

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING
APRIL 21, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Benedict
Deputy Mayor Angela Duncan
Councillor Bud Love
Councillor Judy Valiquette
Councillor Daryl Weber
CAO Kathy Skwarchuk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

No closed meeting session was held.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Addition 11.s Alberta Municipal Affairs- New Ministerial Orders on Timelines
Addition 11.t Alberta Urban Municipalities Association- Letter to Minister regarding Shovel-ready Projects

AGENDA ADOPTION:

#051-20

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION: None.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

#052-20

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

No Municipal Planning Commission meeting was held.

OLD BUSINESS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

#053-20

MICHENER ALLEN AUCTIONEERING – OFFER TO GUARANTEE TWO DISPERSAL UNITS:
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the offer to guarantee two dispersal units received from Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd. on the 1999 Sterling dump truck and the 2005 Thomas skid steer be rejected and further that the 2005 Thomas skid steer remain in the village fleet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL:

LIST OF ACCOUNTS:

#054-20

MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the list of accounts in the amount of \$188,952.20 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORT:

#055-20

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Financial Report for March 31, 2020 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 DRAFT BUDGET:

#056-20

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the 2020 Draft Budget be accepted for information and further review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY AGLIPLIX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reported that the Ag Society has cancelled Poly Days for 2020 and the Farmers Market until further notice or government restrictions have been lifted.

EMERGENCY AND CONTINUITY PLANNING WEBINAR – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the March 27th webinar (attached).

NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX WEBINAR – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the April 15th webinar (attached).

FCSS COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report (attached).

ECONOMIC RECOVERY COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan requested Council consider the formation of an Economic Recovery Committee to support the businesses and community groups through this public health emergency.

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COUNCILLOR VALIQUETTE:

No meetings to report.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the April 16th Zoom meeting (attached).

LAC STE. ANNE FOUNDATION – Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the March 30th Zoom meeting (attached).

COUNCILLOR LOVE:

No meetings to report.

#057-20

ALBERTA BEACH 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY POSTPONED:

MOVED BY Councillor Love that due to the public health emergency of the Covid-19 pandemic the Alberta Beach 100 Year Anniversary Celebration be postponed to next year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR BENEDICT:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS WEEKLY WEBINARS – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted reports on the March 20th, 29th, April 7th, 14th & 20th weekly webinars regarding the public health emergency (attached).

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the March 20th conference call (attached).

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY COVID-19 MEETING – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the conference call held on April 6th to discuss the formation of a Human Needs Task Force in the area during the Covid-19 pandemic (attached).

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

Administration submitted a report on the 2020 Development Permits issued to date.

#058-20

MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that the committee reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION:

ALBERTA EDUCATION – 2020 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REQUISITIONS AND TAX DEFERRALS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Education advising that the 2020 education property tax requisitions will be maintained at last year's level and further that the non-residential education tax will be deferred for six months.

ALBERTA JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL – RESPONSE LETTER – POLICE FUNDING MODEL:

A response letter was received from the Minister of Alberta Justice & Solicitor General regarding the new police funding model confirming that Alberta Beach does not qualify for exemption as the exemptions only apply to the municipalities that have funded full-time additional police officers through option 1 of the Enhanced Policing Program.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – RESPONSE LETTER – REQUEST FOR ICF EXTENSIONS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Ministerial Order MSD: 019/20 which extends the time-line for completion of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) as well as Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP's).

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding Municipal Governance during Covid-19 which included the March 27th, April 3rd and April 9th information issues.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS APPROVAL OF ACP FUNDING:

A copy of the Alberta Municipal Affairs letter to the Summer Village of Silver Sands was received advising on the approval of ACP funding in support of the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Intermunicipal Watershed Planning Project.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – LETTER TO MINISTER - STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding their letter to the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the state of public health emergency.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA MEDIA STATEMENT - EDUCATION TAX RELIEF:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding their media release in support of the Province's education tax relief.

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ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA GUIDE - ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO COVID-19:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association which included AUMA's Guide for Municipal Leaders on Canada's and Alberta's Economic Response to Covid-19.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA ELECTRONIC MEETING SUPPORT:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association offering electronic meeting support to member municipalities.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded a letter of gratitude from the Lieutenant Governor to thank the dedicated municipal leaders who are working hard across the province to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – BUSINESS RESOURCE DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East which included business resource documents and information on the Covid-19 Relief for both employers and employees.

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – ZOOM INFORMATION SHARING MEETINGS:

Correspondence was received from Community Futures Yellowhead East regarding Zoom Information Sharing Meetings.

GERALD SOROKA, MP – EMAIL TO MAYORS – ZOOM/SKYPE MEETING:

Correspondence was received from Gerald Soroka, MP to the Mayor's in the Yellowhead Riding requesting input on the need for Zoom/Skype meetings.

MPE ENGINEERING LTD. – ALBERTA BEACH BOAT LAUNCH:

Correspondence was received from MPE Engineering Ltd. regarding engineering services on the proposed infilling of the southwest drainage channel in the Alberta Beach Boat Launch.

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA – RMA EMPLOYEE CELLULAR PROGRAM:

Correspondence was received from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta regarding information on the RMA Employee Cellular Program.

TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE – AFRCS THIRD PARTY AGREEMENT:

A letter was received from the Town of Mayerthorpe advising on the termination of the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRCS) third party agreements and further advising that the agreements for the use of the radios must be directly with the province. It was further reported that Alberta Beach has submitted a request to the Province for an agreement on the AFRCS radios.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – NEW MINISTERIAL ORDERS ON TIMELINES:

A letter was received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding new Ministerial Orders extending various timelines during the public health emergency.

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – LETTER TO MINISTER REGARDING SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS:

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's letter to the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs was received regarding Shovel-ready Projects. It was further reported that Alberta Beach has submitted a list of shovel-ready projects to the Province.

#059-20

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the correspondence be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – REQUIRING ACTION:

#060-20

ALBERTA PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council approve the proclamation from the Alberta Public Works Association to proclaim Public Works Week in Alberta Beach between May 17-23, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#061-20

ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA'S ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION FOR 2021-2023:

MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Council approve the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's AMSC Electricity Aggregation on a three year term for 2021-2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#062-20

KIM KOZAK – INNOVATIVE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve the Development Officer Contract from Innovative Planning & Development with the optional service of planning support effective May 1, 2020.

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#063-20 **WICKED AUTOMOTIVE – LEASE:**
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Council accept in principle the request to amend the lease with Wicked Automotive effective April 1, 2020 to August 30, 2020 and further that Mayor Benedict negotiate a rent reduction in exchange for providing mechanical work.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

#064-20 **BYLAW #272-20 A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**
MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #272-20 being a bylaw to establish a Development Authority be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#065-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #272-20 be read a second time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#066-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that permission be given to read Bylaw #272-20 three times in one sitting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#067-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #272-20 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#068-20 **BYLAW #273-20 A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY:**
MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Bylaw #273-20, being a bylaw to establish a Subdivision Authority be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#069-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #273-20 be read a second time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#070-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that permission be given to read Bylaw #273-20 three times in one sitting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#071-20 MOVED BY Councillor Valiquette that Bylaw #273-20 be read a third and final time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A suggestion was made that since the Alberta Beach 100 Year Anniversary Celebration is now postponed that Council prepare a press release and include a story with pictures for the actual 100th anniversary.

A question was asked if the village is sending out a message that people should not come out to their cabin, the Mayor responded that at this time the village is not, however the province is suggesting people stay in their principle residence.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor – Jim Benedict

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk