

Minutes of Tuesday May 7, 2013 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, held in Council Chambers, at 906 Highway Avenue Nobleford, AT 7:00PM

Council Mayor Marguerite Wobick, Councilor Don McDowell, Councilor Pete Pelley, Councilor Wanda Luchia, Councilor Tony Aleman

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer, Ashley Sherman, Recording Secretary

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Call to Order Mayor Wobick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Open floor to citizens.**

No comments from Nobleford Citizens

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**May 7, 2013**

**# 148 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to approve the agenda for the May 7, 2013 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 16, 2013**

**# 149 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2013 meeting minutes.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

No Delegations

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**New Nobleford Website Preview**

**# 150 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to accept the information and discussion on the new Village of Nobleford website.

CARRIED

**AB Education, Municipal Affairs, ASFF Lobby**

**# 151 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to table the discussion on Alberta Education, Municipal Affairs, and ASFF Lobby to the next regular council meeting.

CARRIED

**Traffic Bylaw, School Bus Light**

**# 152 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor Pelley to request that the CAO begin amendments to the School Bus Traffic Bylaw in order to allow School Bus Drivers to use their lights in the municipality of Nobleford. This is to be done in finalized for the 2013/2014 school year.

CARRIED

**May 1, 2013, Emergency Preparedness Regional Meeting Review**

39 people attended representing 7 municipalities and almost all categories of the emergency management organization had representation.

**# 153 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor *Paul* SAO McDowell, that a letter to all municipalities asking

1- Would you have interest in regional exercises and training such as what took place on May 1?

2- Would you be interested in coordinating your plan with other Municipalities?

3- Which of the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM options (or combinations) do you prefer?

Option 1- Status Quo

Option 2- Emergency Management Partnership Agreement/Mutual Aid Agreement

Option 3- Joint Emergency Management Committee

Option 4- Formal Regional Commission to include Fire and EM services

CARRIED

**Emergency Bylaw Amendment**

**# 154 - 2013**

MOVED BY Councilor Luchia that amended bylaw #601, **TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY** be read for the first time.

CARRIED

*Paul*

**Emergency Preparedness Plan Update**

**# 155 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to accept the Annex "A" and Communications List Draft provided to council.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT****Budgetary Control Report, Reconcile Reserve Transfer**

**# 156 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor McDowell to accept the Budgetary Control report as information and Reconcile the Reserve Transfer.

CARRIED

**APR**

**# 157 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to ratify Accounts Payable Ratified in the amount of \$70,092.64.

CARRIED

**AP**

No Account Payable

**Bank Reconciliation, F.S.**

**# 158 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to accept the statement provided to council as information.

CARRIED

**ATB Bank Statement**

**# 159 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor Aleman to accept the ATB Bank Statement provided to council as information.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS****Southgrow AGM, May 29, 2013, 5:30 p.m. Lethbridge Lodge (MW, MD, KH)**

**# 160 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor McDowell that Mayor Wobick, Don McDowell, and Kirk Hofman attend the Southgrow AGM at the Lethbridge Lodge on May 29, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

**REPORTS****CAO REPORT**

- o Emergency Preparedness meeting , May 1, 2013. 39 people attended, 7 municipalities represented, all of our agency was represented, options for regional sharing and partnerships presented.
- o NEW COMPOST SITE. Is being well used, we placed some more gravel at the entry and will probably have to apply more gravel.
- o There was a good response from residents in accepting the offer for free firewood from Railway avenue tree cuttings. Remaining logs will be moved away, stumps will be treated with root killer, topsoil placed over stumps, grass seed planted.
- o Some alleys will be getting gravel touch up
- o We had good response on tree trimming in Nobleford and Village dump truck service. Some projects were delayed due to weather therefore Free dump truck offer will continue on those unfinished jobs. Spring cleanup is set for May 21-24 and PW crews appreciates the citizens who do tree trim before clean up and use the dump truck for large tree trimming loads.
- o Railway avenue road continues to heave and settle PW crew do touch out every couple weeks. We will get the grader on this in next while and also work with County on a shared maintenance arrangement for North Railway and Highway ave. PW is working on getting our grader operational.
- o New for Fire truck is storage on 13 street. Have code and keys for building. County will bill us just over \$133,000 for our share.
- o Saturday, May 25, 2013 open house at fire hall and lunch at complex to appreciate Shane Sherman
- o Discussion and Meetings continue with Lethbridge College and Ag Growth International on education programs in Nobleford. Palliser Schools is also interested.
- o I have met with FD and received their suggestions on the three-bay firewall construction. I have met with Building inspector. I will be preparing draft plans for engineer to work from to prepare working plans. Tender document should be ready within next 6 weeks.
- o Trennery Service Industrial expansion (new owner) is in the process of Alberta Environment review and approval. I anticipate we approve development soon and construction to start this summer.
- o Communication continues with purchasers of industrial property and development plans for 2013.
- o Vandenbergh reclamation of land west of Nobleford along #519 is near completion. Waste land hills were leveled and now suitable for seeding crop.
- o Tax process is underway, assessment loaded to Munisoft, corrections made, meeting with assessor, should be able have tax notice out by late May.
- o Heritage Society in noncompliance with Societies act, Need to file and have annual organization meeting, they may need some assistance to organize.
- o There will be Changes with Noble Central School administration for 2013
- o I will be away May 14 to 17 at Society of Local Government Managers, SLGM , workshop in Kananaskis.
- o Council Approved to attend at January 15, 2013, CAO education account # 2-12-147
- o Municipal Administrator inquires continue, how does Nobleford maintain services and reduce taxes?

**# 161 - 2013**  
 MOVED BY Councilor Luchia to accept the CAO's report as information.

CARRIED

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**MAYORS REPORT**

- o April 18 – Attended Green Acres Board meeting.
- o April 18 – Meeting to help Heritage Day activities
- o April 23 – Development Appeal Board Meeting
- o April 27 – Supported Nobleford Spring Fling Dance, informed of Volunteer Grant
- o May 1 – Emergency Services table top exercise at complex
- o May 2 – Attended Picture Butte High School Grand Opening
- o May 3 – Mayors & Reeves meeting in Lethbridge
- o **MLA Pat Stier** (Livingstone/Macleod) Opposition critic for Resource Development (forestry, land use, surface rights) – very busy bringing info to trade shows, etc.
- o **MLA Greg Weadick** – came late after a \$350,000 presentation to Leth Rotary for polio support. 911 charges on cell phones will bring \$11 million for operators, etc. (Working on policy those operators will not be liable). Need to have manufacturers revise cell phones.
- o Concerns over cuts to College & U of L. – looking at ways to drop unused programs, etc.
- o Students pay 26% - province pays rest.
- o There may be changes to MSI operating funding as not all can partner, and many municipalities count on this funding.
- o Southgrow – AGM on May 29<sup>th</sup> looking for 10 member board & focus on marketing
- o AUMA – meeting in Brooks & Mayors Caucus in Canmore on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- o OWC – AGM – Lethbridge Enmax - \$10 million for water projects.
- o SAEWA – grant of \$250,000 ready for approval.
- o Canadian Badlands – CAO gone – change – have minutes on every agenda – tourism marketing – advertise any event to [bolhne@raymond.ca](mailto:bolhne@raymond.ca)
- o Community reports
  - o Warner – June 22 Warner Days
  - o Coutts – water by July 1<sup>st</sup>, ASCHA 4 day conference was vg. Coutts days June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - o Coathurst – Centennial Miners Days August 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Taber – recycling, Summer Games, concerns of 911 dispatch
  - o Raymond – IMDP
  - o Crowsnest – Best Western Hotel coming & Restaurant complex

**# 162 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Mayor Wobick to accept the Mayor's report as information.**

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILOR'S REPORTS**  
**Councilor Wanda Luchia**

- o LRWMSC MEETING April 22
  - o We are planning a Site tour and Strategy session in September. Not sure who will be facilitating the strategy session as Albert has left the County employment. Rick Robinson (COL director of corporate services) suggested that a review of the bylaws be done prior to the Strategy session as it has not been done for over 5 years.
  - o Brandi Holmes is our new treasurer and Sandi Trockstad remains our secretary.
  - o Thanks to Tony Aleman we were able to trim \$25,000.00 from the budget by not purchasing a tractor and renting as needed instead. Tony's knowledge of the cost of rentals was impressive and he made a very good first impression.
  - o I questioned the huge increase of 50 thousand dollars in the contracted and general services and was informed that last year there were 20,000.00 in extra charges for moving trailers that were over and above the contracted amount of loads so these so it was worked into the budget as an expected expense. (Some of these were done by the contractor and some by the county employees). 30,000.00 of the 50,000.00 were from a tire recycling grant that we will be using to build an area in two of our transfer stations. It is also in the income side of the budget.
  - o We shipped:
    - 51 tonne cardboard
    - 20 plastic grain bag bales(will be getting .14/lb)
    - 100 tonne metal
    - 4, 082 florescent bulbs
    - 1.37 tonne solid toxic waste
    - 8,615 litres liquid toxic waste
    - 197.83 tonne thru the recycling trailers
    - 18,981 litres of paint for recycling
    - 50 tonne e-waste
    - 60, 1 pound propane tanks
    - 18,964 litres of used oil
    - 671 aerosol paint cans
  - o The savings we have had over the previous year on collecting cardboard are 1,921.00 @ 56.50/tonne that the landfill charges we saved (on metal, recycling trailers and cardboard)19,708.90
  - o The used oil...the company collecting just hasn't paid us.
  - o The other things we have kept out of the landfill only increase what we have saved.
  - o Ag plastics have got markets and some counties are offering incentives to 4-H clubs to collect ag. plastics for recycling for cash and the farmers are more eager to jump on board that way
  - o Les is meeting with BFI officials on Monday about getting paid for the cardboard.
  - o Les went to the Recycling Council of Alberta's Seminar in Drumheller, would like to see a board member attend as well.
  - o Tom White moved to investigate the costs of scales for transfer stations. That way we can get a better idea of what is actually coming into the transfer stations.
- o Contacted about the bill. County as a member of the alliance, votes on behalf of the commission (Tom White)
- o April 27 Spring Fling Dance
  - o Don and I recognized Marguerite Wobick and Gordon Luchia for their Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals
  - o Concerns about the setbacks on the Vandenberg site.
  - o Went to Heritage Society Meeting. In charge of parade. Writing to other villages and invite to parade. Village of Nobleford
  - o Soccer Fields need a lot of maintenance done. Holes filled, grass evened out.

*Wanda*

**Councilor Pete Pelley**

- asked for clarification about Council's approval on April 2 of Item 7.2 Accounts Payable Ratified and expense sheet that was further ratified on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Information was provided about policies #01-05 and #02-01 amended and approved on January 15, 2013, ratified February 5, 2013, as well as Administration Education approved on January 15, and 2013 approved Education budget of \$5000.

Painted lines on roads

**# 163 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Councilor Pelley** that angle parking lines in front of the Post Office and a solid line in the middle of the road in front of the Post Office in order to help with the parking issues in this area.

CARRIED

- Request was made to have Wood pile staked along fence line in Kenex removed.

**Councilor Don McDowell**

- o April 18 I met with a group to try and save Heritage Day;
- o April 24, a Community Futures meeting in Lethbridge
- o April 27, danced to the Chevelles. We need a stage/staging for the complex. Need sound baffles. Complex society project ?
- o May 1, Emergency Services meeting at the complex
- o May 2, Heritage Day meeting at complex.

Asked about opening washrooms at Soccer fields, and said he had complaints about new soccer field grass. CAO stated water is not usually turned on until May long weekend due to freezing potential, irrigation of parks starts in June, soccer field grass is in its second growing year and PW is spraying for weeds, fertilize and will review to suggestion of topping to level uneven spots.

**Councilor Tony Aleman**

No Written Report Submitted

**# 164 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Councilor McDowell** to accept the Councilor reports as information.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDANCE**

Emails circulated  
AB Trans, \$50,000 FGT approved for 2013.  
SAWEA membership 2012 and 2013  
RCMP report

**# 165 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Councilor Pelley** to accept the information and correspondence as information.

CARRIED

**MEETING DATES**

- ❖ May 14- 17
  - ❖ May 21
  - ❖ May 25
  - ❖ June 4
  - ❖ June 18
  - ❖ July 2
  - ❖ August 6
  - ❖ September 3
  - ❖ Sept 17
  - ❖ October 1
  - ❖ October 21
  - ❖ October 29
  - ❖ October 31
  - ❖ November 5
  - ❖ November 19
  - ❖ Nov 20-22
  - ❖ December 3
  - ❖ December 17
- Admin Education SLGM/LGL, CAO approved to attend at Jan 15, 2013 meeting  
Regular Council meeting  
Nobleford Volunteer Fire Department open house/new truck, invited guest lunch at complex.  
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Election  
Tentative Organization and Regular Council meeting  
Tentative, Regional Council orientation with George Cuff  
Regular Council meeting  
Regular Council meeting  
AUMA Calgary, 6 rooms booked  
Regular Council meeting  
Regular Council meeting

**# 166 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Councilor Aleman** to accept the meeting dates as presented. CARRIED

In Camera, Municipal Presentation and CAO

**# 167 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Councilor McDowell** to go into camera at 9:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Out Camera

**#168 - 2013**

**MOVED BY Councilor Aleman** to go out camera at 11:11 pm

CARRIED

CAO Left the meeting at 10:50 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

11:11 p.m.

Mayor Wobick declares meeting adjourned.

*Margaret Wobick*  
MAYOR

*[Signature]*  
ADMINISTRATOR