

**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
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor.....Tara Elwood
Deputy MayorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorBill Love
CouncillorKelly Muir
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Elwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL BY-ELECTION RESULTS:

The Returning Officer submitted a report on the official by- election results as follows;
Nomination Day was held Monday, August 28, 2023. One nomination for the position of Councillor was received by the Returning Officer. As no further nominations were received, Mr. Bill Love was elected by acclamation to the position of Councillor for Alberta Beach.

NEW COUNCILLOR OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE:

Bill Love took the Councillor’s Official Oath of Office.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mayor Elwood 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.

NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY:

Mayor Elwood read a special acknowledgement for National Truth & Reconciliation Day as follows:
Alberta Beach would like to acknowledge that September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We are encouraged to wear orange on this day as a public commemoration of the tragic history and ongoing impacts of residential schools and as a vital component of the reconciliation process. This day honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. We are at a crossroads in time when each of us needs to decide how we meet the challenge of reconciliation. We seize the opportunity and commit ourselves to contributing to a better future, one that recognizes the harmful past and uplifts the resilience, wisdom, and gifts of Indigenous Peoples. Each day brings the revelation of more remains of Indigenous children who were forcibly removed from their communities to attend residential schools, only to never return home. Learning and talking about the truth of residential schools isn’t about comparing whose trauma is worse. It’s about understanding how we build resilience. It’s about speaking a truth that must be told so it never happens again. We see reconciliation as the weaving together of all these resiliencies, the sharing and recognizing of going through difficult times, and choosing a new way of being as we move forward together.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

- 15.n Alberta Municipalities – EAI’s Recent Misinformation Campaign
- 15.o Alberta Municipalities – AB Municipalities Convention: What You Need to Know
- 15.p Alberta Recreation and Parks Association – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation 2023
- 15.q Lac Ste Anne County – Highway 43 East Waste Commission Main Landfill Closure for September 30
- 15.r Beachwave Park – Halloween Trunk & Treat

MOTION #159-23 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION: None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION #160-23 – ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2023:
MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on August 22, 2023 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

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OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

The CAO reviewed the CAO report.

MOTION #161-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WATER DISTRIBUTION FEASIBILITY STUDY – CONSULTING SERVICES:

MOTION #162-23

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council recommends to the Water Feasibility Study Steering Committee to proceed with the MPE Engineering Proposal.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR MUIR

Councillor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on September 13, 2023.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on September 13, 2023.

Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting held on September 18, 2023.

DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meetings held on September 13 & 17, 2023.

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meeting held on September 18, 2023.

MAYOR ELWOOD:

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

ABADASA Charity Golf Tournament held on September 8, 2023.

Council Open House held on September 9, 2023.

Yellowhead Regional Library Executive Board meeting held on September 11, 2023.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on September 11, 2023.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

Administration submitted a report for information on the 2023 development permits issued to date.

MOTION #163-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – PRELIMINARY 2024 EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT:

The preliminary 2024 equalized assessment was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2022 ANNUAL RETURN REVISION DECLARATION & REVISED EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT:

A revised 2024 equalized assessment was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs due to the assessor's submission of a revision to the 2022 annual return.

ALBERTA TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION – ALBERTA BROADBAND FUND:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Technology and Innovation advising that the application to the Alberta Broadband Fund was unsuccessful as the application did not meet the speed test eligibility requirements for download and upload speeds.

DEL COMMUNICATIONS – GREATER PARKLAND REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPRC) CONNECT:

Correspondence was received from Del Communications regarding advertising opportunities in the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce (GPRC) Connect annual magazine and directory.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – REGIONAL MUNICIPALITIES MEETING:

Notice was received from Lac Ste. Anne County advising that the Regional Municipalities meeting has been scheduled for October 17, 2023 and agenda items are to be submitted one week prior to the meeting.

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NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – SUPPORTING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT:

Correspondence was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance regarding supporting watershed management, to thank Council for their past support and request continued partnership in 2024.

SERVICE ALBERTA & RED TAPE REDUCTION – TRADE AGREEMENT REPORTING:

Correspondence was received from Service Alberta & Red Tape Reduction outlining the trade agreement reporting requirements in accordance with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE – COUNCIL RESIGNATION & BY-ELECTION RESULTS:

A letter was received from the Summer Village of Birch Cove advising on their Councillor resignation & the results of their by-election.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS – INTENT TO ENTER NEW FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT RESPONSE:

A letter was received from the Summer Village of Silver Sands to advise on their support in principle, to enter new fire services agreement with Onoway Regional Fire Services/Fire Rescue International in 2026, however, is requesting a review of the parcel fees charged back to Silver Sands from the membership.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH VIEW – INTENT TO ENTER NEW FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT RESPONSE:

A letter was received from the Summer Village of South View confirming their intent, in principle, to enter new fire services agreement with Onoway Regional Fire Services/Fire Rescue International upon the expiry of the current agreement.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNRISE BEACH – COUNCIL RESIGNATION & BY-ELECTION RESULTS:

A letter was received from the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach advising on their Councillor resignation & the results of their by-election.

TOWN OF ONOWAY – ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES ALL MUNICIPALITIES MEETING:

Correspondence was received from the Town of Onoway to advise that Onoway Regional Fire Services All Member Municipalities meeting is being tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2023.

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – DEMOGRAPHICAL DATA FOR ALBERTA BEACH:

Correspondence was received from Yellowhead Regional Library advising they recently obtained access to Environics Analytics and have prepared a report on demographical data for Alberta Beach benchmarked to the YRL region, the report includes various summaries and breakdowns of population overviews and details as well as various household data.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – EAI'S RECENT MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding EAI's (Energy Associates International) recent misinformation campaign against Alberta Municipalities Power+ program, the correspondence outlined the misinformation and provided the facts and further reported that AB Munis will be pursuing a demand letter to EAI to cease-and-desist.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding the Alberta Municipalities convention and what you need to know such as voting, resolutions, registration, and transportation.

ALBERTA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION 2023:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Recreation and Parks Association highlighting their activities to honour and celebrate National Day for Truth & Reconciliation 2023.

LAC STE ANNE COUNTY – HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION MAIN LANDFILL CLOSURE FOR SEPTEMBER 30:

Notification was received from Lac Ste Anne County advising that the Highway 43 East Waste Commission main landfill site will be closed on September 30 in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

BEACHWAVE PARK – HALLOWEEN TRUNK & TREAT:

Notice was received from Beachwave Park advising on their Halloween Trunk & Treat being held at Beachwave Park on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 P.M.

MOTION #164-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOVED BY Councillor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
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CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

MOTION #165-23

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves letters of support for the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives Society in their applications for funding under the Cultural Heritage Initiatives program and the New Horizons for Seniors program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ATCO GAS & PIPELINES – 2024 FRANCHISE FEE FORECAST & 2024 FRANCHISE FEE PERCENTAGE:

MOTION #166-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that there be no increase in the 2024 ATCO Gas & Pipelines franchise fees and they remain at 8.00%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DAVE IVES, FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – LETTER REGARDING TRAINING SCHOOL:

MOTION #167-23

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council has no objection to the fire hall facilities within the existing lease be used to train firefighters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JUNGLES BAR & GRILL – NEW YEARS EVE DINNER & DANCE AT THE AGLIPLIX:

MOTION #168-23

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council has no objection to Jungles Bar & Grill applying for a class B liquor license to hold a New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Agliplex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT – REQUEST TO USE BOUNDARY ROAD ACCESS TO DUMP LAKE WEEDS:

MOTION #169-23

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the Summer Village of Sunset Point request to allow their lake front property owners to dump lake weeds at the weed pick up point located at the Boundary Road lake access be approved on a trial basis subject to the dumping of lake weeds only.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUMMER VILLAGE OF YELLOWSTONE – MUNI 101 AND ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES COURSE FOR NEW COUNCILLORS:

MOTION #170-23

MOVED BY Councillor Love that Council approves to participate in a Roles & Responsibilities Course for New Councillors taught by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS: None.

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: suggestion for a dog park, reduction to speed limits in residential areas, the 52/52A Street alley drainage project and unsightly property.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Mayor – Tara Elwood

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk