

**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
MARCH 19, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

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:

- 14.k Fire Rescue International – Enriched Medical Response
- 14.l Fire Rescue International – March 16, 2024 Media Release – Hazmat Fire

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION #033-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION: None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024:

MOTION #034-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 20, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING ON BYLAW #294-24 ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024:

MOTION #035-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Public Hearing with respect to Bylaw #295-24 held on February 20, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

JD ROCKWELL – PENALTIES ON TAX ROLL #541 KEITH NELLIGAN ESTATE (Agenda #15.b)

JD Rockwell and Lisa, his common-law spouse met with Council to discuss the penalties applied to Tax Roll #541, JD Rockwell is the executor for Keith Nelligan estate and does not believe penalties should apply to the account as the estate is in probate. Lisa spoke on behalf of JD on the difficulties they have encountered as the executor for Mr. Nelligan, who passed away two years ago and the estate is still in probate. Lisa requested that Council consider removal of the \$1,341.79 in penalties and advised that she would have the balance in outstanding taxes paid within approximately 3 months. Council responded that property taxes are not levied against the person but rather the property which the owner or the owner's estate is responsible for and that all property taxes are due within a specified period or penalties apply. Lisa confirmed they will be in contact with the Lawyer and also have a meeting scheduled with the mortgage company. Council confirmed that at this time they would not approve to waive the penalty but would be willing to meet with them again at a later date after their meetings with the lawyer and mortgage company. Mayor Muir thanked JD and Lisa for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

TAX RECOVERY PUBLIC AUCTION:

The CAO reported that the Tax Recovery Public Auction was held at 6:00 P.M.

That the two parcels which were offered for sale were as follows:

Tax Roll #235, Lot 1, Block 19, Plan 6269CG (5219 – 48A Avenue) Certificate of Title #042289457
Reserve Bid \$51,940.00; and

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Tax Roll #755, Lot 3A, Block 3, Plan 9925067 (4516 – 46B Street) Certificate of Title #992241755
Reserve Bid \$85,800.00.

The CAO further reported that no bids were received on the parcels and therefore, Council has the option of requesting the Registrar cancel the existing certificate of titles and register Tax Forfeiture Titles in the name of Alberta Beach.

REGISTRATION OF TAX FORFEITURE TITLES:

MOTION #036-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Alberta Beach request the Registrar of Land Titles to cancel the existing certificate of title and issue a certificate of title in the name of Alberta Beach registered as a tax forfeiture title on Lot 1, Block 19, Plan 6269CG and Lot 3A, Block 3, Plan 9925067.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOTION #037-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

DRAFT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS TO RESERVES:

MOTION #038-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Draft Audited Financial Statements of December 31, 2023 be accepted for information and further that Council approve the following transfers from Unrestricted Surplus to Reserves: \$80,000.00 to Garbage Truck Reserve; \$25,000.00 to Agliplex Reserve; \$7,500.00 to Patrol Equipment Reserve; \$25,000.00 to Public Works Equipment Reserve; \$25,000.00 to Boat Launch Reserve; \$65,000.00 to Roadwork Reserve for 51 Avenue; and \$4,000.00 to Administration Equipment Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OFFER TO PURCHASE – 2009 CHEVROLET TAHOE (PS2):

The CAO reported that an offer to purchase was received from SAIT on the Patrol 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe (PS2) in the amount of \$9,000.00 subject to the replacement of the rear shocks.

MOTION #039-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council accepts the offer from SAIT for the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe (PS2) in the amount of \$9,000.00 and further that the funds be transferred to Patrol Equipment Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

BYLAW #296-24 THE FEES AND RATES BYLAW:

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BYLAW #296-24:

MOTION #040-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Bylaw #296-24, being a bylaw to establish a schedule of fees and rates for Alberta Beach be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.3.3 ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH PARK MAINTENANCE POLICY AND GENERAL VILLAGE POLICY #G.3.4 ALBERTA BEACH MAIN BEACH PARK MAINTENANCE POLICY:

MOTION #041-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that General Village Policy #G.3.3 the Alberta Beach Boat Launch Park Maintenance Policy and General Village Policy #G.3.4 the Alberta Beach Main Beach Park Maintenance Policy be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on February 23, 2024.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting held on March 4, 2024.

Hazard Season Outlook Webinar held on March 5, 2024.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting with Alberta Beach Community League held on March 6, 2024

Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership meeting of March 7, 2024.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on March 11, 2024.

MOTION TO APPROVE COUNCILLOR ELWOOD TO ATTEND THE ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM DEDICATION MEETINGS FOR THE BRIDGE BETWEEN NATIONS PROJECT:

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Councillor Elwood requested approval to attend the planning meetings between now and July for the dedication grand opening ceremony planned on July 4, 2024 for the Bridge between Nations Project.

MOTION #042-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approves Councillor Elwood to attend the Alberta Beach Museum & Archives Society dedication meetings for the Bridge between Nations Project.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meetings held on February 27, 2024.

Alberta Beach Ag Society Beachwave Park Operations Committee meeting held on March 6, 2024.

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on March 13, 2024.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meeting:

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on March 13, 2024.

DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE

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

Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting held on February 27, 2024.

MAYOR MUIR

Mayor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Fire Services meeting held on February 23, 2024.

FCSS Trivillage Committee meeting held on March 5, 2024.

SnoMo Days Discussion meeting held on March 6, 2024.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on March 13, 2024.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

MOTION #043-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – UPDATE REGARDING RECALL PETITION POPULATIONS & MAATI SPRING SESSIONS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs providing updates regarding recall petition populations & the Municipal Affairs Administrators Training Initiative (MAATI) program spring sessions.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MCIVER LETTER – BUDGET 2024:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Provincial Budget 2024 and the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) which replaces the Municipal Sustainability Initiative to deliver predictable capital infrastructure funding to municipalities and Metis Settlements across Alberta.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MCIVER LETTER – INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK REVIEW:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs to invite Council to participate in the review of the *Municipal Government Act* requirements related to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) which encourage integrated and strategic planning, delivery, and funding of inter-municipal services.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MCIVER LETTER – 2024 MINISTER'S AWARDS:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2024 Minister's Awards which recognizes excellence in municipal government initiatives and the provision of public library services in communities across Alberta.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – JOIN THE CALL TO KEEP POLITICAL PARTIES OUT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities to encourage municipalities to join the call to keep political parties out of local elections and to assist in getting the messages out to the public.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ALBERTA'S BUDGET 2024:

A Preliminary Analysis Report on the Provincial 2024 Budget was received from Alberta Municipalities.

ALBERTA RECYCLING MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – ARMA EPR STAKEHOLDER BULLETIN:

The Alberta Recycling Management Authority Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Stakeholders Bulletin was received which outlines the updates to the EPR bylaws.

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CONNECT MOBILITY – AERIAL FIBER UPDATE:

Correspondence was received from Connect Mobility to provide updates on the Aerial Fiber proposal and the Alberta Broadband Fund (ABF).

EDMONTON GARRISON MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – 18TH ANNUAL YELLOW RIBBON GALA DINNER:

An invitation was received from the Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre regarding the 18th Annual Yellow Ribbon Gala being held on May 11, 2024.

MOTION #044-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves Councillor Elwood to attend the Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre's 18th Annual Yellow Ribbon Gala being held on May 11, 2024.

CARRIED

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – STRONGER TOGETHER CONFERENCE:

Notice was received from Yellowhead Regional Library on the 2024 Stronger Together Conference being held on October 3 & 4, 2024 in Edmonton.

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – ENRICHED MEDICAL RESPONSE:

Correspondence was received from Chief Ives regarding Fire Rescue International Enriched Medical Response which outlines the details of enriched medical co-response provided to the ten-member communities.

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – MARCH 16, 2024 MEDIA RELEASE – HAZMAT FIRE:

A media release was received from Fire Rescue International regarding a hazardous materials fire in the Onoway Industrial Park on March 16, 2024.

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION #045-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – LEMONADE DAY 2024:

MOTION #046-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the request from Community Futures Yellowhead East for participation as a host community sponsor for the Northern Alberta Lemonade Day Program being held on June 15, 2024 be tabled and further that the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin be invited to participate as a host community co-sponsor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MR. JD ROCKWELL – PENALTIES ON TAX ROLL #541 KEITH NELLIGAN ESTATE:

MOTION #047-24

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that the request from Mr. JD Rockwell for removal of the late tax payment penalties on Tax Roll #541 for the Keith Nelligan Estate (Lot 14, Block 7, Plan 6604AO) be denied for the reasons that it is the responsibility of the property owner which also includes the property owner's estate to ensure taxes are paid and in fairness to all property owners who also received a late payment penalty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RMA INSURANCE – GENESIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

MOTION #048-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to appoint Councillor Elwood to act as proxy on behalf of Alberta Beach at the annual general meeting of Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange being held on April 8, 2024.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

REEVE BLAKEMAN, LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY LETTER OF JANUARY 10, 2024 REGARDING ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES MUTUAL AID / DUAL DISPATCH:

A letter was received from Reeve Blakeman, Lac Ste. Anne County regarding Onoway Regional Fire Services Mutual Aid & Dual Dispatch, the letter provides their interpretation of the relationships between the parties involved with fire services mutual aid as well as the parties involved with Onoway Regional Fire Services and Fire Rescue International, the letter also outlined the change to the dispatch protocol for non-critical events within the designated highways and further that the dual dispatch of ORFS has been cancelled for fires within Lac Ste. Anne County.

MOTION #049-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council accepts for information the January 10, 2024 letter from Reeve Blakeman of Lac Ste. Anne County regarding Onoway Regional Fire Services Mutual Aid & Dual Dispatch.

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LETTER TO LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY FROM MEMBERS OF ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 10, 2024 LETTER FROM REEVE BLAKEMAN REGARDING ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES MUTUAL AID / DUAL DISPATCH (LETTER OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024 SIGNED BY ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGES OF SILVER SANDS, VAL QUENTIN, SOUTH VIEW AND NAKAMUN PARK):

MOTION #050-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Council approves Mayor Muir's signing of the letter sent to the Lac Ste. Anne County from members of Onoway Regional Fire Service in response to the January 10, 2024 letter from Reeve Blakeman regarding Onoway Regional Fire Services Mutual Aid/Dual Dispatch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTER TO THE TOWN OF ONOWAY FROM MEMBERS OF ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE REGARDING ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES DECISION-MAKING AND COMMUNICATION PROCESS (LETTER OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024 SIGNED BY ALBERTA BEACH AND THE SUMMER VILLAGES OF SILVER SANDS, SUNSET POINT, VAL QUENTIN, SOUTH VIEW AND NAKAMUN PARK):

MOTION #051-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves Mayor Muir's signing of the letter sent to the Town of Onoway from members of Onoway Regional Fire Service to express concerns regarding Onoway Regional Fire Services decision-making and communication process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEGAL REVIEW – MOTION TO SUPPORT A LEGAL REVIEW OF THE FIRE AGREEMENTS:

MOTION #052-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approves a contribution of \$1,000.00 to support a legal review of the fire agreements and further that Alberta Beach upfront the costs for the member municipalities involved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REEVE BLAKEMAN, LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY EMAIL OF MARCH 5, 2024 IN RESPONSE TO LETTERS REGARDING FIRE AND REQUEST FOR A MEETING ON MARCH 22, 2024:

MOTION #053-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Mayor Muir and the CAO be approved to attend the March 22, 2024 meeting, as requested by Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Blakeman for the purpose of discussing the fire letters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF ONOWAY – LETTER OF MARCH 7, 2024 NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT:

A letter was received from the Town of Onoway giving notice of termination of the Fire Services Agreement with North West Fire Rescue – Onoway Ltd./Fire Rescue International effective March 7, 2025 and further that as part of the termination, the Fire Services Agreement between the Town of Onoway and Alberta Beach will also need to be terminated and that the letter serves as formal written notice of the Town's intention to terminate the Fire Services Agreement as of March 7, 2025.

MOTION #054-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the March 7, 2024 letter from the Town of Onoway regarding the termination of the Fire Services Agreement be accepted for information, and further that a letter be sent to the town requesting a meeting between the Town and the Member Municipalities for the purposes of discussing the orderly wrap up and transition of the Onoway Regional Fire Service as well as the member municipalities February 29, 2024 letter regarding the town's decision-making and communication process, and further that Alberta Beach begin exploring options for fire services to commence upon the termination of the current contract on March 7, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL LETTER OF REFERENCE:

MOTION #055-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Council approves the letter of reference for Fire Rescue International as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL MARCH 14, 2024 LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES:

A letter was received from Fire Rescue International regarding the Town of Onoway's decision to terminate the fire services agreement and to provide a commitment to the remaining municipalities that there will be no change to the service levels, response protocols, or pricing for the remaining 9 members prior to March 7th, 2025; and after March 7th, 2025 FRI has every intention on fulfilling the original contract term ending December 31, 2025 with as little change to the service delivery model as possible; that FRI will undertake to provide a proposal that will allow for continued operations with little or no financial impact on the remaining 9 municipalities; and FRI looks forward to the continued faith and support as well as our future agreement to provide long-term and affordable medical aid, firefighting, and rescue services.

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MOTION #056-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council accepts for information the March 14, 2024 letter from Fire Rescue International regarding the Town of Onoway's decision to terminate the fire services agreement and to provide a commitment to the remaining municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: the tax recovery public auction, registration of tax forfeiture titles and National Lemonade Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Mayor – Kelly Muir

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk