

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

MayorJim Benedict
Deputy MayorAngela Duncan
CouncillorBud Love
CouncillorJudy Valiquette
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#013-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

Closed meeting session was held at the end of the meeting..

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

#014-21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#015-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the minutes of the Alberta Beach Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of May 27, 2020 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#016-21 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the minutes of the Alberta Beach Emergency Advisory Committee meeting of December 14, 2020 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

SWITCH – SWITCH ALBERTA BEACH 5G AIR FIBER FIXED WIRELESS PRESENTATION:

Jared Zamzow and Freddie Jawaid of Switch met with Council to present the Switch Alberta Beach 5G Air Fiber Fixed Wireless Presentation. Mr. Zamzow reviewed the presentation, he acknowledged the existing agreement between Switch and Alberta Beach is coming up to 5 years and they would like to discuss a new agreement. Switch is looking to expand their service in Alberta Beach and are proposing a 5% revenue share on all air fiber sales gross revenue, further that they would require the right to co-locate their equipment, access to power, no after hours fees to access their equipment in the municipal facilities and the approval to put up signs. Mr. Jawaid expanded on the details of their presentation. After further questions and discussions, Mayor Benedict thanked Mr. Zamzow and Mr. Jawaid for their presentation. The Switch representatives left the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

#017-21 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council defer their decision regarding Switch to the end of the meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

No Municipal Planning Commission meeting was held.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

BUSINESS LICENSE BYLAW:

#018-21 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve of the following resolution;
Whereas, Alberta is in the midst of a recession and global pandemic that has had a significant impact on businesses in Alberta and specifically businesses in Alberta Beach;
Whereas, the Provincial Government has asked Alberta municipalities to reduce red tape and costs for the business community as well as the costs for starting a business;
Whereas, businesses in Alberta Beach are able to participate in Lac Ste. Anne County's Shop the County advertising program without purchasing a business license from Alberta Beach; and now therefore
Be it resolved that a Business License Bylaw is not in the best interest of Alberta Beach at this time and we cease further work on developing a bylaw.

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#019-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.
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FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

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BYLAWS & POLICIES:

- #020-21 BYLAW #281-21 ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD BYLAW:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #281-21, being a bylaw to establish one or more Assessment Review Boards and the appointment of an Assessment Review Board Clerk be read a first time.
- #021-21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #281-21 be read a second time.
- #022-21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that unanimous consent be given to Bylaw #281-21 to proceed to third reading.
- #023-21 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #281-21 be read a third & final time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Yellowhead Regional Library Orientation of January 25, 2021.
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality meetings of January 26, 2021.
Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of January 27, 2021.
Regional Sewer Collection meeting with Alberta Environment of February 9, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of February 12, 2021.

COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

Councillor Valiquette reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of January 12 and February 9, 2021.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting of January 21, 2021.

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

Councillor Love gave a brief report on the Alberta Beach Storm Outfall Project and he also reported the Alberta Beach Museum meat draws will start up again now that the hotel has re-opened.

MAYOR BENEDICT:

Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Water Levels meeting with MLA and Alberta Environment of January 26, 2021.
Town Hall meeting with Premier and Alberta Health of February 4, 2021.
Regional Sewer Collection meeting with Alberta Environment of February 9, 2021.
Meeting with MLA and Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve of February 10, 2021.
Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting of February 12, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

A report on the 2021 Development Permits issued to date was distributed for information.

- #024-21 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Covid-19 Community Updates of January 18, 25, February 1 & 8 was received from Alberta Health Services.

ALBERTA HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – COVID-19 MUNICIPALITY UPDATE:

Covid-19 Municipality Update of January 19, 2021 was received from Alberta Health Emergency Operations.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:

Municipal Governance during Covid-19 of January 22 & February 5, 2021 was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK & INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework & Intermunicipal Development Plan which are due to be completed by April 1st, 2021.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MINISTER’S AWARDS FOR MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE:

A letter was received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 20th Annual Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence.

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ALBERTA RECYCLING MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM:
An update on Alberta Recycling Municipal Grant Program was received from the Alberta Recycling Management Authority to advise that due to Covid-19 the program has been temporarily suspended.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION COURSE:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding a Regional Partnerships & Collaboration course being offered through the Elected Officials Education Program

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – PRESIDENTS SUMMIT ON POLICING:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the AUMA Presidents Summit on policing which takes place this month via zoom sessions.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA POLICE INTERIM ADVISORY BOARD:
The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded the Alberta Police Interim Advisory Board Report which included the Board's recommendations for 2021 municipal policing priorities and financial plan.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA REPRESENTATIVE ON RMA PEMBINA DISTRICT #3:
A letter was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association advising on the AUMA representatives appointed to the RMA Pembina District #3 and further that Deputy Mayor Duncan is appointed as one of the representatives.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA/AMSC DIGEST:
The AUMA/AMSC Digest of February 10th was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

DOYLE & COMPANY – AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE:
A report letter was received from Doyle & Company outlining the audit process and responsibilities in the audit of the Financial Statements for December 31, 2020 as well as a letter outlining the Auditor independence with respect to Alberta Beach.

DOYLE & COMPANY – AUDIT TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER:
The terms of engagement letter was received from Doyle & Company which outlines the responsibilities of management as well as the Auditor for the audit of the financial statements.

FORTIS ALBERTA – 2021 FORTIS ALBERTA APPROVED RATES REVISED:
Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta which included a revised 2021 Fortis Alberta approved rates letter to correct an error on the previous distribution chart.

MACKENZIE COUNTY – LETTER TO PREMIER REGARDING REOPENING RECREATIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES:
MacKenzie County forwarded a copy of their letter to the Premier requesting the Provincial Government reopen recreational & business services.

M.D. BONNYVILLE – NEED FOR STRONGER WESTERN CANADIAN MUNICIPAL ADVOCATE:
A letter was received from Council of the M.D. of Bonnyville regarding the need for a stronger western Canadian municipal advocate.

M.D. SPIRIT RIVER – LETTER TO PREMIER REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS ON ALBERTANS:
The M.D. of Spirit River forwarded a copy of their letter to the Premier regarding the impact of Covid-19 lockdowns on Albertans as well as a paper published by Ari R Joffe, MD, FRCPC with the Stollery Hospital.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – IN STREAM NEWSLETTER:
The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance January 2021 In Stream Newsletter was received for information.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – MUNICIPAL WATERSHED PLANNING:
An invitation was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance to participate on a study on municipal watershed planning.

SENATOR DOUG BLACK – MESSAGE ON VACCINES, VIRTUAL TOUR & KEYSTONE:
Senator Doug Black, Alberta Elected Senator forwarded a message on vaccines, his Alberta 2021 virtual tour & the Keystone cancellation.

TOWN OF HIGH RIVER – REINSTATEMENT OF THE 1976 COAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY:
A letter was received from the Town of High River requesting support regarding the reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy.

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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – 2021 FCSS UPDATE:
A 2021 FCSS Update was received from the Government of Alberta Community & Social Services.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA’S BUDGET WEBINAR:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the AUMA’s Budget Webinar being held on February 26th.

#025-21 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Deputy Mayor Duncan be approved to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association’s Budget Webinar.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#026-21 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

#027-21 LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY – WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GRANT:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the request from Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society to provide in-kind support by assisting with marketing and advertising for their Lake Water Quality Education Project and further that Alberta Beach provide a letter of support on their project for their application to the Land Stewardship Centre’s Watershed Stewardship Grant.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#028-21 MP GERALD SOROKA – SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the request from MP Gerald Soroka for support for a three digit Suicide Prevention Hotline and further approves the resolution as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#029-21 MR. TONY OSWALD – DAMAGE TO GAZEBO DURING WINDSTORM:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council deny the request from Mr. Tony Oswald for reimbursement of his gazebo which was damaged due to a fallen tree during the windstorm on January 19th, 2021 and further advising that Council agrees with the letter provided by our Insurance Adjuster.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#030-21 CAPITAL REGION ASSESSMENT SERVICES COMMISSION – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT 2021:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council authorize the CAO to sign the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission Memorandum of Agreement 2021 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#031-21 COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Community Peace Officer Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Sunset Point be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#032-21 COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT – SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN:
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the Community Peace Officer Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Val Quentin be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held regarding land description plan numbers in Alberta Beach, drainage to the lake from Lac Ste. Anne County and snow piled on the lake accesses.

SWITCH – SWITCH ALBERTA BEACH 5G AIR FIBER FIXED WIRELESS PRESENTATION:
Deferred from earlier in the meeting.

#033-21 **MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL MATTER(S):**
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting be closed to the public at 8:38 P.M. due to section 197(2) of the MGA and section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act to discuss the proposed contract from Switch regarding the Switch Alberta Beach 5G Air Fiber Fixed Wireless Presentation.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

Mayor Jim Benedict, Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan, Councillor Bud Love, Councillor Judy Valiquette, Councillor Daryl Weber and C.A.O. Kathy Skwarchuk were in attendance for the closed meeting session.

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#034-21

MEETING RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 8:46 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public was invited back into the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

#035-21

**SWITCH/ALBERTA BEACH WIFI DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT & SWITCH INCORPORATED
EQUIPMENT LOCATION AGREEMENT:**

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Alberta Beach provide Switch Incorporated written notice of termination of the Switch/Alberta Beach Wifi Distribution Agreement and further provide written notice of non-renewal of the Switch Incorporated Equipment Location Agreement by providing 60 days notice rather than the required 30 days notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk