

**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
DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Deputy MayorBill Love
CouncillorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorTara Elwood
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

ABSENT:

Mayor.....Kelly Muir

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Love called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION #224-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that as per Section 197(2) of the MGA and Division 2, Part 1, Section 17, 18 & 23 of the FOIP Act (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) the meeting be closed to the public at 6:03 p.m. to discuss agenda item #2 Land Proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

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

MOTION TO RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

MOTION #225-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 6:20 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Love reconvened the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Deputy Mayor Love 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 #226-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024:

MOTION #227-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on November 19, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2024:

MOTION #228-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on December 10, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

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BEACHWAVE PARK COORDINATOR:

MOTION #229-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to work in joint collaboration with the Alberta Beach Community League for the management of Beachwave Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOTION #230-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024:

MOTION #231-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Financial Report of November 30, 2024 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCEPTANCE OF 2025 INTERIM BUDGET:

MOTION #232-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the 2024 Budget be accepted as a 2025 Interim Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Onoway Regional Fire Services meeting held on November 26, 2024.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting held on December 2, 2024.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on December 9, 2024.

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on November 20, 2024.

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society meeting held on November 26, 2024.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance AWC3 Webinar held on December 3, 2024.

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting held on December 10, 2024.

DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE

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

Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on December 10, 2024.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

MOTION #233-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – MEETING REQUEST WITH MINISTER MCIVER:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising of a potential opportunity for municipal councils to meet with Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the 2025 Alberta Municipalities Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus being held March 6-7, 2025.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – NORTHWEST & CENTRAL ALBERTA REGIONAL UPDATE:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities to announce that Melanie Samson has been appointed Business Development Regional Manager for the central Alberta region and Andrew Riley has been appointed Business Development Regional Manager for the northwest Alberta region.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON AMSC BOARD:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding an opportunity for member representatives from participating municipalities to serve on the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) Board of Directors.

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ALBERTA PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES – ALBERTA POLICE GOVERNANCE:
Correspondence was received from Honourable Mike Ellis, Deputy Premier of Alberta and Minister of Alberta Public Safety & Emergency Services regarding recent legislative changes to the Alberta Police Governance Regulations to ensure communities policed by the RCMP have a voice in setting local and province wide policing priorities and performance goals.

HON. JIM KARYGIANNIS, GTA STRATEGIES – CHRISTIAN HERITAGE MONTH LETTER:
Correspondence was received from Honourable Jim Karygiannis, GTA Strategies on behalf of Christian Heritage Festival regarding their campaign to have December recognized across Canada as “Christian Heritage Month”.

DR. RITHESH, ALBERTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, RURAL MEDICINE – NEW GRANT FUNDING FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE:
Correspondence was received from Dr. Rithesh of Alberta Medical Association, Rural Medicine regarding information on new grant funding available for rural health care.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES APPOINTS NEW CEO:
Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities Board of Directors to announce the appointment of Dana Mackie as the association’s new Chief Executive Officer effective January 2, 2025 upon the retirement of CEO Dan Rude.

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION #234-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

COMMUNITY FUTURES YELLOWHEAD EAST – REGIONAL INVESTMENT ATTRACTION MARKETING STRATEGY:

MOTION #235-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to participate in the Community Futures Yellowhead East Regional Investment Attraction Marketing Strategy and further approves a letter of support for the project and a municipal contribution of \$5,000.00 spread over three years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SANDRA WHITFORD – REQUEST TO REMOVE LATE TAX PAYMENT PENALTIES (ROLL #80):

MOTION #236-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the request from Sandra Whitford for removal of the property tax late payment penalties on tax roll #80 be denied in fairness to all property owners who also received a penalty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR DECISION - APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICERS AND LOCATION FOR FILING NOMINATION PAPERS:

MOTION #237-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council approves to appoint Cathy McCartney as Returning Officer and Kathy Skwarchuk as Substitute Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Elections and further that the location for filing nomination papers be the Municipal Office located at 4935 – 50th Avenue, Alberta Beach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: Community Peace Officer and ride alongs.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Mayor – Kelly Muir

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk