

Minutes: FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on March 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

Staff Karen Feenstra, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Lisa Wiebe, Recording Secretary

Call to Order Deputy Mayor Holinaty called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm

Gallery Don Tucker, Jerry Den Boon

Don Tucker

- On behalf of the Nobleford Seniors, Mr. Tucker asked if council has any money in their budget for sidewalk repair this year. Mr. Tucker presented council with pictures of the sidewalks in front of the senior's building showing how they have settled and are currently posing a hazard for the seniors. They would appreciate if it were possible to replace them.

Jerry Den Boon

- Mr. Den Boon shared that from his window facing the intersection of Alberta Ave and King Street, he often sees people speeding down King Street trying to reach the liquor store before it closes. He expressed concern for the safety of kids as there is a park and playground right along that street and recommends bringing this area of concern to the attention of the RCMP.
- Mr. Den Boon also commented on the quality of the paint used on crosswalks and in front of the post office. With the cost of labour to continually repaint this, more could be spent on the paint if it would last longer. He also noted that people are constantly backing out of the post office onto the opposite lane of traffic, over where the solid line should be.
- Mr. Den Boon mentioned that some years ago, a public works employee was in the back alley of his residence with a front end loader and had hooked the curb stop, which had never been fixed. Then, a few years ago, Niebor's drove a tractor down the alley which made the curb stop much worse. Mr. Den Boon is wondering if this can get addressed to avoid potential water issues with his residence. This particular curb stop goes under his fence to the house for the water line.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

March 7, 2017 Agenda #66-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept the agenda for the March 7, 2017 regular council meeting. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes #67-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular Council Meeting. CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounts Payable for Ratification

Cheque 8050 was for an employee's RRSP contribution. #68-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to ratify accounts payable in the amount of \$38,844.38. CARRIED

Financial Statement

Discussed Village's process when issued cheques are not cashed and when they become stale-dated. #69-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the January 2017 Financial Statement with an ending balance of \$3,739,639.42

ATB Statements

Ooma fee is monthly, and public works team have registered for annual conference coming up in Banff. #70-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the ATB statement ending January 31, 2017 and the MasterCard statement ending February 16, 2017.

CARRIED 

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

Acting CAO KF Written Report: Audit – Field Work Done, CAO Meeting at MD Willow Creek – The topic of discussion was ISP and how it will affect the municipalities and the neighboring communities. VERBAL: ISP is branch off of IMDP; it is not legislature yet but once passed everyone will have 2 years to put it in place. It will include an agreement regarding recreation. The IMDP supersedes the ISP if something does not correlate.

Mayor's Written Report: Councillors, a reminder to please submit your reports in writing. Thanx. Feb 22/17- Community Futures meeting in Lethbridge. Mar 3/17- Will be attending the Mayors and Reeves meeting. Mar 7/17- Will be attending a team building function at the Enmax, courtesy of Axia.

Councillors' Written Reports

M.W. written report: Mar 1 - GAF finance committee meeting. Mar 7 - GAF finance audit meeting (meet with auditors). Mar 9 - GAF board of directors meeting. VERBAL: Green Acres audit was well done, green acres is most up to date and outstanding in not-for-profit sector. Apartments have some vacancy, waiting lists for many assisted living facilities.

P.P. written report: None, VERBAL: Had ORRSC on Thursday night, guest speaker Tom Liddle who spoke about residential development and issues arising with development agreements having a monetary value attached to them, causing problems with lot purchasers getting financing. Received some feedback regarding water meter reader penalties that went out and asked if specific letters were sent to those who were fined, office staff to check but not able to give any concessions without direction from CAO.

D.V. written report: None, VERBAL: Southgrow is still looking for businesses to be recognized as outstanding; nothing from Nobleford or surrounding area has been submitted.

D.H. written report: Will be attending Fcss board and all councils meeting Mar 9th in Taber. VERBAL: Mayor McDowell left some information to be brought forward: Oldman water shed council, re southern alberta water charter, asking for some type of action and signing of charter; Mayors and reeves had MLA reports and AUMA reports, Mayor Chris Spearman reported regarding uber and ridesharing and regional transportation, MLA Dave Schneider talked about EcoFit, the Ontario company hired by the provincial government using carbon tax revenues to give Alberta residents eco-friendly upgrades; Palliser is planning to remove school fees and bus fees; Foothills regional emergency services commission (911) is asking to reinstate the foothills call center; EDA having a silent auction; City of Lethbridge has issued a report regarding delegations to China.

Reports Received

#71-2017

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Avail 2016 Annual Audit Letter

The name of YPM was changed to Avail.

#72-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the letter from Avail regarding their annual audit of the Village.

CARRIED

Complex Society Email

The Nobleford Community Complex Society inquired about repairing and moving some cabinets upstairs, and shared an idea to install an outdoor water fountain at the soccer fields. CAO Hofman had shared thoughts that a water fountain could be complicated as vandalism is repeatedly occurring there, water is not turned on until after last frost, and there could be hygiene concerns. Council discussed the idea, including vandalism and security. Council discussed other ideas for the complex society like a floor cleaner, and mentioned was the possibility of signage at the washroom to make people aware that water is available there.

#73-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to not approve the installation of an outdoor water fountain at the soccer fields due to vandalism and upkeep and thoughts that funds from the society would be better used at the complex itself.

CARRIED

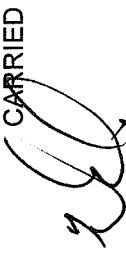
Municipal Affairs 16th Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence

Municipal Affairs has sent a letter regarding nominations for the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence, as they have in the past years. Nothing stands out that Nobleford qualifies for.

#74-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information the letter from Municipal Affairs regarding the annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.

CARRIED



MEETING DATES

**Accept Meeting Dates
#75-2017**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept the meeting dates:

21 regular Council meetings in 2017, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Regular Council meeting are at 6:30 pm

March 21, 2017

April 4, 2017 – AVAIL Audit Presentation

April 18, 2017

May 2 & 16, 2017


June 6 & 20, 2017

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

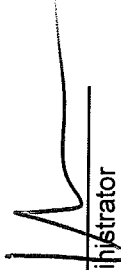
#76-2017

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm.



Mayor

CARRIED



Administrator