

Minutes: FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on February 2, 2016 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

Gallery None

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
February 2, 2016 Agenda
#25-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to accept the agenda for the February 2, 2016 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 21, 2016 Minutes
#26-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Barb Hofman, President of Nobleford Parks & Recreation Society re: Community Initiatives Funding Policy #02-22

Barb presented the Nobleford Parks and recreation Society financial information. P&R society would like to apply for a step employee for Parks like has been done years ago. Barb presented the Societies 2018 centennial project concept of legacy plates displays in Centennial Park. The estimated cost is up to \$80,000. They would work with other project societies in Centennial Park like the Legion Legacy and Centennial Society Lighting project, and work on grant applications together. The Society is requesting Council approval to place legacy plates display project in Centennial Park as well as funding support from the Village under policy #02-22, their request included the written application as per policy. See attached.

#27-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to receive Nobleford Parks & Recreation Society financial report and support the Nobleford Parks & Recreation Society's application for *Summer Temporary Employment Program* (Step) 2016 employee .

CARRIED

#28-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve matching up to \$20,000 under the Community Initiatives Funding Policy #02-22, for the Nobleford Parks & Recreation Society's Legacy plate displays concept project, and approve the placement of the project in Centennial Park.

CARRIED

Mayor McDowell extended the Villages appreciation to the Nobleford Parks & Recreation Society for the projects that the Society has realized over the past years, noting that the Village financial contributions to the Society have produced good value.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Lethbridge County 2014 Fire Hall Rent payment received
#29-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the receipt of payment of \$18,000.00 from Lethbridge County for 2014 fire hall rent and to thank them for this, as well as waive the outstanding balance of \$2,283.00.

CARRIED



Lethbridge County Emergency Services Consultant #30-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley that Nobleford statement letter expressing the Village of Nobleford's position regarding Emergency and Disaster services be presented to the recently County-hired emergency services consultant, and to present this position statement to the Consultant at a regular Nobleford council meeting.

In January 2016 Lethbridge County stated that their expenditures for fire and rescue as well as Disaster management cannot be sustained and that they are hiring a consultant to suggest perusing; 1) regionalization of fire and rescue services with the four Municipalities of Nobleford, Picture Butte, Coalhurst and Coaldale within the County. They also want to have a, 2) regional disaster management plan. These are two separate issues. Both have been studied and then evaluated and the County seems to be the only player in the game that sees regionalization of the various municipalities that operate fire and rescue department's fire and rescue services as a benefit. The County does not operate a fire and rescue department but does identify 4 administrative personnel plus consultants to manage their affairs. Nobleford will receive approximately \$111,000 for 2016 operating from the County for a 20 member department (similar to other departments). 70% of the fire and rescue calls Nobleford respond to are in the County. Capital expenditures like fire trucks and buildings are in addition to operating and may vary each year. The financial contribution ratio is based on need and use and has created efficiencies. Sharing purchases of fire trucks has proven cost effective for both parties. Nobleford does not support the long term equipment and vehicle replacement schedules, proposed by the County and suggests less bureaucracy and simply more practical care and maintenance and conservative purchasing. At times it seems discussions with the county intended to improve efficiency and effectiveness result in frustration and costly wastes of time.

The County's contribution to operation costs of Nobleford, Picture Butte, Coalhurst and Coaldale are probably about 1/3 of the County's 2016 reported 1.5 million dollar budget (note the significant increase in budgets of the past 5 years). It's certainly not the 4 municipalities operating costs that are burdening the County that now increase a meager 2% per year. Fact is that these 4 municipalities save the County thousands of dollars and provide service that could not be attainable by the County by itself. Regionalization of these 4 municipalities, fire and rescue service, is unreasonable and will only create more bureaucracy more cost and most likely less service. The County's involvement, or lack of involvement will not change the service delivered to the County by each department, this is proven.

As for a regional disaster management plan, there is no need for another complicated county bureaucratic process; a simple coordination of each other's emergency (disaster) response plan will suffice. Any disaster that happens in Nobleford will include Lethbridge County and possibly other municipalities included in out mutual aid agreements. Alberta Government, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, (AEMA) already has a new computer program in place called Community Emergency Management programs (CEMP) that allows coordination options to take place.

2016 Budget

CARRIED

- Reviewed reserves as Dec 31, 2015 unaudited, \$2,989,666.
- 2016 Contribution to organizations, from environmental reserve (\$153,111 are in reserve), estimated: \$30,000 Legion, \$20,000 Complex Society, \$10,000 Centennial Society, \$20,000 Park & Rec Society.
- Review Telus phone service to all Village of Nobleford lines and try to reduce rates by possibly eliminating the complex phone line as well as install a cell phone booster.
- Consider review of fair billing to Palliser for grass cutting of school grounds. \$3500 is low.
- Reviewed Library subsidy policy and it's ineffectiveness at this time. PB and Lethbridge discrimination.
- Offer summer fun program for free in 2016. Approach FCSS for \$1500 funding like in 2015. STEP.
- Encourage staff education on a local basis if possible. Apply for 2 STEP employment grants for PW.
- Reduce Council AUMA attendance; allocate funds for one conference per year for each Councillor.
- Reviewed list of revenues and expenses for the complex, has a net deficit of (\$32,722)
- Water utility rates the same (\$505 surplus) Waste/Garbage utility rates the same (\$10,409 surplus).

Mayor McDowell declared a recess at 8:30 pm.

Mayor McDowell declared the meeting back in order at 8:42 pm.

#31-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to discontinue the library card subsidy Policy #02-26.

CARRIED

#32-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approved target mil rates and the amended Draft 2 of the 2016 balanced budget with expenditures estimated at \$2,137,978.

	Farmland / Residential	Multi- Family Residential	Non- Residential	Machinery and Equipment
2016 objective Municipal	.389000	1.340000	2.142000	2.142000

The minimum amount payable as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) and shall be applicable to all Residential parcels, and, \$480.00 (Four hundred eighty dollars) per parcel or \$1.20 (One dollar twenty cents) per sq meter, whichever is more, shall be applicable to all for Non-Residential parcels, both developed or undeveloped within the Village of Nobleford, in addition to the Alberta School Foundation Fund and Seniors Foundation (Green Acres) requisitions.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT**Accounts Payable for Approval****#33-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve the proposed payments to the Federation of Canadian Mun. and Green Acres Foundation in the amount of \$16,325.21.

CARRIED

Accounts Payable for Ratification**#34-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve the Accounts Payable ratification in the amount of \$29,867.78.

CARRIED

Nobleford Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation**#35-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the bank reconciliation and December 2015 financial statement stating a balance of \$2,778,726.16

CARRIED

ATB Statements**#36-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the ATB statements.

CARRIED

2014 MSI Cap, SFE Restated**#37-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information the 2014 MSI Cap and restated SFE showing \$331,901 of eligibility remaining on \$666,265 approved funding on Industrial subdivision.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS**City of Lethbridge Dispatch Agreement****#38-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to approve the dispatch agreement from the City of Lethbridge and Mayor and CAO to sign.

CARRIED

Application for Subdivision of Land, 303 King Street**#39-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the application for subdivision of land in Nobleford 2016-0-012, 303 King Street.

CARRIED

Community Complex Rental Agreement updated 2016**#40-2016**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve the updated Community Complex Rental Agreement.

CARRIED

REPORTS**CAO written Report: NONE****Mayor's Written Report: NONE****Councillors' Written Reports****M.W. written report: NONE****P.P. written report: NONE**

Made verbal request to attend 2 days assessment review board education, ORRSC

#41-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve Councillor Pelley attending the assessment review board education and receive mileage and 2 days honorarium.

CARRIED

D.V. written report: Southgrow, Request to attend February 4th - 6:30pm - 9:00pm (Networking Dinner and Keynote) - Coast Lethbridge Hotel Perspectives from one of Canada's Leading CEOs, Nancy Southern - Chair, President & CEO of ATCO Ltd. & Executive VP of Spruce Meadows \$30 (includes dinner by LA Chef's) Please register at: <http://tinyurl.com/nancysouthern> Request Cost \$30 dinner, \$41.60 mileage, no honorarium. **Request cancelled.**
 and U of L, February 5th- 3:00pm - 4:30pm - Students' Union Ballroom Persevering with Strength - Success, Failure and Mental Toughness, Adam Kreek - Olympic Gold Medalist, Adventurer and Social Entrepreneur, request \$41.60 mileage, no honorarium, **Request cancelled.**
D.H. written report: NONE

#42-2016

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Alberta Transportation & Alberta Capital Finance Debenture # 3100305 paid in full #43-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the letter from:

- Alberta Transportation stating the Sanitary Trunk Twinning (\$839,000) and Treated Water Storage Reservoir projects (\$869,000) as eligible for 70% grants under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership

and the letter from:

- Alberta Capital Finance confirming the \$40,000 principal at 4.307% interest, debenture #3100305, repaid in full.

CARRIED

Meeting dates, Regular Council meeting are at 6:30 pm.

21 regular Council meetings in 2016, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

- Feb. 16, 2016 6:30 pm, Regular Council Meeting, with Nobleford Fire Department presentation
- Mar 1 6:30 pm, Regular Council Meeting, with MP Harder
- Mar 15 6:30 pm, Regular Council Meeting
- April 5 6:30 pm, Regular Council Meeting
- Apr 19 YPM audit presentation
- May 3 and May 17
- June 7 and June 21
- July 5
- Aug 16
- Sept 6 and Sept 20
- Oct 4 and Oct 18
- Nov 8 and Nov 22
- Dec 6

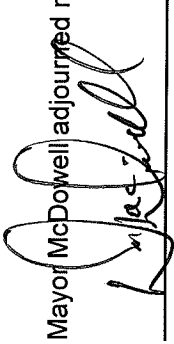
#44-2016

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the meeting dates.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 10:00 pm



Mayor



Administrator