

**Minutes, FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on June 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

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

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer

Gallery Don Tucker Nobleford citizen, Dennis Brady County citizen, Andy Cummings NRCB

Call to Order Mayor McDowell called meeting to order at 6:28 pm

15 minutes open floor for Nobleford Citizens.

Don Tucker lodged complaint against private property, with over grown trees, shrubs over public sidewalks.

Dennis Brady expressed objection to 6500 head expansion Grandview feed lot, poor practices leading to decrease standard of living, due to odor and flies, health concerns, Keho Lake contamination, large, high manures stock piles kilometers long just our side east of Nobleford 1.5 mile away.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**June 23rd, 2015 Agenda #202-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept agenda for the June 23, 2015 regular council meeting. CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**June 2nd, 2015 Minutes #203-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 regular Council Meeting CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

**MLA Little Bow, Dave Schneider. No one in attendance due to sitting Government in Edmonton.**

**NRCB representative Andy Cumming. ORRSC Ryan Dyck #204-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive presentation from NRCB representative Andy Cumming and Ryan Dyck from ORRSC as information.

CARRIED

**AXIA, Fiber optic cable project #205-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive presentation from AXIA, (Mike) fiber optic cable project in Nobleford made by Jason and Sarah as information.

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**In Camera -8:13 pm Grandview feedlot, NRC #519 access, P6 Subdivision MDP #206-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to go in Camera.

CARRIED

**Out of Camera – 9:27 pm, #207-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to go out of Camera.

CARRIED

**NRC Church development #208-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept draft P6 residential subdivision concept design map for discussion purposes. NRC, church building development, Nobleford MDP plan and concept design.

CARRIED

**P5 Residential Subdivision #209-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information P5 Subdivision progress, concrete started June 17-19, asphalt next week, plan completion by McNally by July 3, 2015. Anticipate house building start July 4<sup>th</sup>.

CARRIED

Temporary warning signage approval granted following discussions with AB Trans and ADM, Manon Plante, Manon. Nobleford will enter into agreement with AB Trans in order to reduce bureaucracy related to electronic sign rental and placement this week. Round about Tender close late June, award in July and construction to start in July and complete in fall 2015.

**#210-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve CAO to enter into agreement with AB Trans regarding electronic signage for highway #23 and #519 intersection

CARRIED

**Fire Agreement with Lethbridge County**

Lethbridge County has proposed a revised Fire agreement with changes to capital funding replacement of fire truck on a 50/50 basis in 2027. This schedule can be amended in the future before 2027. The Village has signed two other agreements since fall 2014.

**#211-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve signing the Fire Agreement proposed by Lethbridge County as approved at June 18 County Council meeting.

CARRIED

**Letters to Palliser, NDP, MLA**

Dear Palliser School Board:

The Village of Nobleford has experienced unprecedented growth in the past few years and continues to prosper in many areas. The Nobleford Kindergarten through to Grade 12 School has always been and will continue to be a fundamental priority in our community. The absence of a High School would compromise the quality lifestyle currently enjoyed in Nobleford.

With the recent change in the Alberta Government, we recognize the new opportunities that may be available. We invite Palliser Regional School Board to join with us in discussion with the Government of Alberta, the future of the Nobleford School. We would be recommending that the millions of dollars approved for Nobleford School be spent on a new construction rather than the proposed modernization. Planning should address increasing the capacity for the School. Nobleford's population growth has averaged a 7% increase per year over the past 10 years. Nobleford has doubled in size and population since 2005 with census numbers indicating a significant amount of young adults and children. We can confirm this in relation to the occupancy of the over 200 new homes in Nobleford since 2006.

We would also like to share the future development plan of Nobleford's next 100 acres of annexed land that may include lands designated for institutions such as Schools. We would appreciate hearing Palliser plans on how to deal with the increasing student population in Nobleford and engage in discussion with respect to the size and location of a potential future school site within the newly annexed area.

We look forward to meeting with you at your convenience in June or early July, and request that you contact the Nobleford CAO with some proposed meeting dates.

**#212-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to approve letter to be sent to Palliser CC premier.

CARRIED

**ORRSC Concerns Grandview Feedlot Operations**

**#213-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve ORRSC to prepare Nobleford statement of concerns regarding Grandview Feedlot operations and NRC application to expand.

CARRIED

**NRCB Time Extension**

**#214-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to request from NRCB a time extension in order to have discussion with Lethbridge County and receive County position on expansion in discussion with Nobleford and ORRSC.

CARRIED

**Mayor, CAO and ORRSC to meet with Grandview owners**

**#215-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to approve Mayor, CAO and ORRSC to meet with Grandview Feedlot owners to express concerns of Nobleford.

CARRIED

**Nobleford IMDP to meet with Lethbridge County IMDP**

**#216-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve Nobleford IMDP committee to meet with Lethbridge County IMDP before NRCB deadline of July 2nd or 8th to discuss Grandview Feedlot.

CARRIED

**AXIA Information**

AXIA access agreement . CAO is to bring agreement back to Council at next meeting for ratification #217-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive Axia discussion as information.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**APR, Accounts Payable for Ratification**

#218-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to ratify the Accounts Payable Ratified in the amount of \$428,082.26.

CARRIED

**APRIL Financial Statement**

#219-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept the Nobleford May 2015 Financial Statement in the amount of \$3,268,473.06.

CARRIED

**ATB Bank Statement**

#220-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept ATB Bank Statement for information.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fireworks Bylaw/Safety Code Council**

#221-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve for Council to consider Fireworks bylaw with Safety code council in fall of 2015.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**CAO written Reports:** Development permits, Summer Staff, PW permanent job, Parking tickets, Door to Door sales. Expense claims. Telus LTE

2015  
Village of Nobleford      CAO Hofman report for June 23, 2015      June 18,

- 1- P5 subdivision is on time and on schedule with no major issues, daily attendance to this project is required by, myself and PW staff working with Contractors, Engineers, Shallow services. Concrete work began June 17 should complete by June 13, Asphalt install will begin June 22 week. Builders of homes are ready to excavate for foundation ASAP. AB mandatory NHW continues to be a hindrance.
- 2- Axia fiber optic project in Nobleford is progressing quickly, Anticipate construction start this summer. AXIA will make presentation at June 23 Council meeting.
- 3- I met with County Admin RE; fire Agreement, County approved agreement June 18.
- 4- LRWMSC has given approval for Nobleford to review attendance records at Nobleford site, we will pick up records by end of June and compile report for Council. Complaints about waste transfer site continue. We receive complaints from County residents regularly. Overall, we get *More complaints from non residents, County, than Nobleford residents*.
- 5- Citizen concerns / complaints are mostly neighbor related, not Nobleford service related.
- 6- 2014 FGT grant as been received \$54,345. This was the grant that we deferred to 2015 for P5 asphalt. I will apply for 2015 grant now, in amount of \$54,345 as well, for P5.
- 7- I met with NRC regarding Church project in east subdivision 100 acres, they are interested in up to 10 acres, want village services, would like access from #519, they shared building design for approximately 600 seats.
- 8- I met with ORRSC re: east 100 ac and P6 res subdivision design and NRC church, we attended meeting at AB Trans regarding 519 access to Nobleford to service Nobleford future 100 acre residential to east. AB trans would not consider 519 access now just to service church but would likely approve access off 519 once P6 is subdivided and construction design is in place. I made a request to have a direction sign, NOBLEFORD, place on west bound highway #3 just before Monarch over pass, JT will forward request for approval !..??
- 9- I entered into discussion with individuals concerned with Grandview Feeders, application for increasing feedlot by 6500 head to 26,000. Concerns are the current odor and flies in Nobleford area when east wind blows, manure stock pile west of feeders, future increased negative impact, this development would NOT make our community a better place to live. Concerns may be brought to June 23 meeting at 6:30pm. I discussed issues with NRCB, NRCB will attend June 23 Council meeting, I forward information on June 23 meeting to County and ORRSC, ORRSC will attend June 23 Council meeting, I forward information to advise Council Industrial Subdivision continues to be developed. I meet a few times per week with developer, builder, property owners and help them build their business in an efficient manner. Most meetings are evenings and weekends.
- 11- AB Trans is keeping me informed about 519/23 intersection roundabout. Tenders close soon and award is anticipated in early July with work to begin ASAP and complete this fall. There have been 3 accidents at this intersection in past month (1 fatality).
- 12- I have hired all PW summer staff, Sid Leensbak will continue to be casual as needed, Joseph Martens and Drayden Schile are full time till August. All staff will be coordinated by Logan Howes. Ernie Langridge will continue as PW foreman until his retirement October 13, 2015.
- 13- *The flexibility of the Admin office staff hours of work, and some PW staff, is producing increased productively results. I consider the current Village staff to be an excellent team, effective and efficient and all are committed to doing the best job they can for Nobleford. Employee job satisfaction is probably at a high.*

- 1- PW foreman, Ernie will be retiring October 13, 2015.
- 2- Logan has accepted offer and will become PW Foreman on October 14, 2015, at PW foreman probation pay rate, full rate applies after probation.
- 3- Logans current PW position will be advertised and likely filled by October 2015. ( aprox \$50,000 annual pay/benefits, after probation)
- 4- Public works assistant position, job description is same as CUPE stated public works duties, including:
  - Minimum grade 12 education.
  - valid driver license.
  - Need to be physical healthy due to significant amount of physical Labor content duties of the job.
  - Preference given to level 1 or 2 certified water operator in Alberta. Pay rates as per CUPE.
  - looking for a long term career oriented individual that appreciates Nobleford lifestyle.
- 5- Currently there has been general information posted in Nobleford Newsletter and Water news informing locals of future opportunity.  
A formal posting / advertisement of the Public Works Assistant job will take place in early September 2015
- 14- I have hired Taylor Holtorf as summer fun coordinator, we are currently interviews additional summer fun staff.
- 15- June 16, 7 :40 pm , Considering: Parking tickets issued to ( Klok) T2H 251 Black ford Pickup with Dunlop sticker on back window parked in alley west of centennial north of Hunt street and, BCR 9849. Chev Silverado parked in front on 607 highway avenue ( seen driving while on cell phone at 8:15 highway avenue by school).
- 16- 5/19/23 , 7 accidents since Jan 1, 4 accident in June, 1 fatality, June 18, I spent most of the day talking with AB trans about making intersection safer until roundabout is built, ADM **Plante, Manon**, approved that warning signs be placed in advance of intersection, AB Infra Leth, Darren will be working on this install for June 22 week.  
Good communications and relationships have produced this result.
- 17- I will be away for approximately 2 weeks sometime between July 9 and August 14, pending p5 subdivision status with contractor McNally.
- 18-

Sincerely, *Kirk Hofman*, Chief Administrative Officer

**Mayors written report: Mayors Caucus**

June 23, 2015.  
June 12/15. Joint Mayors & Reeves in Taber. Good to meet some of the South Eastern Reps.  
June 17/15. Mayors caucus in Strathmore. I will give a verbal rundown at the meeting.  
Don McD

**Councillors, written reports:**

**MW.:** Written report  
Councillor Report- Marguerite Wobick  
June 13, & 14 – Green Acres Foundation retreat in Waterton with Stuart Clark of Alberta Culture and Tourism giving presentation of Strategic Planning, Board Development, building leadership in Exploring the Art of Non-Profit Governance.

**P.P. :** No report

**D.V.:** Written report, SG  
Council report for June 23, 2015  
Councillor Don Vincent

**ORRSC AGM**

Attended meeting with my wife approx 50 person in attendance, Revenue was down as due to economy not that many developments were being developed. some compensation on number of lots. two requests to join from Ghost Village and Wiprapaus , this was turned down due to costs and then recovery costs. not viable at this time. Some time was spent explain how the cost was divided among the membership. as to why some paid minimum and other paid max. broken down if they used other developers other than orrsc. cost would be over 1/2 million. Well run organization and worth while to belonging to.

report by Don Vincent

**Southgrow AGM**

Attending meeting, guest speaker from university very interesting, spoke on what will happen when minimum wage goes to 15 dollars. owners have to get something for 15 dollars, also regarding the w.c. regarding u.s. ruling on point of origin for the beef. Will be interesting as to what they will do and how the tariffs will affect trade between Canada and the U.S. and Mexico. Also our ranking in the world regarding productivity of produce compared to the rest of the world. We have a great advantage in that government doesn't add extra tax on what we produce, which keeps cost down. Argentina and Venezuela most heavily taxed. Also Election of officers and budget. Everything looks good.

THERE WILL BE A WASTE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR PUT by South Grow ON JUN 24, PETE AND THE MAYOR SHOULD GO TO THIS. WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EUROPE SPEAKING TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED. CORRESPONDANCE TO FOLLOW  
Don Vincent Councillor

DH.: Written report, FCM  
FCM Convention report.  
June 4 th to 8<sup>th</sup>.

When I asked to attend this convention it was with the intent to question why we would spend the funds to have anyone attend any in the future and whether it was worth the expense and time. I really did not think this was worthwhile. After attending this convention with Pete I have come to the conclusion that we need to send delegates to make our voice and opinions heard. As a small rural municipality we will simply be ignored and our issues ignored if we allow the large city municipalities dominate the issues and control the direction FCM presents to the federal govt. it became very apparent that the small communities and rural municipalities were overshadowed. Everything we heard was to do with transportation, low income housing and climate change. I attended some very interesting study sessions which dealt with fund raising, first responders, engaging different groups within the community ect. It was refreshing to talk to different individuals and it helped to get the juices flowing. Pete and I had the opportunity to discuss many issues and see how we could incorporate some of these ideas into improving Nobleford and move forward into the future. I would suggest we continue to send delegates to AUMA and FCM and perhaps have someone delegated to following and reporting on each group more intensively to keep ourselves informed and on top of what they are doing and saying to our governing parties. It became evident that these groups are much more political than we suspect and if we let the large cities dictate the agenda, we will be left behind.

**#222-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive CAO, Mayor and Councillors reports as information. CARRIED

**INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**FGTF, Barons Family Day, NCCS, CFIB wage, RCMP, Fortis July 22 #223-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive Federal Gas Tax Fund, FGTF \$54,345 received for 2014, Barons Elks Family day July 4, 2015 invite, Nobleford Community Complex Society, County Land Trust, \$9000. Approved for "Paint the complex." CFIB, wage, RCMP, Mayors report, Fortis July 22, Leth Coast. 3-6 pm as information.

CARRIED

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

July 7	2015	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
		CAO away
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
Sept 23-25	2015	AUMA convention Calgary, DM, DV, MM, CAO
Oct 6		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Oct 20		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Nov 3		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Nov 17		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Dec 1		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Dec 15		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting

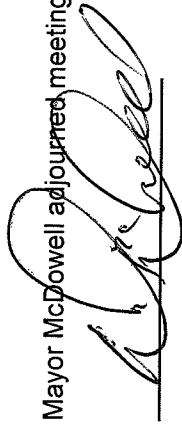
**#224-2015**

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

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 10:45 pm.



Mayor



Administrator