

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

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

Staff Kirk Hofman, Chief Administrative Officer

Gallery None

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

Open floor to citizens, No one in attendance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**October 6, 2015 Agenda
#291-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept agenda for the October 6, 2015 regular council meeting.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**September 15, 2015 Minutes
#292-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve minutes of the September 15, 2015 regular Council
Meeting. CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**P5 Subdivision, Fortis
#293-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to receive as information the update for the P5 Subdivision on time
and on budget and FORTIS, \$159,542.24 final bill as per original quote. CARRIED

Development Permit Report

#294-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the 2015 development permit report.
CARRIED

AXIA

#295-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information regarding AXIA progress as on time and
no cost to Village of Nobleford. CARRIED

AUMA

#296-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to receive as information the AUMA, Minister of Infrastructure
meeting, MPE, CAO meeting with AB Gov and MPE Sept 29, 2015 with grant application to be
updated and submitted by November 2015. CARRIED

Ernie Langridge Retirement

#297-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive as information regarding Ernie Langridge retirement,
approved Level 2 water certificate till 2018 and Council thanks staff for a job well done on the
retirement party given to Ernie. CARRIED

Insurance Gibbs

#298-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to receive as information from Maggie Shigehiro at Gibbs
Insurance. They have made commercial application for Liability, building and vehicle with quote
anticipated before October 31. CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

APR, Accounts Payable for Ratification

#299-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to approve the Accounts Payable ratification in the amount of
\$51,250.20. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**Nobleford Profile Southgrov
#300-2015**

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the updated Nobleford Profile on Southgrov website.

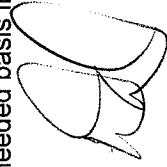
CARRIED

REPORTS

CAO written Reports:

CAO report Oct 6, 2015

- 1- P5 residential subdivision is on time and on budget. Telus, and Fortis are complete, LED street light on. AXIA has installed main line fiber optic conduit pipe throughout and will be preparing lateral service line kits for village to provide to builders. ATCO is currently installing natural gas lines and anticipates being complete by mid October. Nobleford PW is cleaning up adjacent east land and placing additional topsoil on site to be bladed in by McNally in Late October. Fence posts and page wire will be in by Nov on east side P5.
- 2- AXIA will complete underground fiber optic conduit installation by end of Oct, then work on overhead and finally lateral service to individual properties before commissioning in Spring 2016. Project is going smoothly, crew of 20 at times and lots of equipment in Nobleford. I attended AXIA open house in Calgary last week and made brief presentation to 20 municipalities on our experience with AXIA. Well received by all. AXIA is investing over 1 million dollars in Nobleford to install fiber optic cable and other capital to allow for service. AXIA will operate the service and allow other communication services to operate within the fiber (TV, phone). There is NO cost to Nobleford. There is NO cost to any tax payer. They are not funded by any Government or grant as they are a publicly traded company on Toronto Stock exchange and use investor money. AXIA has no debt and has large cash holdings. AUMA and Alberta and Federal Government should consider this model as it would address their concerns without burdening the tax payer at any level.
- 3- Nobleford Water/ Sewer infrastructure. Met with infrastructure in Calgary and presented railway avenue sanitary main sewer line and WTP treated water reservoir Dome projects as priority. Minister directed his staff to meet with Nobleford to prepare revised grant applications. I met with our engineer from MPE and AB Transportation and Infrastructure staff in Lethbridge Sept 29 and review the projects. It appears there is potential for funding a new 12 inch, 1 km long sanitary main to relieve the future bottle neck at 12 street and railway avenue. I suggest we look at rerouting that new line to Highway Avenue and plan for options in expansion of Nobleford to take place east and north. This would further address growth concerns. Reservoir dome. Estimated cost of a 700 m3 reservoir is \$400,000 plus connection and engineering making this a \$750,000 to 1 million dollar project. There are concerns with this project based on: Our usage data does not support an expansion of the reservoir capacity, Nobleford requires treated water storage for Nobleford, even though we convey water outside Nobleford via 2 pipeline, the users of that water should provide their own storage and not expect Nobleford to provide storage at WTP. We will update data and make grant applications.
- 4- 519/23 roundabout. Further request has been made for landscaping enhancements in the roundabout. I was requested to attend a site meeting regarding acquiring landscaping and suggested again that a Noble blade for the center of the roundabout would be suitable. I indicated Council felt that an unobstructed roundabout would be their choice, but if there is going to be something displayed in the middle it may as well be a blade. I have made arrangements with Ron and Marguerite Wobick to donate a Noble K blade, it is currently being restored by JOBE, Agri Tech and Nobleford staff, and will be installed in the center of the roundabout by October 15th. I would request that costs of restoration be paid by the Village.
- 5- PWF Ernie Langridge will be retiring from Nobleford October 13, 2015. Ernie has secured a level 2 water operator certificate valid until 2018. I will be entering in to discussions with Ernie regarding his availability to work for Nobleford on an as needed basis in the future.



Mayor's written report:

Sept 16/15. Community Futures
Sept 28/15. Waste Management.
Sept 2/15. Mayors and Reeves.

Sept 22/25. AUMA.
Sept 30/15. Ernie's retirement.

-AUMA was good in the networking aspect. The after hours functions were worth attending. We got to see and hear from our new government. Darren Bilous and the education minister seem like knowledgeable people.
Brian Mason might be lucky that he has Miriam as an assistant. We did have a good meeting however.
-Waste Management was spent on the new contract with DBS. Suggestions were made and the contract is now being vetted by the lawyers.
Contract will be finalized at the next meeting.
-Mayors/Reeves featured Maria Fitzpatrick and Shannon Phillips. Maria gave us a speech rather than the usual update.
Shannon defended the short time frame given re: the new Provincial Park (West Castle area).
-All communities/counties asked to send their strategic plan to the M&R. We are trying to find common ground for future discussions.

Regards, Don

Goals and objectives are in part the strategic plan that should include:

EDUCATION: Alberta Government, Palliser School Board, other School Boards, and Nobleford shall be diligent in focusing on maintaining and improving the schools in Nobleford in an efficient and effective manner, as a significant part of the prosperity and high quality of life in Nobleford.

Councillors, written reports:

MW.: Written report:


AUMA Conference – 2015 – Sept. 23 – 25.
Tues. Sept. 22nd – Dinner at Moxies in Calgary with Picture Butte CAO, mayor and council. Excellent information sharing and getting to know each other.
Wed. Sept. 23rd – Education session - **Inspire Those Around You** – How to be an effective mentor for your peers, colleagues and staff. A waste of time, too basic discussing what is a mentor and a mentee. Be responsible, respectful and ready, and have an interest in your community. Use your experience to help, support, advise, guide youth.
Wed. Sept. 23rd – Education session - **Provincial-Municipal Revenue Models**; What is right for Alberta. Exploring different approaches to revenue sharing from other provinces. Presenters gave information on Saskatchewan and Manitoba revenue models.
Wed. Sept. 23 – 12:30 Keynote Speaker **Alvin Law** – born without arms due to the drug Thalidomide, he is the most highly sought-after inspirational speaker around the world. Really, really inspirational!
Resolutions – Lethbridge resolution of National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman was passed. Lethbridge resolution of lowering the voting age to 16 was defeated.
Wed. Sept. 23rd – 3:00 pm – Trade Show dessert reception – 4:30 –Municipal Affairs Reception
Thurs. Sept. 24th – Dialogue with Ministers – First Session - **Deron Bilous** – Minister of Municipal Affairs & **Lori Sigurdson** – Innovation & Advanced Education – first session
Second session – **Brian Mason** – Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, **Kathleen Ganley** – Justice & Solicitor General & Aboriginal Relations. And **Sarah Hoffman** – Minister of Health and Seniors. Promises of 2000 more long term beds for seniors – coordinate with mental health – legal aid for AISH people – MSI to continue – STEP program back. Request for twinning Highway 3 was reviewed. Premier Rachael Notley address – then Trade Show lunch.
Thurs. Sept. 24th – Education session - **Representing Your Citizens** – Inter-Municipal Development Plans – This was mostly on the problems with annexation of land from the surrounding municipality.
Thurs. Sept. 24th – Education session of **Talk Less, Say More** was replaced by our meeting with Brian Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. This was a very successful meeting presenting the Village of Nobleford by video and speech by Mayor and CAO.

P.P. : NO Written report:

D.V.: Written report:

DV report for Oct 6, 2015
Municipal Governance

Speakers in from Saskatchewan and Manitoba regarding how they receive their money from their provincial governments. Manitoba gives frontage tax back to communities every 2 years, gas tax increase per capita to communities. 1% of PST goes back to communities for improvements, Sask. suggested 1% raise on the PST which the government did but then they kept the 1%.
Sask. received 17 million to the municipalities. Manitoba government amalgamated 60 municipalities they now have delegated guaranteed funding through legislation, 1/7 of PST to municipalities. Municipal funding works out to 295 per capita. They are also asking for rebate from the PST which would amount to 324 million, this includes library fund bridge program and water services. The municipalities have board members on the government boards, guaranteed input.



Met the ministers, they promised the world but also stated they have no money for some programs, expect the government to go into debt.
 Annexation: How to get to a successful decision Municipal Government Act Sec 112 -128 very pertinent to reaching a successful conclusion.
 Annexation Sec 116 Time to meet the neighbors; Sec 117 what to talk about, information, municipal rep meeting, logistics, list of mediators, CAO should be involved
 Fail to prepare, prepare to fail; preparation, municipal interest mediator training, time frame, spokesperson topic agenda
 Rules of engagement; what are they, mediator, record keeping, confidentiality. We have a decision- Sec 118, Sec 120 and Sec 121.
 Biggest problem is that the government is in the process of revamping MGA so no idea how the new annexation part of the Act will look or how to apply it.
 Meet with Brian Mason, felt we accomplished a lot regarding grants for water plant storage and sewage. Listened to the opposition on Friday morning, they all preached doom and gloom.
 My report Don Vincent

DH.: NO Written report -

#301-2015 reports, blade roundabout, education

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to receive CAO, Mayor and Councillors reports as information and costs of restoration of K blade for roundabout be paid by the Village. And **EDUCATION**: Goals and objectives are in part the strategic plan that should include:

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 to be included in goals and objectives (strategic plan)

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Minister of Municipal Affairs visit to Nobleford

#302-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept as information Minister of Municipal Affairs to visit Nobleford in future, Patricia 780-427-3744.

CARRIED

Minister of Education

#303-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept as information letter from Minister of Education. **EDUCATION**: Alberta Government, Palliser School Board, other School Boards, and Nobleford shall be diligent in focusing on maintaining and improving the schools in Nobleford in an efficient and effective manner, as a significant part of the prosperity and high quality of life in Nobleford.

CARRIED

Lethbridge County Development

#304-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept as information Lethbridge County, with no objection to Development as long as there is no medical Marijuana process taking place.

CARRIED

County of Lethbridge, Fire Hall rent, Emergency Services

#305-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to table discussion to future meeting regarding Lethbridge County, Fire Hall rent, Emergency services, Inspections, Cams 2, and invite Nobleford Fire Chief to discussion.

CARRIED

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

Oct 20	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting, Organization
Nov 3	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Nov 17	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting
Nov 18 - Dec 2	CAO away 2 weeks (as per 2015 vacation / TIL)
Dec 8	6:00 pm Staff / Council Dinner and Social at Fire Stone Lethbridge (private room)
Dec 15	6:30 pm Regular Council meeting

#306-2015

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 8:16 pm



Mayor



Administrator