

**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 18, 2025 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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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 7:30 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.m Alberta Municipal Affairs, Honourable Ric McIver, Minister – Education Property Tax Requisition
14.n Alberta Police Governance – Summary of Questions Alberta Policing Legislation Information Session
14.o Alberta Treasury Board – Loans to Local Authorities
15.f RMA Insurance – Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange 2025 AGM Meeting Notice
15.g David Ives – Provincial Fire Liaison Committee

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION #045-25

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 OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025:

MOTION #046-25

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 18, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS:

SGT MITCH SHERRARD, PARKLAND RCMP:

Sgt Sherrard was unable to attend the meeting. Council requested he be invited to attend the next meeting.

NORTHWEST OF 16 REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION:

Walter Preugschas, Interim Chair of the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association along with board members Barb Kostiw and Marin Polis met with Council to review a presentation "Working Together to Support and Grow Regional Tourism". The members reviewed their progress in developing the new regional tourism association, which aims to promote sustainable tourism that enriches the lives of both visitors and locals by showcasing the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and unique attractions of the Northwest of Highway 16 region. Additionally they reviewed their website, to be launched in April, and discussed the partnership opportunities, so far 19 members and 5 municipalities have joined. The membership costs are \$1,000.00 for large municipalities, \$500.00 for small municipalities and \$50.00 for operators, they requested Council's consideration in purchasing a membership. Mayor Muir thanked the board members for their presentation and for attending the meeting.

MOTION TO ACCEPT NORTHWEST OF 16 REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOC. PRESENTATION:

MOTION #047-25

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association 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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ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOTION #048-25

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT OF DECEMBER 31, 2024:

MOTION #049-25

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Pre-Audit Financial Report of December 31, 2024 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

MAYOR MUIR:

Mayor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting held on February 19, 2025.

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Strategic Planning meeting held on March 4, 2025.

FCSS Trivillage Committee meeting held on March 4, 2025.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on March 12, 2025.

DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE:

No meetings to report.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted report on the following meeting:

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting held on February 25, 2025.

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on February 19, 2025.

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society meetings held on February 25, 2025.

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Public Library Services Training Seminar held on March 1, 2025.

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Strategic Planning meeting held on March 4, 2025.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on March 10, 2025.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting held on March 10, 2025.

BEACHWAVE PARK COORDINATOR:

Mayor Muir reviewed the Beachwave Park Coordinators report of March 17, 2025.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

MOTION #050-25

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION – 2025 ACCPA CONFERENCE:

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association (ACCPA) regarding their 2025 ACCPA Conference being held on May 5-7, 2025 in Edmonton.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – FOIP REQUEST CONSULTATION:

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that a FOIP request was received for all records of emailed meeting requests from municipalities sent to ma.engagement@gov.ab.ca between Dec.15, 2024 and Jan.11, 2025, the letter requested a response to the disclosure of records relating to Alberta Beach. The CAO reported a response has been submitted that Alberta Beach does not object to the release of the records relating to Alberta Beach.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2025 MINISTER’S AWARDS:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2025 Minister’s Awards for Municipal & Public Library Excellence which recognizes excellence in municipal government initiatives & the provision of public library services in communities across Alberta.

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ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER'S LETTER – PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES ACT:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Provincial Priorities Act which establishes a process for provincial oversight of agreements between provincial entities and the federal government; further advising that effective April 1, 2025 municipalities and municipal entities will be required to submit information on all new agreements with the federal government, including agreement amendments and renewals, along with a copy of the agreement to Municipal Affairs.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER'S LETTER – BUDGET 2025:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs sharing information regarding Budget 2025, the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), Grants in Place of Taxes program (GIPOT), the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant (LGSG) which was discontinued in 2025, the federal Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS ON ALBERTA'S 2025 BUDGET:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities providing their report that summarizes their Preliminary Analysis of Alberta's 2025 Budget and how it supports municipal governments and communities across Alberta.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – BENEFITS SERVICES PROCUREMENT:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities to announce they have initiated a procurement process for the group benefits services vendor, as well they have posted a prequalification request for information which will be followed by a request for proposals for selected prequalified vendors.

PARKLAND COUNTY – ECC NG9-1-1 UPDATE:

Correspondence was received from Parkland County to provide an update on the progress of Parkland County's Emergency Communications Centre (ECC) and the transition to the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) system.

STURGEON COUNTY – RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

A letter was received from Sturgeon County regarding the proposal to enter into a mutual aid agreement for fire and emergency services acknowledging receipt of the correspondence and advising they will be completing a fire master plan which includes a review of existing mutual aid agreements and regional partnerships, and further advising they currently have a mutual aid agreement in place with Lac Ste. Anne County and request that any mutual aid activities be requested through Lac Ste. Anne County for assistance in the region.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – TRIVILLAGE WATER FEASIBILITY STUDY MEETING:

Correspondence was received from the Summer Village of Val Quentin advising on their preferred options for the Trivillage Water Feasibility Study as follows: Governance Model - existing commission expansion of TVRSSC; Type of Water Utility Service - full pressure system; Fire Flow Consideration - with fire flow requirements; Reservoir - one shared reservoir; Pipeline Installation Method - horizontal directional drilling method; and that their Council would also be in support of a portion of the remaining ACP grant funds be used to provide the costs for additional options or cost saving options.

WILD WATER COMMISSION – 2025 WILD WATER COMMISSION AGM:

Notice was received from WILD Water Commission regarding their 2025 Annual General Meeting being held on April 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alberta Beach Seniors Centre.

WILDWILLOW ENTERPRISES – ELECTION 2025 CANDIDATE ORIENTATION WORKSHOP:

Correspondence was received from Wildwillow Enterprises regarding the Election 2025 Candidate Orientation Workshops being held on May 3, 2025 at the Nakamun Hall and May 24, 2025 at the Darwell Seniors Centre.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS MINISTER'S LETTER – EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REQUISITION:

A letter was received from Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the 2025 Education Property Tax Requisitions, also included was an Education Fact Sheet and an Education Property Tax Comparison Report.

ALBERTA POLICE GOVERNANCE – SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS FROM ALBERTA POLICING LEGISLATION INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Police Governance regarding recent changes to policing legislation which came into effect on March 1, 2025, a summary of questions and answers from the Alberta Policing Legislation information sessions was included.

ALBERTA TREASURY BOARD – LOANS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Treasury Board regarding Loans to Local Authorities program and the borrowing notice for May 2025.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION #051-25

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

ALBERTA BEACH HERITAGE VILLAGE & MUSEUM – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CANADA’S VOLUNTEER AWARDS:

MOTION #052-25

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approves to provide a letter of support for the nomination of the Alberta Beach Heritage Village & Museum for the Canada’s Volunteer Awards under the Social Innovator category for their Bridge Between Nations Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD – YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY DISCOVERY DAY:

MOTION #053-25

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that correspondence from Councillor Elwood regarding the Yellowhead Regional Library Discovery Day being held on April 26, 2025 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD – REQUEST PERMISSION TO ATTEND ACCPA 2025 CONFERENCE:

MOTION #054-25

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Council approves that Councillor Elwood attend the ACCPA 2025 Conference being held on May 5-7, 2025 in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD – ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE MEMBERSHIP:

MOTION #055-25

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council approve to purchase a 2025 membership in the Alberta Association of Police Governance.

CARRIED

NORTHWEST OF 16 REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION – 2025 MEMBERSHIP:

MOTION #056-25

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Council approve membership in the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association for a membership cost in the amount of \$500.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RMA INSURANCE – GENESIS RECIPROCAL INSURANCE EXCHANGE 2025 AGM MEETING:

MOTION #057-25

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approve to appoint Councillor Durocher to act as proxy on behalf of Alberta Beach at the Annual General Meeting of Genesis being held on April 22, 2025 at the River Cree in Edmonton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DAVID IVES – PROVINCIAL FIRE LIAISON COMMITTEE:

MOTION #058-25

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council approves to provide a letter of support for David Ives’s Expression of Interest application for the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS: None.

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: Connect Mobility fiber internet service, building maintenance at the rink facility and the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

Mayor – Kelly Muir

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk