

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM
DECEMBER 19, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor.....Kelly Muir
Deputy MayorBill Love
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

ABSENT:

CouncillorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorTara Elwood

CALL TO ORDER:

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mayor Muir read a Land Acknowledgement Statement as follows:

Alberta Beach respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the First People's traditional lands. We recognize this traditional Treaty Six Territory to show respect and understanding to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who walked this land for centuries. We express gratitude and respect for the land we use and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

7.a Alberta Beach Heritage Village & Museum Presentation – Museum Storage (agenda 15.a)
14.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs – LGFF Program Information & Capital Program Summary

MOTION #209-23 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION: None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION #210-23 – ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on November 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

ALBERTA BEACH HERITAGE VILLAGE & MUSEUM PRESENTATION – MUSEUM STORAGE (AGENDA 15.a):

Connie Curtis and Jocelyne April of the Alberta Beach Heritage Village and Museum met with Council to make a presentation regarding their proposal to add a 20' storage container to the Alberta Beach Heritage Village & Museum. Option 1 presented was to install the storage container adjacent to the Museum perimeter fence on the east side towards the north end in a north-south orientation however this would require an addition to the lease area. Option 2 was to install the storage container within the Museum fenced lease area along the north side fence however this would be more costly due to requiring a crane to lift the container over the fence or the cost to temporarily remove the fence to allow access to the area. The CAO reported that we are waiting on a response from Atco Gas to confirm the Atco Gas Gate Station Surface lease. Council's preference was that the storage container be installed within the Heritage Park's current lease area and further advised that a development permit application would be required. The Museum members thanked Council and advised they will look into the area within their current lease.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:

Councillor Weber reported that the 1st place winner in this years' Christmas light up contest was 5008 – 54 Street, 2nd place winner was 4523 – 50th Avenue and the 3rd place winner was 5003 – 57 Street and an honourable mention went to 4512 – 46A Street.

Mayor Muir congratulated the winners and thanked all the residents who participated in this years' Christmas light up contest, he also expressed a special thank you to Donovan Boggs, Ken Anderson and Councillor Weber for judging the contest.

TRIVILLAGE FCSS PROGRAM – CONTRACTED ADMINISTRATION SERVICES:

The CAO distributed proposals received from the Town of Onoway and Wildwillow Enterprises.

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MOTION #211-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the decision regarding the proposals received to provide contracted administrative services for the Trivillage FCSS Program be referred to the Trivillage FCSS Board Representatives for their decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #212-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2024 INTERIM BUDGET:

MOTION #213-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the 2023 Budget be accepted as a 2024 Interim Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

BYLAW #294-23 THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW:

MOTION #214-23 – MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BYLAW #294-23:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Bylaw #294-23, being a bylaw to establish and authorize a regional emergency advisory committee and a regional emergency management agency to provide for emergency management for Alberta Beach be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #215-23 – MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF BYLAW #294-23:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #294-23 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #216-23 – MOTION TO PROCEED TO THIRD READING OF BYLAW #294-23:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #294-23

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION #217-23 – MOTION TO APPROVE THIRD & FINAL READING OF BYLAW #294-23:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Bylaw #294-23 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood submitted reports on the following meetings:

Regional Trail Master Plan Steering Committee meeting held on November 27, 2023.

Yellowhead Regional Library Trustee, Organizational & Executive meetings held on December 4, 2023.

SVREMP Emergency Advisory meeting held on December 5, 2023.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on December 11, 2023.

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher submitted reports on the following meetings:

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meetings held on November 28, 2023.

Alberta Beach Ag Society Beachwave Park Operations Committee meeting held on December 6, 2023.

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on December 13, 2023.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting held on December 12, 2023.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting with the Darwell Lagoon Commission held on December 19, 2023.

DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE

Deputy Mayor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting held on November 28, 2023.

Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on December 12, 2023.

MAYOR MUIR

Mayor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Regional Trail Master Plan Steering Committee meeting held on November 27, 2023.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting with the Darwell Lagoon Commission held on December 19, 2023 (verbal report).

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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

Administration submitted a report for information on the 2023 Development Permits issued to date.

MOTION #218-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL FRAMEWORK (LGFF) PROGRAM LAUNCH:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs announcing the launch of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Program which provides predictable long term infrastructure funding for all communities. The 2024 & 2025 allocations for capital and operating LGFF funding was attached for information.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL-FEDERAL AGREEMENTS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding their commitment to advocating for equitable funding from the federal government and further to advise they are creating an inventory to document the scope and scale of municipal-federal agreements and are requesting an overview of any agreements held with the federal government in 2022.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – AB MUNIS’ TOWN HALL & SUBMISSIONS ON THE LAEA & MGA CONSULTATIONS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding their Town Hall meeting as well as ABmunis’ submissions to the province’s consultations on the *Local Authorities Election Act* (LAEA) & the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

ALBERTA SENIORS, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – 2023 FCSS ANNUAL REPORTING:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services to provide a brief FCSS update and to provide information on the 2023 FCSS annual reporting and surplus policy.

BROWNLEE LLP – EMERGING TRENDS IN MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR:

Correspondence was received from Brownlee LLP regarding the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar being held in Edmonton on February 15, 2024.

BROWNLEE LLP – 2024 SPRING SYNERGY LUNCHEON:

Correspondence was received from Brownlee LLP regarding the 2024 Spring Synergy Luncheon being held in Edmonton on March 20, 2024.

FORTIS ALBERTA – UPDATE REGARDING FORTIS ALBERTA’S 2024 ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION RATES:

Correspondence was received from Fortis Alberta providing an update regarding Fortis Alberta’s 2024 estimated distribution & transmission rates, an explanation on the increases and further to report they expect approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission in mid January.

GRASMERE SCHOOL – THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT:

A card was received from Grasmere School to thank Council for the continued support and donation.

LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION – 2024 MUNICIPAL REQUISITION:

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne Foundation advising on the 2024 Municipal Requisition amount for Alberta Beach.

WILD WATER COMMISSION – 2024 RATES FOR MEMBERS:

Correspondence was received from WILD Water Commission advising on the Rates and Budget Requisitions for 2024.

WILD WATER COMMISSION – 2024 TRUCKFILL RATE:

Correspondence was received from WILD Water Commission advising that their new truckfill rate for 2024 is \$5.49 per cubic meter effective January 1st, 2024.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – LGFF PROGRAM & CAPITAL PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs which included information on the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Program as well as the Capital Component Program Summary.

MOTION #219-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

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ALBERTA BEACH HERITAGE VILLAGE & MUSEUM – MUSEUM STORAGE:

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Beach Heritage Village & Museum requesting permission to install a storage unit on the land located at the back of Heritage Village and beside the Atco Gas shed. The CAO had reported that an email was sent to Atco Gas to request they review their surface lease agreement and confirm if the location the museum is requesting interferes with their lease. A presentation was made by the Museum members earlier in the meeting and 2 options were presented.

MOTION #220-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Alberta Beach Heritage Village & Museum request for permission to install a storage unit be tabled for further information from the Museum members as well as Atco Gas.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WESTERN CANADIAN WATERCROSS ASSOCIATION – WCWA JET SKI EVENT 2024:

MOTION #221-23

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Western Canadian Watercross Association be advised that Council does not object to the WCWA Jet Ski Event 2024 being held on August 10-11, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

SVREMP – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

MOTION #222-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership (SVREMP) Agreement as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SVREMP – 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET:

MOTION #223-23

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Council approves the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership (SVREMP) 2024 Proposed Budget as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SVREMP – 2024 PROPOSED WORKPLAN OVERVIEW:

MOTION #224-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership (SVREMP) 2024 Proposed Workplan Overview as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SVREMP – ALBERTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (EMPP)
GRANT APPLICATION:**

MOTION #225-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council supports that the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership (SVREMP) submit a proposal for a 2023/24 Emergency Management Preparedness Program (EMPP) grant to enhance training and complete a functional training exercise within the region.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: Council meeting quorum, Council reports submitted by Councillors absent from the meeting and public access to Council reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Mayor – Kelly Muir

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk