

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING  
MAY 19, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Councillor .....Judy Valiquette

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Benedict called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

**CLOSED MEETING SESSION:** No closed meeting session was held.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None.

**AGENDA ADOPTION:**

#072-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the agenda be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION:**

MR. ALLEN LEE, DOYLE & COMPANY – PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The Auditor, Mr. Allen Lee of Doyle & Company presented and reviewed with Council the 2019 Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Lee gave a summary of the 2019 operating and capital income and expenditures as well as the unrestricted and restricted surplus and reserve accounts. Council thanked Mr. Allen Lee for attending the meeting and for his presentation of the financial statements.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

#073-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2020 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

#074-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the meeting adjourn to hold a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting at 7:30 P.M.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING RECONVENED:**

Mayor Benedict reconvened the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

**OLD BUSINESS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

COVID 19 RE-OPENING PLANS – COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

#075-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Alberta Beach Community Facilities only re-open as per Alberta's Relaunch Strategy provided that all Public Health Orders as well as all Provincial & Federal directives and guidelines are being followed with the exception that playgrounds stay closed.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COVID 19 RE-OPENING PLANS – MEETINGS:

#076-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council meetings and any essential meetings resume via zoom meetings or in person meetings provided that all Public Health Orders as well as all Provincial & Federal directives and guidelines are being followed.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIAL:**

LIST OF ACCOUNTS:

#077-20 MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the list of accounts in the amount of \$120,706.79 be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATING SURPLUS FUNDS TRANSFER TO RESTRICTED RESERVES:

#078-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that \$177,902.00 operating surplus be transferred to general capital reserves.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AUDITED 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DRAFT):

#079-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Audited Financial Statements for December 31, 2019 be accepted as amended.  
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- #080-20 2020 BUDGET:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the 2020 Budget be approved as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- DEPUTY MAYOR DUNCAN:  
ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY AGLIPLX OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting (attached).
- #081-20 FARMERS MARKET RE-OPENING:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the Farmer’s Market be permitted to re-open provided that all Public Health Orders as well as all Municipal, Provincial & Federal directives & guidelines are being met.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- FCSS REGIONAL COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report as well presented and reviewed an FCSS Funding Spreadsheet (attached).
- #082-20 FCSS FUNDING SPREADSHEET:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the FCSS Funding Spreadsheet as presented be approved in principle.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).
- #083-20 LAKE ISLE & LAC STE. ANNE (LILSA) WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR FUNDING:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that the request from the Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne (LILSA) Water Quality Management Society for funds in the amount of \$500.00 for funding towards their operations and matching grant component be approved for 2020.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- ALBERTA COVID-19 RELAUNCH PLAN WEBINAR – Deputy Mayor Duncan reviewed and submitted report on the May 14<sup>th</sup> Webinar (attached).
- COUNCILLOR WEBER:  
COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – Councillor Weber reported that the last meeting was held to review a funding application.
- COUNCILLOR LOVE:  
HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION – Councillor Love reviewed and submitted report on the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting (attached).
- MAYOR BENEDICT:  
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS WEBINAR – Mayor Benedict reviewed and submitted report on the May 4<sup>th</sup> Webinar (attached).
- DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:  
The Administration Department submitted a report on the 2020 Development Permits issued to date.
- #084-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that the committee reports be accepted for information.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION:**
- AB OPTICS LTD. – INTRODUCTORY LETTER:  
An introductory letter was received from AB Optics Ltd. advising they have recently acquired Eastlink’s existing infrastructure in Alberta Beach and intend to deliver high speed internet and future video services.
- ALBERTA CAMPGROUND GUIDE – RE-OPENING YOUR CAMPGROUND SAFELY:  
The Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association forwarded their Alberta Campground Guide’s Re-Opening your Campground Safely for reference.
- ALBERTA COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – FCSS COVID-19 UPDATE:  
The Minister of Alberta Community & Social Services forwarded an FCSS Covid-19 update and further reported they are temporarily relaxing FCSS funding restrictions to assist in addressing food security needs.
- ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – 2020 COVID-19 RESPONSE – RECORD OF DECISION:  
Alberta Health Services forwarded the Chief Medical Officer’s Record of Decision regarding 2020 Covid-19 response which outlines the restrictions and prohibitions put in place through the public health order.

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**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – ALBERTA’S RELAUNCH STRATEGY:**

Alberta’s Relaunch Strategy, a safely staged Covid-19 recovery plan to relaunch the economy was received from Alberta Health Services.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2020 MAP REVIEW:**

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded their 2020 MAP Review for Alberta Beach which was conducted in March 2020, the report identifies areas of legislative compliance as well as areas deemed to be legislatively non-compliant and requiring attention.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding Municipal Governance during Covid-19 which included the April 24<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> issues.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE COVID-19 SUMMARY UPDATE:**

Alberta Municipal Affairs forwarded a letter from the Minister as well as a Municipal Governance Covid-19 Summary Update which included a summary of the key issues raised during the telephone town hall meeting and the province’s activities regarding those issues as well as a summary of the various measures Municipal Affairs has enacted through ministerial orders to assist municipalities respond to the public health emergency.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2020 MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM CHANGES:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs outlining the program changes to the 2020 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Program.

**ALBERTA SENIORS & HOUSING – MINISTER’S STATEMENT ON COVID-19:**

Alberta Seniors & Housing forwarded the Special Minister’s Statement on Covid-19 which included a summary of important announcements and updates.

**ALBERTA SENIORS & HOUSING – NEWSLETTER & MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER:**

Alberta Seniors & Housing forwarded their newsletter & message from the Minister regarding Covid-19 and Alberta’s relaunch strategy.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:**

A letter was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the physician funding changes and access to health care.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB):**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – AUMA RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association advising that the deadline for AUMA resolution submissions has been extended from May 31 to June 30.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA RELAUNCH STRATEGY:**

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded Alberta’s Relaunch Strategy for information.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA POLICE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association advising on the board appointments to the new Alberta Police Advisory Board which was recently established to give municipalities a voice in setting provincial policing priorities, it was further reported that Deputy Mayor Duncan has been appointed to the board.

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA):**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Urban Municipalities Association regarding the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA).

**ALBERTA URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION – 2020 AUMA CONVENTION SURVEY:**

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association forwarded correspondence requesting participation in completing a 2020 AUMA Convention survey.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT NOTICE OF DECISION (NE07-54-02-W5M):**

A notice was received from Lac Ste. Anne County on the approval of Development Permit Application #193193-20-D0006 on NE 07-54-02-W5M for the installation of a self-support telecommunications installation, equipment shelter and fenced area.

#085-20

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

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**CORRESPONDENCE – REQUIRING ACTION:**

#086-20 ALBERTA SENIORS & HOUSING – SENIOR’S WEEK DECLARATION:  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that in honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, Council hereby declares June 1-7, 2020 to be Senior’s Week in Alberta Beach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#087-20 MINNAN LIU – GREETING LETTER REQUEST FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> FALUN DAFA DAY ANNIVERSARY:  
MOVED BY Councillor Love that the request to provide a greeting letter to Minnan Liu regarding the 28<sup>th</sup> Falun Dafa Day Anniversary be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#088-20 HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION – HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION BINS:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the Highway 43 East Waste Commission request that Lac Ste Anne County residents be permitted to use the Alberta Beach hazardous waste collection bin be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#089-20 JIM PATRICK – OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES (LOT 10, BLOCK 3, PLAN 6604AO):  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that the request for a reduction in the outstanding property taxes and penalties on Lot 10, Block 3, Plan 6604AO from Jim Patrick be denied.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

#090-20 **BYLAW #274-20 A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION FOR 2020:**  
MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that Bylaw #274-20, being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation for 2020 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#091-20 MOVED BY Councillor Love that Bylaw #274-20 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#092-20 MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Duncan that permission be given to read Bylaw #274-20 three times in one sitting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#093-20 MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that Bylaw #274-20 be read a third & final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#094-20 AUGUST 10, 2020 LATE PAYMENT TAX PENALTY:  
MOVED BY Mayor Benedict that due to the Public Health Emergency of the Covid-19 Pandemic the August 10, 2020 late tax payment penalties be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A question period was held and a brief discussion arose on Alberta’s Relaunch Strategy and whether the Alberta Beach Library was open, the resident was advised that the Library is open for curbside pickup only at this time as they are waiting for further direction from their board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

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Mayor – Jim Benedict

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk