

**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 MEETING
JUNE 21, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor.....Angela Duncan
Deputy MayorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorTara Elwood
CouncillorKelly Muir
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mayor Duncan recognized that today is National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is a special occasion to learn more about the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and histories of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples. Learning about Indigenous Peoples, places and experiences is a step forward each Canadian can take on the path to reconciliation and in recognition and honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day Mayor Duncan welcomed Councillor Elwood to make a Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Councillor Elwood read aloud the following Land Acknowledgement Statement:

My Name is Tara Elwood nee Desjarlais, I am a proud member of the Kehewin Cree Nation, a descendant of the Michel band as well as your local Alberta Beach Councillor.

Today is National Indigenous Peoples Day and it is not only important to recognize my fellow Indigenous brothers, sisters and ancestors for their care for, and teachings about the earth and our relations, but to honor those teachings through our interactions today and everyday hereafter.

It brings me immense pride to read the following:

On behalf of the Village of Alberta Beach, I would like to recognize that we gather here today on traditional Treaty 6 Territory. The lands that the Village of Alberta Beach and Lac Ste Anne County currently exist on are the traditional lands of the Nakota Sioux, the Cree, the Haudenosaunee, and the Metis people. I would also like to welcome you to the shores of Wakamne or God's Lake to the Nakota Sioux, or Manito Sahkahiag or Spirit Lake to the Cree. Long before Lac Ste Anne as it is known today became a pilgrimage for the faithful, it has been a gathering site for the Indigenous people long before first contact and since time immemorial.

Our council hopes that by acknowledging the true history of this land and its first people, that this is the first step in many we take on the path of reconciliation between the Village of Alberta Beach, Canada and the first people of Turtle Island.

As long as the grass shall grow and the rivers flow.

Ish nish, hiy hiy.

Mayor Duncan presented the Indigenous Treaty Six flag and the flag was raised in Council Chambers.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

4.a Closed Meeting Session – Waste Collection Proposals moved to the end of the meeting.

10.b Doyle & Company – Alberta Beach Financial Statements of December 31, 2021 added to agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2022:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 17, 2022:

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting of May 17, 2022 be adopted as presented.

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OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

- #099-22 TOWN OF ONOWAY CHALLENGE – FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that a letter be sent to the Town of Onoway in response to their Challenge to show appreciation to our first responders to report that Alberta Beach held a first responders appreciation event on May 27th, 2022 to thank our EMS, Police and Fire service providers and further letters be sent to the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin to thank them for their participation.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #100-22 WILD ALBERTA COMMITTEE – REGIONAL TOURIST ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION:
MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council deny participation in the Wild Alberta Committee at this time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #101-22 IMPACT TOURISM – RUMBLE ALBERTA PRESENTATION
MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council deny participation in the Impact Tourism Rumble Alberta marketing initiative.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #102-22 LAC STE. ANNE PILGRIMAGE – LETTERS TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE:
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that letters be forwarded to the Archbishop, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Tourism, the Premier of Alberta and the Prime Minister of Canada to request that the provincial government, the federal government and the Catholic Church provide funding to assist Alberta Beach with the impacts and costs in our community incurred from the Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage and further the letters be copied to the MLA, the MP, the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #103-22 MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- #104-22 2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS – ROAD & SIDEWALK QUOTES:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the 2022 Capital projects for roadwork and sidewalks be approved as recommended by the Public Works Advisory Committee as follows; 48 Avenue Asphalt Paving from 51 Street to 53 Street; 47 Street Asphalt Paving patching; Sidewalk & curb in front of Lion's Park; Sidewalk along west side of 50th Avenue between 49 Street to Lion's Park; and further that the projects be funded through MSI and CCBF funds.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- #105-22 DOYLE & COMPANY – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021:
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the Audited Financial Statements of December 31, 2021 prepared by Doyle & Company be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting of June 10, 2022.
Lac Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities meeting of June 13, 2022.
Alberta Beach Library Board meeting of June 13, 2022.
Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting of June 16, 2022.
Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting of June 20, 2022.

DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:

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

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Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting of June 14, 2022.
Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting of June 16, 2022.
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting of June 20, 2022.

COUNCILLOR MUIR

Councillor Muir gave a brief report on the following meetings:
Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC) meeting of May 25, 2022.
Alberta Beach Agliplex Operations Committee meeting of May 26, 2022.

MAYOR DUNCAN:

Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Mayor's Report of June 21, 2022.
Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage meetings of May 31, June 2, 7, 14 and 21, 2022.
Alberta Beach Museum Grant meeting of June 2, 2022.
Lac Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities meeting of June 13, 2022.
FCSS Trivillage meeting of June 16, 2022.

PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE:

#106-22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council forms an ad-hoc Pilgrimage Committee, consisting of Mayor Duncan, Councillor Elwood and CAO Skwarchuk to develop traffic, emergency management and communication plans for Alberta Beach and the upcoming Pilgrimage and Papal visit. Further that this committee be delegated decision-making authority for issues that are time sensitive.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

The administration department submitted a report on the 2022 Development Permits issued to date.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

#107-22 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY AGLIPLIX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

#108-22 MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that the Council committee appointments be amended and that Councillor Muir be appointed to the Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY BEACHWAVE PARK OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

#109-22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council committee appointments be amended to include the Alberta Beach Ag Society Beachwave Park Operations Committee and further that Deputy Mayor Durocher be appointed to the committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA BEACH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – POLY DAYS PARADE:

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Beach Agricultural Society regarding the Poly Days Parade, also attached was the parade entry form.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – HOME CARE CONTRACT:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services Community Engagement regarding the home care contract extension & request for expression of interest and qualification.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – INVITATION TO REQUEST MEETING WITH THE MINISTER:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding a potential opportunity for municipal councils to meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs at the 2022 Alberta Municipalities fall convention and further that all requests must be submitted by July 8, 2022.

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HONOURABLE GERALD SOROKA, MP – NEWS RELEASE – IMPROVING RAILWAY SAFETY:
Honourable Gerald Soroka, MP forwarded a news release regarding Transport Canada's Rail Safety Improvement Program which is providing almost \$24 million in funding for 147 projects across Canada.

HONOURABLE RIC MCIVER, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MSI & CCBF FUNDING:
Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs forwarded a letter regarding MSI & CCBF funding as well as the 2022 allocations for Alberta Beach.

HONOURABLE RIC MCIVER, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – LOCAL ELECTIONS & COUNCILLOR ACCOUNTABILITY:
Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs forwarded a letter inviting councils to provide input to identify potential legislative changes that might improve the local elections process as well as enhance the public's trust in local councils.

HONOURABLE RON ORR, MINISTER OF CULTURE – ALBERTA VOLUNTEER AWARDS:
Honourable Ron Orr, Minister of Culture forwarded correspondence regarding the 2022 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards and further that the deadline for submitting nomination is June 30, 2022.

HONOURABLE SHANNON STUBBS, MP, SHADOW MINISTER FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RURAL BROADBAND STRATEGY – FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES:
A letter was received from Conservative Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy, M.P. Shannon Stubbs, Deputy Shadow Ministers M.P. Damien Kurek and M.P. Jacques Gourde seeking input regarding a townhall meeting to address federal funding for rural communities.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – NOTICE TO WITHDRAW FROM SARM:
A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County giving notice to withdraw from participation in the Ste. Anne Regional Municipalities (SARM) Committee as their Council believes there are other opportunities outside of SARM that support the development of inter-municipal and regional cooperation.

NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – PROPOSAL TO JOIN CALL TO ACTION:
Correspondence was received from the National Police Federation regarding their proposal to join their call to action for the Government of Alberta to halt the idea of a new provincial police service.

TOWN OF BON ACCORD – LETTER TO AUC REGARDING INCREASING UTILITY FEES:
The Town of Bon Accord forwarded a copy of their letter to the Alberta Utilities Commission to voice their concerns regarding increasing utility fees.

TOWN OF FOX CREEK – LETTER TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE RCMP:
The Town of Fox Creek forwarded a copy of their letter to the Minister of Justice & Solicitor General to express their support for the RCMP and their opposition to the proposed Provincial Police force.

TOWN OF REDCLIFF – LETTER TO PREMIER JASON KENNEY REGARDING INCREASING UTILITY FEES:
The Town of Redcliff forwarded a copy of their letter to Premier Jason Kenney regarding increasing utility fees.

TOWN OF TOFIELD – LETTER TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL – ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCE:
The Town of Tofield forwarded a copy of their letter to the Minister of Justice & Solicitor General to voice their concerns that in no way supports the initiative to replace the RCMP with Alberta Provincial Police force.

VILLAGE OF COUTTS – LETTER TO AUC REGARDING INCREASING UTILITIES FEES:
The Village of Coutts forwarded a copy of their letter to the Alberta Utilities Commission to voice their concerns regarding increasing utility fees.

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#111-22 BRUCE TOMA – DRAINAGE – DAMAGE TO FENCE DUE TO FLOODING:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the request from Bruce Toma for compensation for damages to his fence due to flooding be denied and further he be advised that our public works department will address the drainage concerns and install a culvert.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#112-22 ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR CANADA DAYS FIREWORKS:
MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that a donation of \$1,000.00 be approved for the Alberta Beach & District Lions Club for the Canada Day fireworks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#113-22 MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES GROUP – 2022 ASSESSMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL:
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the three year renewal on the assessment services agreement with Municipal Assessment Services Group for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion arose on the following topics; the Polydays parade, the Alberta Beach boat launch, welcome packages for new residents, parking on private property during the pilgrimage and congratulations was extended for the Land Acknowledgement.

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

#114-22 CONFIDENTIAL MATTER(S) – FOIP SECTION 16 - WASTE COLLECTION PROPOSALS
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that as per Section 197(2) of the MGA and Division 2, Part 1, Section 16 of the FOIP Act (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) the meeting be closed to the public at 9:06 P.M. to discuss agenda item #4.a Waste Collection Proposals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

Mayor Angela Duncan, Deputy Mayor Debbie Durocher, Councillor Tara Elwood, Councillor Kelly Muir, Councillor Daryl Weber, C.A.O. Kathy Skwarchuk and Assistant CAO Cathy McCartney were in attendance for the closed meeting session.

MEETING RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

#115-22 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 9:32 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public was invited back into the meeting.

WASTE COLLECTION:

#116-22 MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that the Public Works Advisory Committee review the proposals for waste collection and collect further information and options for Council's review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESCHEDULE JULY ROUND TABLE MEETING:

#117-22 MOVED BY Mayor Duncan that the July Round Table meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 2:30 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M.