

**Minutes, FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD
TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on November 4th,
2014 at 7:00 pm**

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

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer, Sammy Jordan, Recording Secretary

Gallery No one

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

Open floor to citizens None

DELEGATIONS None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
November 4th, 2014 Agenda**

#354-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the agenda for the November 4th, 2014 regular council meeting. CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 21st, 2014 Minutes**

#355-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve minutes of the October 21st, 2014 regular Council Meeting. CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 6:34pm

Highway intersection #519/23, AB Gov.

Mayor has been in telephone discussion with the Minister of Transportation about Highway intersection #519/23. Ab Government is committed to construction of a round about at Highway intersection #519 and 23, design consultant has been hired tender anticipated in spring 2015. Meeting with a consultant to discuss costs of the project. CAO suggest we should wait until a tender has been awarded before any media announcements are made.

#356-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive the highway intersection #519/23 report from the Alberta government as information. CARRIED

P5 subdivision, contract agreement is signed. Total project cost estimate, lot pricing.

All parties have signed documents. Excavation will likely not begin this year. Earliest excavation start would be February pending weather. CAO presented subdivision cost estimate. CAO presented MSI \$280,000 and FGT \$280,000 grant options considering building Canada grant has been delayed by Federal Government. Council discussed long term capital projects and applicable grant strategies.

In meeting package: 1 page summary of the costs for the subdivision. Income= lot prices.

Must get approved for funding prior to starting projects.

Rules on grants: Village can apply for these because they are purchasing certain infrastructure materials for the Village as a whole. Therefore these grants will go into replenishing reserves. Grants are now able to be matched against one another.

The numbers supplied by CAO are rough numbers at the moment.

Council must decide what to do with grants on this project. Grants could be used in other areas for the Village.

CAO: Looking towards the next three years, there should be at least a few hundred thousand dollars open in grant application to be applied towards other projects. More numbers will be provided at the next meeting.

#357-2014 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive the P5 subdivision project cost estimates as information, and MSI \$280,000 and FGT \$280,000 grant application and for CAO to proceed with residential lot prices to be calculated and presented at the December 9th regular council meeting. CARRIED



MSI, FGT, Grants

3452

CAO presented MSI status and will be allocating 2014 MSI capital funds to fire truck and industrial subdivision development projects.

#358-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive the report on MSI grants and 2014 SFE allocation to Fire Truck and Industrial subdivision projects for information.
CARRIED

2015 budget, draft #1

Last year, actual, proposed.

Previous Council's proposal was to reduce taxes by 1% each year until the year 2018. This proposed budget will see the same, if not a slightly reduced tax for citizens.

Page 2: Grants that are assumed to be gotten in the New Year.

Land sales revenue is approximately \$500,000. All of the sales revenue will go into reserves.

Page 3: Operating revenues of approx. \$2,000,000.

Project Revenues: Playground with the school. CAO has been in discussion with school council working on the project. There was an extension on the grant given for this project. CAO would like all parties to get their papers and finances in order so that he can close this matter by December 31, 2014.

P5 Subdivision \$1,200,000. This number may be able to be adjusted by the New Year.

Salaries: Dependent on how CUPE discussions go.

CAO asking for increase from \$800 to \$1,000 for CAO Administrative allowance fees.

Additional, computer purchase – approx. \$3,500. May take place in 2014 or 2015.

Page 5: Education tax requisition will be announced after Provincial budget in spring 2015.

Page 6: All 23 accounts; fire and rescue – CAO has kept all of this the same as for now pending discussions with County

CAO: Asphalt repair. A fair amount has already been allocated this year. CAO has left \$10,000 toward this in the budget.

\$10,000 allocated towards sand/ gravel snow removal, sand etc. Council believes that this could change at anytime however, and as such the budget should remain at \$10,000.

Page 7: Transfer roads and street reserves. This will change form \$10,000 allocation to \$20,000. This would be part of the restrictive saving. CAO believes that more funding should start to be allocated

towards restrictive saving accounts rather than general Capital reserve account, which are designated to specific areas.

This is also for things such as sewage lines and roads in older areas of Lethbridge. These areas are being monitored.

Page 8: Transfer to utility reserve. CAO has suggested a bump from \$10,000 - \$20,000.

Page 9: Operating expenditure of roughly \$2,000,000.

Page 10: \$30,000 surplus.

#359-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to adopt the Draft #1 Working Budget for 2015.
CARRIED

Library card policy. 2010 to 2014, 70 subsidized (many repeat), 10 will help out.

About 15 subsidies are awarded each year. Subsidy application form asks if recipient would assist in developing Library services. Not many people are willing to get involved in developing improved library services in Nobleford.

CAO believes that the library policy is not overly effective with Council original or current intent.

The subsidy went up in 2010 since this policy was first implemented in 2007 due to City of Lethbridge and Picture Butte Libraries exploiting Nobleford by increasing library card cost from \$25 to \$65 thus increasing Nobleford cost of subsidy from \$15 to \$50 per subsidy.

Council discussed the policy and felt that this policy may not comply with the original intent of developing improved library opportunities and could be considered as a 'special interest' policy, that all tax payer pay into and only a few that benefit. Some property tax payers do not even pay \$50 property tax to the Village and yet they can get a \$50 library card subsidy, this is not a responsible way to manage tax payer money. Chinook arch was discussed and the cost of \$10,000 to implement is not reasonable and library cards would have to be purchased as well. Council discussed issues with Libraries such as Picture Butte, Pincher creek. There was a suggestion to cap the subsidy to \$15 as originally set or up to \$20. Council asked if there were complaints. CAO stated that there are complaints from people stating that they think the subsidy is not fair to Nobleford residence and the policy should be changed or ended. There used to be complaints from people wanting to be part of chinook arch but once they are told the costs and additional fees as well as alternate options for services they understand Councils position, these complainners are asked to help meet to improve library services.

Choices: -Cancel the policy

-Change the policy

-Reduce the subsidy

-Leave policy as is

-Other

#360-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to keep the library policy as it is and monitor and review next year.

CARRIED



Traffic Bylaw amendment

Change: The lengths of vehicles that are allowed to be parked on the street changed to 8 meters.

#361-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to have a 1st reading to the amended bylaw 585, Clause: Parking K and M.

CARRIED

Fire and Rescue services agreement with Lethbridge County

Letter of communication between CAO and Lethbridge County suggests a 2pm meeting on Thursday November 13th in the Nobleford Municipal Office to further discuss the Fire and Rescue agreement with Lethbridge County. Councillor Vincent and Councillor Holinaty shall be in attendance, Mayor McDowell may attend as well.

#362-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to have Councillor Vincent, Councillor Holinaty, and CAO in attendance at the November 13th, 2014 meeting with Lethbridge County committee regarding the Fire and Rescue Agreement.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT 8:16pm**APR****#363-2014**

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve the Accounts Payable Ratified in the amount of \$31,491.89.

CARRIED

Nobleford Bank reconciliation, financial statement**#364-2014**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept the financial statement for the amount of \$3,294,849.72 as information.

CARRIED

ATB, statements, MasterCard for info.**#365-2014**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept the ATB and MasterCard statements in the amount of \$2,490.99 as information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS 8:22pm**FCM conference Edmonton, June 5-8, 2015 <http://www.fcm.ca/home/events/annual-conference-and-trade-show.htm>**

Federation of Canadian Municipalities. CAO: This is a very informational conference. Having it in Edmonton in 2015. Costs slightly more than an AUMA conference. Councillor Holinaty and Pelley or Vincent may be interested in attending. Registration forms are not out yet, however accommodations are already booking up.

#366-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to budget for 2 councillors to attend Edmonton for the 2015 FCM conference in Edmonton, and three Councillors attend 2015 AUMA conference in Calgary and to book accommodation now.

CARRIED

REPORTS 8:27pm**CAO, written, Axia fiber optic internet,**

Axia: Axia believes that Nobleford demographics suit their target group and may consider covering the 2 million dollar cost to service all of Nobleford with fiber optic. A presentation from Troy Jenkins from Axia is on the agenda for December 15 at 7:30 pm.

#367-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive CAO's report as information.

CARRIED

Mayors written report, Palliser Schools

Councillors, written reports,

MW. Written report,

Council Report – Oct. 21, 2014 M.Wobick

Oct. 15 – Southgrow meeting – info from Axia bringing Supernet & Broadband to Alberta. Presently working in Vulcan. Good information.

Oct. 16 – GAF Executive Meeting – plan agenda

Oct. 21 – Palliser Regional Schools meeting – Mayor McDowell made excellent presentation to Board on growth of Nobleford and reasons to build a new school. The Board via Trustee Don Zech reviewed the process for school evaluation and the history of the school; how infrastructure controls the process; and how fortunate we are to have the funding for this modernization.

P.P. Written report,

-After speaking to ATCO: Days of Caring. 2018 is a possibility.

D.V. Written report,

DH. Written report,

-No committee activity schedules since October 21st.

#368-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept Mayor and Councillors report as information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE: 8:37pm

Lethbridge County, Recreation Facilities grant Program application due December 19, 2014
Village has been receivein \$13,000/year for the last 3 years. Applications are due by December 19th.

#369-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick FOR CAO to make application for the Lethbridge County recreation facilities grant program.

CARRIED

Meeting Dates

Nov 5

2014 CUPE meeting 7:30 pm, DH,DM,PP,KH

Nov 17,

2014 6:30 Monday Regular Council meeting, 2015 BUDGET

Dec 9,

2014 6:00 PM Christmas Luigi's South side, private room

Dec 15,

2014 6:30 Monday Regular Council meeting, 2015 BUDGET, Axia

#370-2014

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

CARRIED

In Camera:

CUPE meeting November 5, 7:30 m, Nov 6 optional meeting date.

Motion to go in camera 8:40pm
to discuss CUPE agreement.

#371-2014

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to go in camera.

CARRIED

Motion to go out of camera 9:35 pm

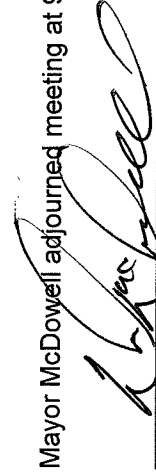
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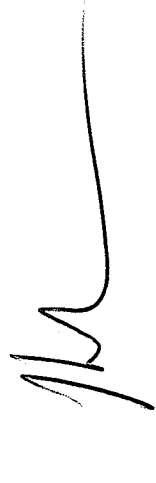
MOVED BY Councillor Pelly to go out of camera.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 9:36 pm.


Mayor


Administrator