

**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  
MAY 21, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor.....Kelly Muir  
Deputy Mayor .....Bill Love  
Councillor .....Debbie Durocher  
Councillor .....Tara Elwood  
Councillor .....Daryl Weber  
CAO .....Kathy Skwarchuk  
Asst. CAO .....Cathy 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:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION #073-24**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

**MOTION TO MOVE CLOSED MEETING SESSION TO THE END OF THE MEETING:**

**MOTION #074-24**

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that the closed meeting session be moved to the end of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2024:

**MOTION #075-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 16, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2024:

**MOTION #076-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission meeting held on April 16, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:**

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – CFYE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION:

Michelle Jones of Community Futures Yellowhead East attended the meeting to present the CFYE 2023-2024 Annual Review which included background information on the organization and how CFYE helps communities thrive economically to create economic sustainability within the region. CFYE supports entrepreneurs through the delivery of a variety of services from strategic economic planning, technical and advisory services for businesses, and loans to small and medium sized enterprises. Michelle also reviewed economic & financial & investment portfolios, the 2023-2024 performance results, and upcoming projects, opportunities & partnerships. Mayor Muir thanked Michelle for attending the meeting and presenting the CFYE annual review.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST ANNUAL REPORT:**

**MOTION #077-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Community Futures Yellowhead East Annual Report Presentation be accepted for information.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**

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ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT MUSEUM – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT FOR BRIDGE BETWEEN NATIONS PROJECT:

**MOTION #078-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approves the request from the Alberta Beach & District Museum for sponsorship support for the Bridge between Nations Project and further that gold sponsorship be approved in the amount of \$1,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

**MOTION #079-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

DOYLE & COMPANY – AUDIT LETTERS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023:

**MOTION #080-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Financial Statements of December 31, 2023 from Doyle & Company as well as the letters regarding the audit be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 BUDGET:

**MOTION #081-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the 2024 Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:**

**BYLAW # 297-24 A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION FOR 2024:**

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BYLAW #297-24:

**MOTION #082-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Bylaw #297-24, being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation for 2024 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF BYLAW #297-24:

**MOTION #083-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Bylaw #297-24 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO PROCEED TO THIRD READING OF BYLAW #297-24:

**MOTION #084-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #297-24.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF BYLAW #297-24:

**MOTION #085-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #297-24 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAW #298-24 A BYLAW TO PROHIBIT AND CONTROL OPEN BURNING WITHIN ALBERTA BEACH:**

MOTION TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF BYLAW #298-24:

**MOTION #086-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Bylaw #298-24, being a bylaw to prohibit and control open burning in Alberta Beach be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO APPROVE SECOND READING OF BYLAW #298-24:

**MOTION #087-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Bylaw #298-24 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO PROCEED TO THIRD READING OF BYLAW #298-24:

**MOTION #088-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that unanimous consent be given to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #298-24.

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MOTION TO APPROVE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF BYLAW #298-24:

**MOTION #089-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #298-24 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

**COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:**

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

WILD Water Commission meeting held on April 27, 2024.

Alberta Beach Library Plan of Service Workshop held on May 1, 2024.

Oneway Legion Veterans Appreciation Dinner held on May 5, 2024.

Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association Conference held on May 6-8, 2024.

Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre Yellow Ribbon Gala held on May 11, 2024.

Yellowhead Regional Library Executive Board meeting held on May 13, 2024.

Alberta Beach Library Manager Farwell held on May 16, 2024.

Alberta Beach Museum Bridge between Nations Project meeting held on May 17, 2024.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on May 18, 2024.

**COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:**

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on May 8, 2024.

**COUNCILLOR WEBER:**

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on May 8, 2024.

**DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE**

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

Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting held on April 24, 2024.

**MAYOR MUIR**

Mayor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meetings held on April 23, 2024.

Beachwave Park Stakeholders Committee meeting held on April 24, 2024.

Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting held on April 25, 2024.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on May 8, 2024.

Alberta Beach ATB Financial 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held on May 16, 2024.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:**

Administration submitted a report for information on the 2024 Development Permits issued to date.

**ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:**

**MOTION #090-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA BEACH SNOWMOBILE CLUB – THANK YOU FOR DONATION:**

A thank you letter was received from the Alberta Beach Snowmobile Club for the donation towards the purchase of a Snow Cat trail groomer.

**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – EMS UPDATE TO MUNICIPAL PARTNERS:**

An EMS update to municipal partners was received from Alberta Health Services regarding funding for replacing EMS vehicles and the contracts to bring on additional resources to support inter-facility transfers of non-urgent patients in the Calgary & Edmonton zones.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – BILL 20 FACT SHEET:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities which included a fact sheet on the proposed Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – SUMMER 2024 MUNICIPAL LEADERS CAUCUS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding the Summer 2024 Municipal Leaders Caucus being held virtually or in person in St. Albert on June 14, 2024.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS ON BILL 20:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities which included their preliminary analysis on proposed Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

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**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – KEY MESSAGES & MOTION ON BILL 20:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities which included key messages on Bill 20's Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act changes to the MGA & LAEA, also included was a proposed Council motion for consideration requesting that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20 due to the extensive concerns raised by municipal leaders across Alberta.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ABMUNIS PRESIDENT'S VIDEO UPDATE:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding the ABmunis President's video update which aims to keep members informed on their hard work through regular members-only video posts.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – LETTER TO PREMIER SMITH TO CLARIFY FUNDING:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding their letter to Premier Smith to clarify provincial funding for municipalities.

**ALBERTA PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES – MINISTER ELLIS RESPONSE LETTER REGARDING RCMP:**

A letter was received from Minister Ellis of Alberta Public Safety & Emergency Services in response to our letter to the Premier requesting that the province support hiring additional RCMP officers in our community and across the province.

**ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA – ASVA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

Correspondence was received from the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta regarding registration for ASVA Annual Conference being held in Sherwood Park on October 17-18, 2024.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES MEETING:**

An invitation and draft agenda was received from Lac Ste. Anne County regarding the Regional Municipalities meeting being held at the Alberta Beach Senior's Center on May 27, 2024 (All Council members confirmed they will attend).

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK:**

An invitation was received from the Summer Village of Val Quentin regarding their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic in the Park being held on July 13, 2024 (Councillor Durocher confirmed she will attend).

**WILD WATER COMMISSION – FIRE TRUCK PRIORITY USE OF WATER STATIONS:**

Correspondence was received from WILD Water Commission regarding newsletter communications to remind residents and stakeholders that active fire responses in the region will receive priority at the WILD truck fill stations.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**MOTION #091-24**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR LETTER & FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CFEP GRANT:**

**MOTION #092-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approve to provide a letter of support to the Alberta Beach Ag Society for their CFEP grant application to upgrade the entrance and washrooms at the Agliplex and further that Council approves to provide financial support to the project subject to the approval of the CFEP grant application and the financial support amount to be determined upon further discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA – ASVA CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP:**

**MOTION #093-24**

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Council approves the sponsorship request for the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta Annual Conference for a donation of promotional products for the silent auction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA – RECOGNIZING SENIORS WEEK 2024:**

**MOTION #094-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that in honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, Council hereby declares June 3 – 9, 2024 to be Seniors' Week in Alberta Beach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – SUBDIVISION REFERRAL #008SUB2024 NE 35-54-03-W5M:**

**MOTION #095-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Lac Ste. Anne County subdivision referral #008SUB2024 on NE 35-54-03-W5M be accepted for information.

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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – SUBDIVISION REFERRAL #024SUB2024 NE 26-54-03-W5M:

**MOTION #096-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Lac Ste. Anne County subdivision referral #024SUB2024 on NE 26-54-03-W5M be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAC STE. ANNE NORTH EAST RURAL CRIME WATCH – 2024 JAIL ‘N’ BAIL FUNDRAISER:

**MOTION #097-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approve that Mayor Muir or Councillor Elwood participate in the Lac Ste. Anne North East Rural Crime Watch 2024 Jail ‘n’ Bail Fundraiser.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

**MOTION #098-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Council approves Councillor Weber to attend the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Annual General meeting being held in Edmonton on June 26, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION – COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

**MOTION #099-24**

MOVED BY Mayor Love that Council approves Councillor Elwood attend the Police Review Commission Community Stakeholder Engagement being held virtually on May 31, June 7 & June 10, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A brief discussion was held on the Burning Bylaw and the Untidy & Unsightly Bylaw.

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:**

Mayor Muir advised the meeting will be moving into closed session to discuss agenda items 5.a Regional Fire Services Proposal & 5.b Regional Fire Services Model Impact Assessment. He further advised that the public will be invited back into the meeting after the closed session, however no motions are anticipated following the closed session.

**MEETING RECESS:**

Mayor Muir called for a brief recess at 9:00 p.m.

**MEETING RECONVENED:**

Mayor Muir reconvened the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

**MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING:**

**MOTION #100-24**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that as per Section 197(2) of the MGA and Section 16 of the FOIP Act (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) the meeting be closed to the public at 9:10 P.M. to discuss agenda items 5.a Regional Fire Services Proposal and 5.b Regional Fire Services Model Impact Assessment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

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

**MOTION TO RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

**MOTION #101-24**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 9:52 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

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Mayor – Kelly Muir

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk