

Minutes; FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on December 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm

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

Staff Karen Feenstra, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Lisa Wiebe, Recording Secretary.
* CAO Hofman absent.

Call to Order Mayor McDowell called meeting to order at 6:27 pm

Gallery None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

December 6, 2016 Agenda #362-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to accept the agenda for the December 6, 2016 regular council meeting with the change of discussing '9.2 NRC/Peter Klok Dec 6 Email' in camera. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes #363-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 regular Council Meeting. CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounts Payable for Ratification

Cheque 7894 is for chemical for sewer lines. Cheque 7843 is for a kit that lasts up to 5 years. #364-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to ratify accounts payable in the amount of \$52,184.29. CARRIED

Financial Statement

#365-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the October 2016 Financial Statement showing a balance of \$3,689,120.27. CARRIED

ATB Statements

The charge at Jen's Restaurant was catering for the LGAA meeting and at Michael's was for Remembrance Day wreaths.

#366-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the ATB Bank Statement ending October 31, 2016 and the ATB MasterCard Statement ending November 16, 2016. CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Darlene Sinclair, General Manager of Community Futures Lethbridge Region

- Darlene thanked council for the opportunity to attend a meeting, she likes to make sure that councillors and staff know who they are and what their relationship is with the communities in the area. Community Futures feels fortunate to have always had a board member from Nobleford; it is beneficial to be connected with what's happening in the region. They provide resources like information or contacts with the goal of helping economic development. They also have connections to other organizations which allows them to help through doing research and gathering information. They offer help for people who are looking at growing businesses, even serving as an alternative lender at times to help entrepreneurs. The run the Chinook Entrepreneur Challenge, a competition where applicants get training and present business ideas. The organization also has business analysts that offer one-on-one training and consulting. They are currently working to bring in a speaker. There are many free services available. There has been interest from provincial and federal government types to do training and mentoring for women in business. The majority of starting new businesses have women at the helm so the government has invested money into this. There are monthly training sessions, and Community Futures is getting higher end speakers in. They feel that mentoring is important; there are a lot of online groups geared for this. Darlene mentioned that if anyone knows of businesses struggling with traditional lenders, they will meet with people free of charge and act as a lender. She shared that they are also doing more lines of credit to help businesses through rough times.

- Asked was if Community Futures had any response or interest from Nobleford. Darlene shared that while they have had the odd person contact them from this region, there hasn't been much and it is sometimes county residents. Community Futures also gets referrals from banks.
- Mayor McDowell shared that Darlene was involved with the King Street project and that Community Futures offers interest-free Business Improvement Loans (BIL) for the purpose of upgrading the curb appeal of businesses. Many small towns have taken advantage of these. There are not many store front businesses in Nobleford but possibly some of the industrial could be a candidate for this. Darlene shared that the community sets the guidelines as far as what the funds should be used for, and then Community Futures would allocate a certain number of dollars and businesses would apply to them under the BIL.
- Asked was if they ever see any conflicts with home businesses. Darlene mentioned that one way to limit/monitor home businesses is to make business licenses more costly. For instance in Lethbridge, the license costs more for home based than for street front. Another idea would be to set up commercial space that is available for them to use a few days per week (a coop space).
- A councillor mentioned that, in the past, Community Futures assisted with advertising and promotion and asked if that is still available. Darlene shared that they no longer work with that. They used to have a person experienced in the graphic design aspect but not anymore. They also felt that this was not the purpose behind Community Futures and that it could potentially take business from those who specialize in graphic design/advertising. They will put information on their website though and forward it to their contacts.
- The mayor thanked Darlene for attending and Darlene thanked council for their time.

NEW BUSINESS

Fortis Franchise Report

#367-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the Fortis franchise report.

CARRIED

Fortis Offer to Purchase Lights

Fortis has offered to purchase 61 of the lights in Nobleford that belong to the Village; they would then be responsible for all maintenance and upkeep.

#368-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept the offer from Fortis to buy out 61 of Nobleford's no investment street lights for \$19,969.95.

CARRIED

Fortis LED Street Light Conversion

Fortis is offering to convert all non-LED street lights in Nobleford to LED lights at no cost to the village. The reduced energy usage would result in a change to the way the village is billed, including a new "maintenance multiplier" charge that will be offset by the reduced energy cost. The amount of the utility bill will remain very much the same; Fortis is projecting a possible savings of \$5.71 per light annually. Mentioned was that reduced usage could be beneficial when the carbon tax is put into effect next year and that the village could encounter difficulties in the future when trying to dispose of these non-LED lights.

#369-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept the offer from Fortis to replace all Nobleford's existing non-LED street lights with LED lights, at no cost to the Village.

CARRIED

Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) Policy

Council reviewed the Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) Policy. The Assistant to the CAO updates the list of assets following this policy's guidelines, such as what qualifies and how many years it is depreciated over.

#370-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to reconfirm the tangible capital assets policy (TCA).

CARRIED

2016 Amortizations for Budget

Council reviewed the amortization amounts of assets for the 2016 budget year.

#371-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve the 2016 amortizations for the 2016 budget year.

CARRIED

Audit Streams

#372-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the audit streams as updated by the CAO.

CARRIED

REPORTS, to be emailed to admin@nobleford.ca the Thursday prior to meeting to be included in meeting package. Bylaw #595

CAO Written Report: absent



Mayor's Written Report: None, **VERBAL:** had a Mayors & Reeves meeting, discussed Lethbridge's switch to curbside recycling.

Councillors' Written Reports

M.W. written report: None, **VERBAL:** had meetings for green acres
P.P. written report: None, **VERBAL:** had ORRSC meeting, there will be a 1.39% increase in membership fees and 1% increase on GIS. Recommended a reminder in next water news that people using drones need to be aware of provincial regulations. Also had a waste management meeting, they will be bringing in a facilitator.

D.V. written report: None

D.H. written report: None, **VERBAL:** attended FCSS conference and meeting with Picture Butte NRC Committee

Reports Received

#373-2016

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDANCE

Nobleford Centennial Society, Nov 22 Email/Letter

A letter dated November 25 addressed to Mayor and Councilors from the Centennial Society was delivered to the mayor on December 5, stating the Centennial Society's desire to withdraw from centennial planning. An email was received by mayor, from the society on November 22 discussing the Centennial Park lighting project.

#374-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the November 22nd email and November 25th letter from the Centennial Society and to table further discussion until the January 3, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

MEETING DATES

#375-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the meeting dates:

21 regular Council meetings in 2017, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Regular Council meetings are at 6:30 pm.

- Dec 20 – Christmas Party, private room at Moxie's Lethbridge (Paid from Council expense account)
- January 3 & 17, 2017
- February 7 & 21, 2017
- March 7 & 21, 2017
- April 4 & 18, 2017
- May 2 & 16, 2017
- June 6 & 20, 2017

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

8:25 pm – In Camera, Land

#376-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to go in camera to discuss land.

CARRIED

8:57 pm – Out of Camera

#377-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to go out of camera.

CARRIED

Netherlands Reformed Church

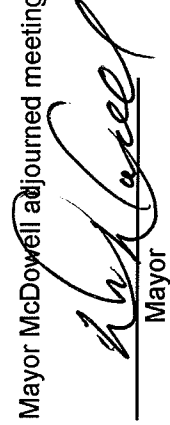
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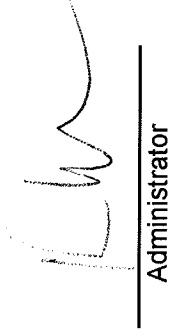
MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to reply to the Picture Butte NRC's Dec 5 email with a letter acknowledging their correspondence and stating that it will need to be looked into further and discussed at the January 3rd meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 9:00 pm


Mayor


Administrator