & Assistant Beckie Dykshoorn

- MP Harder thanked council for their time; she wanted to touch base and see how things are going in Nobleford as she likes to meet with municipalities and see what support she can offer. Mayor McDowell shared about ongoing projects including the sewer line and new subdivision, as well as that all industrial lots are sold. Discussed was future additional industrial in Nobleford. Council also shared about Nobleford's need to store more treated water as potential growth could put Nobleford population at 2000 in 3-4 years (compared to about 600 people in 2004). Also discussed were the everyday work and dealings in Nobleford.
- MP Harder commented that she thinks what Nobleford does is tremendous.
- MP Harder asked about how funding for treated water storage will be realized so the CAO shared methods of funding currently being pursued and the \$850,000 project seeking 50% funding grant from CWWF. Discussed how infrastructure eats up reserves very quickly. Nobleford did not apply for other recent Building Canada fund as the odds of receiving it are low due to definition of small municipality and the Provincial take of the funding, as well the opportunity the get 70% grant funding under MWWP from the province.
- Discussed was the disadvantage of being a rural area and lack of attention from the government; current government is focused on urban centers, even Lethbridge is considered small to them.
- Discussed retail development on King Street, and the benefit of businesses potentially interested.
- Discussed RCMP presence in village and feedback received from residents that they aren't around much. Councillor shared recent experience with break-in and theft and lack of response from RCMP. Discussed increase in nuisance crimes. If other municipalities have a peace officer, discussed how it will impact the amount of policing by the RCMP. MP Harder shared thoughts that it is universal in all municipalities that they think there should be more of an RCMP presence. The RCMP have been experiencing budget cuts and overall low morale among officers at the moment.
- CAO stated that RCMP is very approachable and in Nobleford daily on routine drive-throughs.
- Discussed traffic issue of small villages where often schools are on the main roads leading out to the highway.
- Discussed poor cell service in Nobleford.
- Fiber optic services all property in Nobleford and the difference it has made in high quality dependable internet.
- Discussed seniors housing and long term care facilities, including possibility of elderly care as part of the NRC church's future development.
- Discussed the Alberta Energy Program.
- Council thanked MP Harder for her attendance. MP Harder asked that Nobleford please keep her posted, sharing issues with her and letting her know how she can help.
- CAO will forward information on CWWF grant application and fiber optic AXIA in Nobleford.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8:01 pm – Public Hearing: Bylaw #641, Dog Control Bylaw & Bylaw #642, Cat Bylaw

CAO shared with the public the process regarding bylaws as established by the MGA. Some comments had been brought to the village office's attention, both verbal and written. The CAO shared comments that had been received to-date:

Dog and Cat Bylaw comments submitted to Village Office.

Issues: Cost recovery from licensing, Protection of Pets, Protection of Nobleford residents, pet owner responsibility and liability.

Dog Owner, met with the CAO to discuss clarification on grandfather clauses for restricted breeds on list understanding that current residents that are owners of restricted breed will see no changes unless there are violations of the Bylaws and, will not be subject to the same requirements as new residents and new pets to Nobleford. Stated that different owners may train restricted listed breed dogs differently and owners should be held responsible. Suggest putting Grand-fathering Clauses in the bylaw as well as schedules.

Dog owner stated license fees and fines are too high and if there is a short fall let taxes cover the shortfall.

Dog owner presentation at April 4, 2017 Council meeting 6:30 pmWard thanked council for allowing him to come; he noticed the village is looking at changes to the dog bylaw, particularly the increase in the license fee from \$20 and \$40 to \$50. As a pet owner, he doesn't want to get away from paying for whatever needs there are regarding dogs, so if pet fees aren't paying for the expenses then he sees it needs to happen. Ward shared that years ago, an untagged dog had been coming into town a couple times per week so he phoned the dog catcher. The dog catcher came and caught the dog, and deemed it was wandering in from a farm. Ward shared he was glad to have a bylaw and dog catcher but hopes though that in situations like the one he shared, or where non-residents are dropping off pets, it wouldn't be the financial responsibility of the Nobleford licensed pet owners but rather be a cost of the municipality as a whole. Ward hopes that pet owners are paying for the concerns generated here locally but that those generated outside of the Village should be split between all citizens.

Dog Owner – \$50 for a dog tag is too expensive, seems unreasonable compared to other municipalities and asking for justification or the reasoning behind it. Feels that citizens work together and use means like social media to help return wandering dogs

Dog Owner, I have 4 small house dogs, no violation in the years I have lived in Nobleford, can I be grand-fathered ?

Resident, Supported naming restricted breeds of dogs that are higher risk if not trained properly, and making Owners responsible, Licenses should be cost recovery.

Resident, there are too many dogs in my neighborhood, no one should have more than one dog, especially big dogs. Noise and messing /peeing on my lawn. My kids are scared. No I will not talk with them about the issues.

Resident, it's a good idea you have some pet owners talk with Neighbors, this should apply to every pet, stops problems from developing. Most dogs are pretty good, and some are really bad.

Resident. We seem to have good mannered dogs in Nobleford, I just wish owners would pick up after their pets.

CAT OWNER, cats are meant to roam, why are you penalizing cat owners.

CAT OWNER, what's a restricted cat, please clarify this in the bylaw.

Resident. The village should allow cat trapping like it used to, and supply traps and take cats away.

Resident. Cats are a nuisance and make a mess in my flower beds. What can you do

Resident. Council should get rid of the cat bylaw and let us get rid of those cats that run through my yard.

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- An opportunity was given for comments from the gallery (Rosemary Kiegelmann, Monika Kiegelmann, Colleen Bains, Amber Christianson, Debbie Pelley, Ward Worthington, Margaret Worthington, Neil May, Brenda Johnson, infant):
- Monika stated ownership of a 3-month-old boxer cross puppy, which would be on the restricted list, and asked for clarification on how she would have to ask all her neighbors if she can have the dog and if they don't agree, would she not be able to have it. She was asked how the breed was determined. Mayor stated that breed is recorded as stated by owners. Mayor asked CAO to comment, CAO suggested she apply for a dog license. When completing the license application, new dogs being registered of breeds listed as restricted will require that owners visit neighbors and present their dog, and the neighbors can choose to oppose or support. The form comes back to the office and is brought to council for review and Council then has an opportunity to deny a license or state concitions. She asked how many license have been denied. Shared was that council has never yet denied a license but some owners have removed pets from Nobleford to avoid the process.
 - Rosemary inquired about how the restricted list was compiled. Mayor stated this list came from the dog catcher research and was in Nobleford previous bylaw. Rosemary shared that no other communities have a breed-specific list but a vicious dog classification instead. Mayor commented that it really depends on the owner and how they are trained. The list is based on risk but is not looking at the dog so much as licensing the owner and being proactive to be able to enforce the bylaw appropriately when needed. Rosemary commented that she doesn't think \$50 for the license is that much. The mayor shared that everything is structured on cost recovery (balanced budget) and discussed expenses including the dog catcher and Village staff time as well as dog catcher and enforcement and that all pet owners share in this cost rather than non-pet owners.
 - Amber commented on the amount of stray cats in the village and shared concerns that increasing the license cost would increase the amount of unlicensed wandering cats. Discussed benefits of creating an incentive by offering different fees for altered and unaltered. Expressed was that if there is no price difference, owners will leave cats unaltered and there will be an increase in the stray population and roaming. The mayor commented that current cat bylaw license fee is \$40 and \$20 for fixed and proposed is \$30 for all, and that the village has never checked if owners are truthful when they license an animal as altered. Amber shared that there is a large population of stray cats compared to other municipalities and feels that separate pricing creates an incentive that would help this.
 - Colleen stated that she has lived in Nobleford almost 30 years and attended the majority of the meetings discussing the original cat bylaw. She pays for cat licensing even though doesn't like it and tries to uphold bylaws, even sending in pictures of her cats. When licensing was first put in place, village staff told her that she was the only one in 3 years who participated so she felt that licensing didn't do much at that time. Colleen shared that several years ago there were a multitude of cats and village-owned traps were allowed to be set by citizens. She expressed that it was only cat haters trapping the cats and since it was the responsibility of the resident to bring the cat forward, they wouldn't be willing to hold onto a cat until the owner could be found. Colleen shared that licensing doesn't make sense to her and shared that many citizens in Nobleford got kittens for their families in the spring but don't take them with when the families leave in the fall, so they wander. Colleen has taken a few in. The stray problem comes from these cats being left (unsprayed/unneutered). Colleen shared it would be better to stop the action of the irresponsible owners and solve the problem where it's starting. Increasing the license fee only penalizes the responsible owners. She didn't ask for 3 cats; she only took them in because they were abandoned. Colleen also shared her experience of having to put a cat down that became sick through a stray that wandered into her yard. She feels that licensing them is not stopping the problem and is appalled by the bylaw. She asked how many cats were licensed in Nobleford, Mayor asked CAO to respond, CAO estimated 35 cats are licensed. Colleen stated that there were far more cats than that in Nobleford.
 - Amber commented that increasing the license cost so much to \$30, will just discourage people; so many cat owners don't license because of the cost. She feels that lowering the cost will increase the amount of people registering their cats and that this would help the problem over time. The mayor commented that part of the problem is people not keeping their cats in the house.
 - Ward shared about Nobleford residents bringing in cats from out of town that are wild and run off and that these kinds of problems are not the responsibility of pet owners, they are municipal tax issues. Mentioned was that if offering a 2 stage licensing system for altered/unaltered, a vet receipt or statement could be required to verify. Ward commented that pricing being equal for altered and unaltered discourages pet owners from getting their pets fixed and that females in heat and having intact males around creates more wandering and unpredictable behavior, restraining issues, aggression. He feels it encourages responsible pet ownership to offer incentives.
 - Neil shared that they have 4 small dogs and are asking if it is feasible to be grandfathered. They have had these dogs for a few years already with no problems and have paid all the fees. They have also done all paperwork, getting the multi-pet license signed. The gallery asked for clarification on the recommended pricing structure that the license fee for the 3rd dog is \$200. Mayor asked the CAO to comment. The CAO shared that with the current bylaw, the multi-dog permit (called a kennel fee) is \$200 and with the new one, there would be no kennel fee but the third dog is \$200 instead. Neil asked if their 4th dog would now also be \$200. The CAO commented that this is the only owner in Nobleford with 4 licensed dogs. The village is not wanting to prejudice current dogs/owners where there have been no problems, and is recommending to council to grandfather ownership of their dog, and that it would cost no more for their 4th dog, but that 4 dogs will not be permitted in situations arising in the future.
 - The CAO commented that restricted dogs are not just those of a specific breed, it's also a dog contravening the bylaw.

- Margaret concurred with Ward about the increased cost. Those who have pets feel they will be penalized as long as they live in this community, but they will pay it because they love their pet. She shared they feel the village is taking money out of their pocket for offenses they don't commit. These are problems that other people are causing so the cost should be shared by the Nobleford community or society as a whole.
- The mayor asked CAO how much of the dog catcher fee has been for picking up strays and the CAO shared that there have been none in the past 10 years as he recalls. The dog catcher is always able to find a home immediately for any dogs picked up and they are very well cared for. The dog catcher is mostly there for legal issues and acting as a liaison between neighbors and between the village and residents.
- Brenda asked about the effectiveness of consent forms. The mayor shared his experience with a neighbor that has had 3 dogs and came around getting the form signed. He had no issues with it and appreciated getting to know the dogs, and feels that animosity is often there because neighbors don't know the pet and don't see the owner's way of looking at it. Feels handling it is best through increased communication between neighbors.
- Brenda shared concerns that if a dispute arose between neighbors for unrelated issues, they could take it out on them on this dog form and could cause people to feel they have to walk on eggshells. The mayor shared that this would be considered when a form comes to council.
- Monika also shared concerns that just because other people don't personally like dogs, they will oppose on the form.
- Rosemary asked if council looked at Calgary or other municipality's bylaws; mayor commented yes.
- Colleen inquired that someone near her has barking dogs and she has not had anyone come to her house getting a paper signed and what she should do. Mayor said she should inform the Village office with details and Admin would follow up. Colleen asked if this new cat and dog bylaw has already passed, and if changes can be made. Mayor stated it has not passed yet so it can be amended.
- Debbie asked if there is a proposed restriction on the number of cats that can be owned and Mayor responded that yes, the proposed bylaw limits it to 3.
- Ward expressed concerns with requiring people to get the form signed for restricted breeds and wonders if it could it cause conflict among neighbors. Council shared that the goal is to get neighbors to know neighbors and discuss concerns with them. Also discussed was if people might feel pressured into signing. Ward also commented that if council feels the form is largely for safety issues, if they are questionable breeds there is still a risk issue because the dogs could get out or will be out on walks.
- Margaret shared thoughts that the bylaw restrictions should be made very clear to realtors so that people buying homes aren't shocked; there could be some fairly angry new people in Nobleford if they aren't made aware of that. She also commented that hopefully it wouldn't affect the sale of a house in the future. People on fixed incomes could be quite upset to find out the expense after the fact. The mayor shared that there is a lot of expense to pets like food toys beds vets. etc., and the license is only a small portion of it really.
- The mayor asked if Nobleford needs to allow catching cats again. Thoughts are that something has to be done; low license fees and strict removal of unlicensed cats might be the solution.
- Monika commented that in the past, they have owned dogs hunting dogs that did not like cats. If a cat came into a yard and a dog attacks and kills the cat, would the dog be responsible. The mayor commented no, because the cat was at large. The CAO added that it would be responsibility of the dog owner to bring any tag it had into the village office so the cat owner could be notified.
- Ward asked how a cat at-large bylaw could be enforced if traps aren't used; the bylaw essentially has no teeth. A councillor stated that if someone reports a resident with a cat, and it's not licensed, the village office can approach them and make them license it or fine the owner \$100.
- What if there was no cat bylaw; the gallery felt it there would be no difference except then property owners could buy a cat trap and take them away, hopefully to the humane society.
- The gallery discussed the disease issue that arises from stray animals and the need for the cat bylaw to offer a solution of some sort because it will have to be dealt with it eventually. Stray cats can't just be left to roam; they leave the diseases in everyone's yard and it becomes an issue to responsible pet owners having to pay additional vet expenses.
- Amber mentioned the idea of the village working with vets to offer deals for cheaper neutering/spaying services, to encourage responsible pet ownership.
- The mayor gave opportunity for additional comments, and thanked everyone for coming and giving their feedback.

These textual amendments to the Dog and Cat bylaws and attached schedules are meant to address issues: Cost recovery from licensing, Protection of Pets, Protection of Nobleford residents, pet owner responsibility and liability.

These amendments related to naming breeds of dogs as restricted does not prejudice the dog but rather places clearer identification of owner's responsibility in the event of an issue. There are grandfathering clauses for current pet owners of these breeds and they will see little change unless they have violated the bylaw in the past. This applies to ALL DOGS.

Nobleford does try to make sure everything should pay for itself (cost recovery), pets being no different than anything else. In addition to the dog catcher on retainer, with the Village staff work involved it was just time to adjust the fees, after many years, to pay the way. The proposed fee structure results in an increase starting at \$10.00 per dog license and up. This will generate more money for the Village to cover the dog catcher, bylaw officer, public works, bookkeeping, and admin time related to dog and related neighborhood issues.

Revenue from animal tags of \$5850 in 2016. 2017 proposed budget of \$5500 is not covering estimated expenditures. Cost recovery for dog and cat expenses including dog catcher \$2000, bylaw enforcement, admin time for records and dealing with issues as well as public works time for pet cleanup such as feces and other issues as well is \$7000 or more annually. Council recognized that the proposed increase in fee would generate only minimal revenue for 2017 as most pets have been licensed for 2017. Increased revenue would be anticipated for 2018

Dog Bylaw

Council discussed the dog bylaw and the necessary rates to ensure cost recovery of \$7000 per year. Feedback from dog owner residents expressed the proposed license rates were high; \$50 for 1st dog, \$50 for 2nd Dog, and \$200 for 3rd dog. Council proposed reduction of license fee to \$30 for 1st dog, \$60 for 2nd Dog, and \$120 for 3rd dog and levy more fines resulting in cost recovery. Council reviewed the Bylaw 641, Dog Control Bylaw and included Schedules, and discussed whether the list of Restricted Breeds and Neighborhood Consent Form for them is necessary, resolving that the requirement for dog owners to introduce themselves to neighbors is a very proactive approach to a healthy neighborhood. It was noted that the proposed amendments, including changes regarding restricted breeds or dogs, encourage owner responsibility and liability in the event of an incident.

Bylaw #641 Third Reading #113-2017

Moved BY Councilor Holinaty that Bylaw No. 641 be read for the third time, including amendment to license fee schedule of \$30 for 1st dog, \$60 for 2nd Dog, and \$120 for 3rd dog, along with Schedules A, C, D, and E.

CARRIED

Table Bylaw #642, Cat Bylaw #114-2017

Moved BY Mayor McDowell to table Bylaw 642, Cat Bylaw until the next meeting.

CARRIED

2017 Project Revenues and Expenditures

Council reviewed a spreadsheet summarizing 2017 project costs and revenues. The Railway Avenue Sewer project may be over budget as the road there was found to be poor quality. Engineers and surveyors are reviewing options and will notify the village admin. Other projects/expenses include the water treatment dome which is waiting for approval, the 7 lots to be developed, Centennial Park projects, and painting the complex. The extra pay to the CAO and assistant for the Phase 5 subdivision is set to end in June but recommendation is to continue it until the end of the year because of the Klok/NRC subdivision.

Project Name	Cost	Revenue		Revenue comment
		Grant	Village 02-22 Contribution	
Nobleford 2017 Projects Capital				
Railway Ave Sanitary sewer replacement	\$800,000	\$500,000	\$300,000	Society Contribution
WTP treated water reservoir Dome	\$850,000	\$425,000	\$425,000	Use some MSI 2017 \$ for Village share?
east 7 lot residential subdivision, NRC/Klok	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	Fed pending approval In coop with Klok NRC,
Centennial Park Legion	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Legion legacy left \$30,000 total
Centennial Park Legacy plate P&R	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	P&R society \$50,000 cfeep grant
Centennial Park Lights, electricity service	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	P&R cover \$10k for Cent Society
Paint the Complex	\$41,616	\$23,616	\$9,000	NCCS got \$23,616 cfeep grant, 9k county
P5 Centennial sub	\$31,000		\$31,000	CAO, Assistant Pay
Total Project Cost, budget for 2017	\$2,072,616	\$998,616	\$1,015,000	\$89,000
Total Project revenue, budget for 2017	\$2,072,616			\$2,072,616

2017 Budget

Council reviewed updates to the budget. The County Fire Agreement budget increased by 10,000 to include their portion towards radio purchases. Estimated revenue from billing the county for motor vehicle accident attendance is also budgeted. A new account was created for contribution from the Fire Fighter's society. The Klok/NRC subdivision payment is to be categorized as miscellaneous revenue. The CAO suggests putting surplus in operating contingency so it can be used later as needed. For Line 161 on the presented spreadsheet, the account description was edited to remove the words "and Fire truck". The sidewalk repair budget is for King Street upgrades. Council reviewed transfer to capital contingency reserve and transfer to environmental reserves budgets. The FCSS requisition has come in. Amortization is funded by upgrades to assets/investments so this is a separate schedule.

	2016 ac	2016 budget	2017 budget
1, total Operating revenue	2081362.19	1818470	1928170
2 total Operating Expense	<u>2061016.81</u>	<u>1818390</u>	<u>1928060</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	20345.38	80	110
5, total Capital revenue	241341.24	418000	2072616
6, total capital expense	<u>194012</u>	<u>418000</u>	<u>2072616</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	47329.24	0	0
TOTAL Revenues	2322703.43	2236470	4000786
TOTAL expenses	<u>2255028.81</u>	<u>2236390</u>	<u>4000676</u>
TOTAL NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	67674.62	80	110

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MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve the 2017 budget of \$4,000,676.00.

CARRIED

2017 Tax Bylaw 643

Council reviewed proposed Bylaw 643, based on requisitions.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD. BYLAW NO. 643 for 2017 tax year.

A bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the village of Nobleford, in the province of Alberta, for the 2017 taxation year.

WHEREAS, the Village of Nobleford has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of the municipal revenues and expenditures as required at the Council meeting held on April 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal expenditures and transfers set out in the budget for the Village of Nobleford for the year 2017 is estimated at \$4,000,676.00; and

WHEREAS, the estimated municipal revenues and transfers from all sources other than taxation is estimated at \$3,576,087 the balance of \$424,589 is to be raised by general municipal taxation; and

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Foundation Fund

Residential / Farmland

\$226,665.

Non-residential

\$83,601.
\$310,266.

TOTAL

Green Acres Foundation

\$ 15,461.

And

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Nobleford is required each year to levy on the assessed value of all property, tax rates sufficient to meet the estimated expenditures and the requisitions; and

the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26.1, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in the Village of Nobleford as shown on the assessment roll is:

ASSESSMENT

Residential Farmland	96,330,920 30,940
Multi family Residential	4,870,690
Non-Residential Linear assessment Machinery and Equipment Total	25,669,770 1,040,880 6,952,040 <u>134,895,240</u>

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Village of Nobleford, in the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:
That the Municipal Administrator is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of the Village of Nobleford:

	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
General Municipal			
Single family residential, farmland	\$ 37,388	956,361,860	0.388000
Multi Family residential	\$ 6516	4,870,690	1.338000
Non-Residential	\$ 54,958	25,669,770	2.141000
Alberta School Foundation Fund			
ASFF residential/farmland	\$ 226,665.	91,397,299.	2.48000
ASFF Non-residential	\$ 83,601.	22,967,405.	3.64000
Green Acres Foundation	\$ 15,461.	134,895,240.	0.11461

* Non residential, does not pay School tax or Senior Foundation on Machinery and Equipment.
TOTAL \$ 424,589

	<u>Farmland / Residential</u>	<u>Multi- Family Residential</u>	<u>Non- Residential</u>	<u>Machinery and Equipment</u>
2017 Municipal	.38800	1.33800	2.14100	2.14100
Provincial Education	2.48000	2.48000	3.64000	0
Green Acres Foundation	.11461	.11461	.11461	0
Total:	2.98261	3.93261	5.89561	2.141000

The minimum amount payable as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be; One hundred dollars (\$100.00) and shall be applicable to all residential parcels, Thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per acre or .405 hectare, and shall be applicable to all farm land, unless previous agreements bare recognized as valid by the Village, Four hundred eighty dollars (\$480.00) or twelve cents (\$.120) per sq meter, whichever is more, shall be applicable to all for Non-Residential parcels, on both developed or undeveloped within the Village of Nobleford in addition to the Alberta School Foundation Fund and Seniors Foundation (Green Acres) requisitions.

That this Bylaw shall take effect on the date of the third and final reading.

**Bylaw 643 Tax Bylaw, First Reading
#1116-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent that the Tax Bylaw 643 be read for the first time.

CARRIED

**Bylaw 643 Tax Bylaw, Second Reading
#1117-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty that the Tax Bylaw 643 be read for the second time.

CARRIED

**Bylaw 643 Tax Bylaw, Presented for Third Reading
#1118-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley that the Tax Bylaw 643 be presented for third reading.

CARRIED unanimously

**Bylaw 643 Tax Bylaw, Third Reading
#1119-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick that the Tax Bylaw 643 be read for the third and final time.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT**Accounts Payable for Ratification
#120-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to ratify accounts payable in the amount of \$80,752.93.

CARRIED

**ATB Statement
#121-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the ATB MasterCard statement for the period ending Mar 16, 2017.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**Regional Resource Sharing Agreement**

Discussed years ago, progressed from mutual aide to a more formal agreement that Mayors and Reeves supported unanimously. The **Regional Resource Sharing Agreement** will address costs/reimbursements when calling for mutual aide and is being put together at this time.

#122-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty that Nobleford support this initiative and to receive as information the Regional Resource Sharing Agreement information as being worked on.

CARRIED

REPORTS to be emailed to admin@nobleford.ca the *Thursday prior to meeting to be included in meeting package.*
Please abide by *Council meeting bylaw.*

CAO Written Report: Klok Subdivision, NRC , Sanitary replacement Railway ave, King street Commercial. **VERBAL:** condition of road under the sewer line is not great, looking at options to improve it without excessive cost

Mayor's Written Report: April 12 Emergency response table top exercise, Train derailment evacuation

Councillors' Written Reports

M.W. written report: No report

P.P. written report: No report; **VERBAL:** waste management meeting coming up

D.V. written report: No report

D.H. written report: ISO meeting Ap 13, 2017 no progress; **VERBAL:** FCSS board meeting on 12th

Reports Received**#123-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive the CAO, Mayor, and Councillors' reports.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**Noble Central School, Outdoor Classroom**

A letter that was delivered by Brenda McMillan on April 4, 2017 to the Village office, requesting funding from the Village for an outdoor classroom, was presented to Council. Council reviewed the request for funding. Council stated that; Village policy regarding contributing funds to such capital projects will only be considered in accordance with Policy #02-22 Not for Profit Initiatives Funding. In 2013, the *Nobleford Parent Association* project included: \$142,000 Electronic sign/playground project where the Village contributed \$22,000.00 to match society funds towards the \$42,000.00 CFEP grant received. Council noted that in the Outdoor classroom TD friends document recently provided states that the Village will provide Summer Months Maintenance. The Village has not been asked and does not agree to maintain the site as the Village only cuts the grass on NCS property.

#124-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the correspondence from Noble Central School requesting funding for their outdoor classroom project and to recommend that they make their application for funding under Policy #02-22 for council to consider this.

CARRIED

MEETING DATES

#125-2017 MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept the meeting dates:

21 regular Council meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Regular Council meeting are at 6:30 pm

May 2, 2017 – RCMP May 16, 2017 June 6 & 20, 2017

July 4, 2017 August 1, 2017 September 5 & 19, 2017

October 3, 2017 **Election: October 16, 2017** October 24, 2017


November 7 & 21, 2017 **AJMA: November 22-24** December 5, 2017

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned the meeting at 10:28 pm.


Mayor


Administrator