

Minutes, FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NOBLEFORD HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 906 HIGHWAY AVENUE, NOBLEFORD on September 15, 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 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

September 15, 2015 Agenda #276-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to accept agenda for the September 15, 2015 regular council meeting.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 1st, 2015 Minutes #277-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve minutes of the September 1st, 2015 regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P5 Subdivision, FORTIS, TELUS, AXIA, ATCO #278-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to receive as information the update for the P5 Subdivision. FORTIS, TELUS, and AXIA contractors are done. ATCO starts on mid Sept, 2015.

CARRIED

Water, Sewer, Infrastructure Maintenance, Capital Infrastructure Plan, Sustainability, AUMA

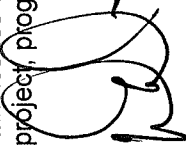
CAO made presentation and Council reviewed;

- infrastructure needs for current sustainability, up to 2000 population (1250 pop in 2015) should be comfortable capacity, as monitoring of sewage sanitary outflow into Anaerobic cell pond has not exceeded ½ th capacity of the 10" pipe. Over 2500/3000 population we would possibly need sewage upgrade to main line bottleneck at railway ave, 12 street / centennial and future P6 residential. Possible increase in potable water storage dome reservoir. Current dome has capacity of 900 m3, plus 250 m3 under WTP. So far in 2015 maximum daily production was 1800 m3, we have capacity to produce 4000 m3 per day. We can pump dome empty in 8 hours under maximum flow. On a typical August day we can pump dome empty in about 48 hour. Barons and NC water pipelines ad pressure on our system and they should have storage capacity on their own " if we turn water off to pipelines they need to have storage capacity like we do, or more". We have 3 reservoirs, 60,000 m3 in old reservoir and 220,000 m3 in 2 newer reservoirs. These issues will be reviewed with Min or Infrastructure at 2015 AUMA convention.

-Paving program should be continued focusing on 2017 / 2018 completion. Paint the Complex project should be complete by 2017. Legion Legacy should be complete by 2017. North Centennial Park should be complete for 2018 Centennial.

-Village has applied for approx 5 million dollars in capital projects for 75% grants since 2005, no approvals received to date.

- Education delivered from all schools is of Concern. Council desires to discuss important issues with Palliser Regional Schools and AB Government on future effective education. Capital project, program delivery and home schooling efficiency is of concern.



-Sustainability of current tax regimes, reserves, infrastructure, and services can be maintained up to a population of 2000. The 2013 Council notice to reduce property tax from 2012 mill rate of 1.4 rate by 1% per year, for 5 years, 5% total, until 2018 tax free year has been reached and significantly surpassed. A \$200,000 property assessment in 2012 paid \$280 municipal tax, a 5% reduction would be \$14 = \$266 tax paid. In 2015 the mill rate was .39 and total tax paid was \$78, this = a 95% reduction from 2012 rate. The areas that need to be addressed are: -property tax cost recovery of at least \$50 per tax notice, currently \$35 to \$200, during 2015 budget Council discussed an increase from the 2015 \$35 minimum res tax to \$120.- Community complex cost recovery with current net loss of over \$30,000 per year and no support from Lethbridge County. Insurance rate increases, council would like to see insurance options and funding from County. Lethbridge city is valued for recreation and cultural activities that Nobleford could never provide such as to quality pools and rinks only 15 minutes away in west Lethbridge -All no cost recovery activities need to be evaluated such as: Non mandatory requisitions, as review Sept 1 meeting, summer fun program support from FCSS, library card subsidy due to libraries singling out Nobleford has resulted in increase to \$50 subsidy, not for profit initiatives funding support. Improvement of internet service with fiber optic communication service realized in 2016 will be a significant benefit to Nobleford at no cost to tax payer. -Population growth over 2000 may cause increase to tax due to increase in per capital service requirements in water/ sewer/ garbage, maintenance, addition on infrastructure for growth capacity. Growth capacity should be recovered through new growth fees. -Council discussed WHAT to do but more importantly WHY to do something in the best interest of all of Nobleford and our current quality lifestyle that is appreciated and a model to other municipalities. Village and towns can be individual. Since 2005 many people have chosen to move to Nobleford for a reason, let's maintain that reasoning. Nobleford does not have to be like any another community or strive for growth and development just for the sake of growth and development that make us unsustainable.

#279-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to approve, water, sewer, infrastructure maintenance and construction, capacity thresholds and updates to be considered in Capital Infrastructure Plan. Sustainability, growth, and quality of life planning and action for Village of Nobleford in preparation for 2016 budget and AUMA, meetings with Government, Infrastructure Min. Brian Mason, Sept 24, 3:45, Chinook 3.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

APR, Accounts Payable for Ratification

#280-2015 MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to approve the Accounts Payable ratification in the amount of \$68,090.64.

CARRIED

AB Transportation and MSI

#281-2015 MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to accept as information from Alberta Transportation and MSI.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2016 ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement. Council discussed option to collect up to 35% fee on top of ATCO utility bill resulting in increase utility fees for all residents of Nobleford. Council supported no franchise fees due to past benefits to Nobleford and its residents including home and business utility cost reductions along with other financial support received from utility companies.

#282-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to approve the 2016 ATCO gas franchise agreement currently at 0% and to leave at 0%.

CARRIED

REPORTS

CAO written Reports: LRWMSC

Mayor's written report: Mayors and Reeves meeting, Iron Springs Parade

Councillors, written reports:

MW.: NO Written report: P.B. Pig Roast – MLA Auction Launch. GA meeting Thursday

P.P. : NO Written report: Tina Fieldman, LGM Research Fair, Trade fair Oct 28, 2015 Taber,

Questioned Admin re; CAO Allowance budget of \$1000 annually, stated it should be \$600.

Budget was approved with the increase from \$800 in 2014 to \$1000 for 2015. To date \$421 spent, Acct 2-12-146

D.V.: NO Written report: - Attended Fallen Hero – Lions Nov 2 Tractor Museum

DH. NO Written report -

#283-2015

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Affairs, GTF

#284-2015 MOVED BY Councillor Wobick to accept as information Municipal Affairs, GFT \$54,423 deposit for 2015.

CARRIED

AB Environment, Waterworks inspection Sept 3, 2015

#285-2015 MOVED BY Councillor Holinaty to accept as information AB Environment, Waterworks inspection Sept 3, 2015 approval 1021-02-01 and commended staff for a 90% rating.

CARRIED

AB Education Requisition Change 2015

#286-2015 MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to receive as information AB Education Requisition Change for 2015 resulting in an addition of \$5,406 to be collected in 2016 tax collection for error of Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Palliser Schools August 31 letter agreeing to meet with Nobleford .

#287-2015 MOVED BY Councillor Vincent that CAO is to arrange meeting date with Palliser board

CARRIED

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

Sept 23-25	2015	Ernie Langridge Retirement Open House September 30 from 3 to 5 pm Nobleford Community Complex
Oct 6		AUMA convention Calgary, DM, DV, MW, CAO
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
Dec 8		CAO away 2 weeks Nov 18 – Dec 2
Dec 15		6:00 pm Christmas Party, Fire Stone Lethbridge(private room)
		6:30 pm Regular Council meeting

Councillor Pelly questioned CAO away for 2 weeks in November.

Time of is in accordance with Village policy, bylaw and terms of employment. CAO annual vacation is 6 weeks and TIL for Council meetings. CAO prepares work log record and vacation report for annual Audit.

#288-2015

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

CARRIED

In Camera – 9:23 Staff, Palliser Schools

#289-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Vincent to go in Camera.

CARRIED

Out of Camera – 9:34

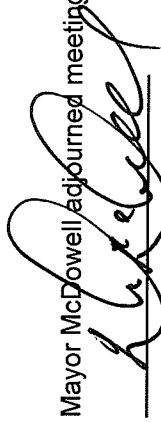
#290-2015

MOVED BY Councillor Pelley to go out of Camera.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McDowell adjourned meeting at 9:40 pm



Mayor



Administrator