

Minutes; FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on December 15th, 2014 at 6:30 pm

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

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer, Sammy Jordan, Recording Secretary(absent)
Karen Feenstra, Assistant to the CAO

Gallery No one

Call to Order Mayor McDowell called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Open floor to citizens None

DELEGATIONS 7:30 pm Troy Jenkins, AXIA.
8:30 pm Rudy Knitel and Corne Mans, Galimax

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
December 15, 2014 Agenda**

#390-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the agenda for the December 15th, 2014 regular council meeting. **CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 17th, 2014 Minutes**

#391-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve minutes of the November 17th, 2014 regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P5 subdivision, Sales terms and conditions, lot pricing.
CAO - Fortis is in the process of quoting electrical and street lights – LED or regular Mayor – Asked if there was interest in having low yard light on each lot as part of development approval.
CAO - Fortis owns the street lights in the Village – they maintain lights, this would then be the landowner's responsibility to maintain the yard lights and minimal cost of power. The Village pays a monthly fee for each street light, of about \$20 each.

CAO will present FORTIS price quotes at next meeting.
Promotional information for sale of P5 lots will be discussed at the January 6, 2015 meeting.
New Home Warranty program in Alberta is having a negative impact on Nobleford.

#392-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive P5 Subdivision for information. **CARRIED**

2015 budget, Provincial Budget, Oil Price, grants, insurance
Changes will be happening in the New Year – Low oil prices equal low royalty to Government. Province cutting back, looking for efficiencies, things will be tight this year, probably no new grants or increases to existing, possibility of provincial capital projects announced last year may be put on hold or cut, such as school and health care facilities, roads. Nobleford should continue to focus on priorities that benefit all of Nobleford and efficient operations. There are concerns with influences outside Nobleford that continue to add costs and not improvement or maintenance of services. Nobleford can help to focus these influences on more effective and efficient policy.

Council reviewed the Jubilee Insurance Policies and significant increase in premiums.

Insurance Vehicles
#393-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to direct the CAO to search out and secure better vehicle insurance rates with only minimum legal coverage on all vehicles except those Emergency response Vehicles where ownership is shared with Lethbridge County. **CARRIED**

Oil prices are forecast to remain less than \$80 per barrel for next couple years. This reduces provincial revenue but also will benefit the economy with lower fuel costs.

Nobleford will continue to focus on Operations and efficiency makes the most of time and produce positive results without spending more money.

#394-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to receive the 2015 budget updates as information. **CARRIED**



7:30 pm, Troy Jenkins, AXIA, Fiber optic for Nobleford

Introduction from Council

Troy Jenkins – Has been municipal government for 20 years, as an Elected Official, and as a CAO. He now works for AXIA and enjoys visiting council's to inform them of the services that are offered from AXIA. Supernet is installed in 433 locations in province (provincial buildings) that has supernet/fibre optic. AXIA noticed the lack of fibre optic high speed internet in smaller communities. Town of Vulcan entered negotiations with AXIA, FIBER OPTIC CABLE is now being installed in the downtown business core, as well as all residential will have connection to fibre optic cables. Town of Vulcan is one of the first small communities in Canada to be connected to fibre optic. The installation is private capital. AXIA is requesting minimum 30% market share interest, before coming into a municipality and installing cable to every property. There is no cost to the municipality. Fore residents to show interest, go www.axia.com and enter your street address and municipality. There will be 5 communities that will have the fibre optic installed in 2015.

Council: Are you using the same contractor for all projects?

Troy: No, will look for a local contractor to install the fibre optic cable.

AXIA is a global company listed on the TSE.

Once fibre optic is installed it is permanent. There is a 24 hour operations centre in Calgary, if technicians cannot help over the phone they will re-route the service, until technicians can come to repair the problem.

Municipal benefits to have fibre optic installed is an attraction of new businesses coming to the community. Troy is very impressed with progress of this community, installing the fibre optic cable will only improve the attraction, as well as increase property value.

Troy requested to get councils support to get residents to go to www.axia.com to register, to show that Nobleford is interested in the fibre optic high speed internet to be installed in their community. Current cost to residential property owner would be as low as \$60 per month for guaranteed 25 Mbps up and down.

Council/CAO - How much cash does AXIA have, and asked for financial statements other than what are listed on the TSE?

Axia Fiber Optic

#395-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to support AXIA's proposal to pursue installing FIBER OPTIC CABLE to all of Nobleford and for CAO to work with AXIA to see what kind of support the Village of Nobleford could get from the residents.

CARRIED

8:25 pm, Rudy Knitel and Corne Mans, Galimax Trading Inc., Business development expansion, Egg Marketing Board

Calimax has purchased a second industrial lot in Nobleford and will more than double its building size in the future. Expansion – renovations office space in building, expansion is possible because of fair lot prices and low taxes, in turn making a profit. Nobleford is ideal location. Had one person supply eggs. CFIA got involved and was not aware what they were doing was wrong. 22 to 25 producers. 2000-2500 dozen per week, 25 km around the area. Alberta Egg Producers
When you buy something – you get value – Alberta Egg Producers want \$0.40/dozen
Alberta Egg Producers came down to visit – presented the Youth Development Program
Good report card with CFIA.

Had another visit – Youth can apply for the draw - to qualify for draw have to have to give \$1000

Holland – removed the dairy board, can milk as army Free Enterprise

A product that they simply don't have – AEP does not care

Not against rules and regulations – would like negotiate

Marketing boards have to change ways

Just wanted Council to be aware of the issues Galimax is dealing with.

CFIA is on Galimax side – registered to sell eggs.

Alberta Government rules and regulations – Department of Agriculture

Going to keep producing

Not only do eggs – produce (fruits & vegetables), milk, cheese

Buy from Galimax because there is a story behind the product

Future looks great in Nobleford, located perfect for Galimax.

Eventually Galimax will be expanding to the next lot that has been purchased

Mayor – See what we can do to help/explore? Political inquiries – who gives mandate/authority

Galimax

#396-2014

MOVED Councillor Vincent to support Galimax Trading business and for Mayor to discuss the concerns of Galimax with other politicians, MLA and government officials.

CARRIED

Mar-Yen Holding, King Street

6 months about to expire – have lots of interest, waiting for the anchor, grocery store

When is the right time to build? Still working, has come a long ways.

King street lots

#397-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to extend the moratorium on sale of King street Commercial lots for another 3 months until March 2015 to Mar-Yen Holdings.

CARRIED

CUPE Agreement

Reviewed CUPE Agreement identified errors that need to be corrected.

1. Date on first page
2. 10.02 - Should be Village not Town.

CUPE agreement

#398-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley that the New CUPE 4 year agreement, as amended, be approved and signed.

CARRIED

CFIB Report, Nov 17, 2014

CAO was contacted by Southgrow Manager, ORRSC, CAO's, business people regarding the CFIB Report and complimented Nobleford on its 2nd place of 181 municipalities, expressed concerns about most of Alberta un sustainable spending.

Place CFIB report on the January 6, 2015 Agenda for discussion on media release.

County, Nobleford Fire Agreement draft provided by County

Council reviewed the draft agreement and made amendments.

County contribution to Nobleford for fire and rescue in 2015 is estimated at about \$120,000

Fire agreement

#399-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve the Nobleford Fire Agreement with Lethbridge County with the amendments made on December 15, 2014 and for Mayor and CAO to sign and seal the document and forward to Lethbridge County.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

APR

#400-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve the Accounts Payable Ratified in the amount of \$43,081.76.

CARRIED

Nobleford Financial Statement**#401-2014**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive Financial statement.

CARRIED

ATB Mastercard and Bank Statements**#402-2014**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**Lethbridge Bulls, DM**

Mayors and Reeves sent a letter of support for the Bulls regarding their grant application.

REPORTS**CAO, written, IND sub, Councillor Expense Claims**

CAO reviewed the strong sales and development of the Industrial subdivision and noted the LPA process effectiveness and sited the Purchaser of 3 industrial lots that were purchased when first advertised 2 years, has sold to 3 different business owners and all lots have building development started. Council, please submit expense claim forms, via email, ASAP, for CAO and Mayor to review and approve for payment by Dec 31, 2014.

Email from County Admin : County of Lethbridge will no longer offering Parks and Recreation Grants.

Nobleford used the 3 year funding for caring for our facilities including; spray park, soccer fields, playgrounds all used by Nobleford and area community. Summer staff.

An area of concern with Nobleford is our Community Complex that runs a significant deficit each year, building insurance alone is over \$20,000, add maintenance, utilities, janitor etc and we are 10's of thousands behind. This building is used 5 days or more each week and the majority of users of this facility are non-residents of Nobleford. The Nobleford tax payers alone bear the burden of this cost as there are no operation grants available to the Municipality to help out.

Nobleford understands that the financial management of public funds is a priority and effective and efficient use of staff, money and any resource is important. Nobleford has and will make the most of any funding County, Province or Federal Government choose to provide to Nobleford as we have done in the past.

County grant

#403-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to write a letter to Lethbridge County Council and Administration to express Nobleford's appreciation to the County for its past 3 years of recreation funding used to offset our deficits.

CARRIED

Mayors written report, Mayor and Reeves Meeting

Read a portion from the Mayor and Reeves meeting minutes
Pat Steer – Transportation and Infrastructure Critic

**Councillors, written reports,
MW. Written report,**

P.P. Written report,

**D.V. Written report,
DH. Written report,**

**Reports
#404-2014**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept CAO, Mayor and Councillors reports as information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting Dates

January 6	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
January 20	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
February 3	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Feb 17	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
March 3	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
March 17	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
April 7	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
April 21	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
May 5	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
May 19	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
June 2	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
June 23	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
July 7	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
August 18	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Sept 1	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Sept 15	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting

#405-2014

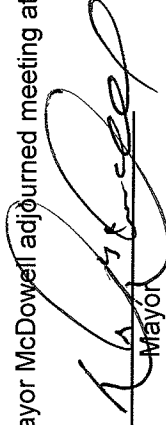
MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept the meeting dates as presented.

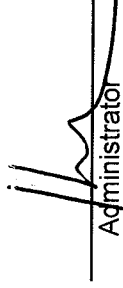
CARRIED

In Camera NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 10:14 pm.


 Mayor


 Administrator