

**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
OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor..... Kelly Muir
Deputy Mayor Bill Love
Councillor Debbie Durocher
Councillor Tara Elwood (via zoom)
Councillor Daryl Weber
CAO Kathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAO Cathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Muir called the meeting to order at 7:01 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.h Lac Ste. Anne County – 2024 Recreation Funding - Beach & Boat Launch
15.m North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – NSWA 2025 Municipal Contribution Request
15.n Onoway Royal Canadian Legion – Remembrance Day Ceremony
5. Confidential Closed Meeting Session moved to the end of the meeting

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION #164-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024:

MOTION #165-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on September 17, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: None.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOTION #166-24

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT OF AUGUST 31, 2024:

MOTION #167-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Financial Report of August 31, 2024 be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:

No meetings to report.

COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach Lion's Club 50th Anniversary Celebration held on September 28, 2024.
Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Partnership Advisory meeting held on October 5, 2024.
Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on October 9, 2024.

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COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Alberta Beach SnoMo Days meeting held on October 11, 2024.

DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE

Deputy Mayor Love reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Onoway Regional Fire Services meeting held on October 1, 2024.
Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting held on October 2, 2024.
Lac Ste. Anne County Regional Municipalities Meeting held on October 4, 2024.
Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on October 8, 2024.
Alberta Beach Campground Advisory Committee meeting held on October 9, 2024.

MAYOR MUIR

Mayor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:
Beachside Grind Welcome meeting held on September 30, 2024.
Mayor's & CAO's Fire Services meeting held on October 3, 2024.
Alberta Beach SnoMo Days meeting held on October 11, 2024.

THANK YOU TO ALBERTA BEACH IN BLOOM VOLUNTEERS:

Mayor Muir recognized the hard work of the Alberta Beach in Bloom volunteers and expressed Council's sincere appreciation to each of the volunteers; Deb Brown, Gwen Brown, Colleen Klotz, Bonnie Malo, Angela Weber and Daryl Weber. The flowers turned out beautiful this year and were so appreciated by the residents and the many visitors to our village. We thank the volunteers for your commitment in planting, maintaining and watering the flowers throughout the season. Thank you for your time and dedication to Alberta Beach and a special thank you to Angela & Daryl Weber in watering the flowers on a daily basis.

THANK YOU TO BUD LOVE:

Mayor Muir recognized and thanked Bud Love for his hard work and dedication to the village in maintaining the main beach for our residents and visitors as well as maintaining the ball diamonds. A special appreciation and thank you to Bud Love for his time and dedication to Alberta Beach.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

MOTION #168-24

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

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA SENIORS – DESIGNATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services regarding designation of affordable housing accommodations and property tax exemptions.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY – FUS - ALBERTA BEACH GRADE UPDATE:

The Fire Underwriters Survey which is a national organization that establishes fire insurance grade classifications that are used in the development of property insurance base rates forwarded correspondence to advise that this year the grade for Alberta Beach is scheduled to be updated.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – FIRESMART ASSESSMENTS:

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to advise that the county fire services will not provide free FireSmart property assessments to residents outside of their boundaries, with the exception of those municipalities with service agreements.

The CAO reported an email was received from Fire Rescue International advising their members are fully-trained Wildland – Urban Interface (WUI) firefighters and specialize in structural protection additionally FRI has several Advanced FireSmart assessors on staff and to let them know if any residents wish to have a FireSmart home property assessment.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – HWY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION RECYCLING LIST:

Lac Ste. Anne County forwarded an information sheet for the Hwy 43 East Waste Commission detailing the recycling materials accepted at the main landfill site.

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA – MEMBERSHIP FEES UPDATE:

A letter was received from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta advising on the increase to the associate membership fees.

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – DRAFT 2025 BUDGET AND OVERVIEW:

Correspondence was received from Yellowhead Regional Library which included the Draft YRL 2025 Budget and budget overview as well as the YRL Board oversight and appointment information.

RMA INSURANCE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING INSURANCE RENEWAL:

Correspondence was received from RMA Insurance regarding upcoming increases to the 2024/2025 insurance renewals.

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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – 2024 RECREATION FUNDING – BEACH & BOAT LAUNCH:
Correspondence was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to confirm the 2024 Recreation Funding provided for the main beach in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the boat launch in the amount of \$10,000.00.

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION #169-24

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

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ALBERTA BEACH GROUP ACCIDENT RENEWAL 2025:

MOTION #170-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the Alberta Municipalities Group Accident insurance for the 2025 Council coverage be renewed under Plan B and 24 hour coverage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALBERTA TREASURY BOARD AND FINANCE – LOANS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES & ESTIMATED BORROWING REQUIREMENTS:

MOTION #171-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the correspondence from Alberta Treasury Board and Finance regarding the submission of estimated borrowing amounts for 2025-26 be accepted for information and further that Alberta Beach file the estimated capital requirements as nil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONNIE CURTIS – SPEED LIMIT ON 43 AVENUE:

MOTION #172-24

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that the request from Connie Curtis to reduce the speed limit on 43 Avenue from 40 km/hr to 30 km/hr be tabled to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ONOWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CLINIC - COMMUNITY SUPPORT LETTERS:

MOTION #173-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the request from Lac Ste. Anne County to provide community support letters for the Onoway Regional Medical Clinic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – LAC STE. ANNE EAST END BUS SOCIETY - PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

MOTION #174-24

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that the letter from Lac Ste. Anne County regarding the Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society Partnership Agreement be accepted for information and a response be sent to Lac Ste. Anne County to thank them for the information, to advise Alberta Beach is aware of the funding levels of the partnership which is based on populations and to advise that Alberta Beach is disappointed that the summer villages is not a partner in the agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAC STE ANNE EAST END BUS SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

MOTION #175-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society Partnership Agreement be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – 2024 CHIP SEALING COST SHARE - RANGE ROAD 32 FROM HWY 633 TO ALBERTA BEACH:

MOTION #176-24

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that a letter be forwarded to Lac Ste. Anne County regarding their letter and invoice for the 2024 chip sealing cost share on Range Road 32 from Hwy 633 to Alberta Beach to express concerns on the funding formula used for the cost share and to request they review and resubmit their request for funding on a more equitable cost share formula.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SHARON SPADY – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF LATE TAX PAYMENT PENALTY:

MOTION #177-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the request from Sharon Spady for removal of the property tax late payment penalty on Tax Roll #641 be denied in fairness to all property owners who also received a penalty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS – ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:

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MOTION #178-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to support the Summer Village of Silver Sands in their application to the 2024/2025 Alberta Community Partnership Program intermunicipal collaboration component for flowering rush abatement in and around Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 years and further Council approves a financial contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 per year for a total contribution of \$3,000.00 and that the Summer Village of Silver Sands act as the managing partner of the grant application and funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOM BRADBURY – CRIME IN OUR TOWN:

MOTION #179-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the correspondence from Tom Bradbury regarding crime in our town be accepted for information and further he be sent a response that crime is an RCMP matter and all incidents should be reported to the RCMP as the more crime reported results in more RCMP presence in our community and further that the Citizens on Patrol is a volunteer based program through an RCMP initiative and as there were no volunteers the program in the Alberta Beach area was disbanded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES GROUP – SORROWFUL ANNOUNCEMENT & ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT:

MOTION #180-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Travis Horne of Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. be appointed as Assessor for Alberta Beach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MICHAEL WELLER – 47A AVENUE DRAINAGE:

MOTION #181-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the correspondence from Michael Weller regarding the 47A Avenue drainage be accepted for information and further he be advised the matter will be referred to the engineer and our public works department to review and provide an update on the drainage project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CIRCULAR MATERIALS – COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION:

MOTION #182-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the compensation offer from Circular Materials for the Community Residential Curbside Collection Program be approved as well as the master services agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – NSWA 2025 MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION REQUEST:

MOTION #183-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the request from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance for financial support in a \$0.60 per capita municipal contribution to NSWA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION – REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY:

MOTION #184-24

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Council supports Councillor Elwood to attend the Onoway Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony on behalf of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

MOTION #185-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the Council Organizational meeting be held on Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP CONTEST:

MOTION #186-24

MOVED BY Mayor Muir that Alberta Beach sponsor a Christmas Light Up contest and that the prizes be as follows: \$200.00 for first place; \$150.00 for second place and \$100.00 for third place and further that the judging take place on December 21, 2024 by Councillor Weber and two members of the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRASMERE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DONATION:

MOTION #187-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Alberta Beach make a Christmas donation to Grasmere School in the amount of \$600.00 to be used towards the students for a Christmas Lunch as well to supply candy canes and Christmas oranges for each student.

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CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

MOTION #188-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the village office be closed for Christmas from December 24th, 2024 and re-open on January 2nd, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL & STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

MOTION #189-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves the purchase of \$100.00 gift cards for Council and staff in lieu of a Council & staff Christmas lunch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: Traffic Bylaw changes regarding parking of overweight vehicles, the Highway 43 East Waste Commission equipment repair invoice, FireSmart and risks in the municipality.

A discussion was held with the Beachwave Park Manager with regard to moving the bleachers back to the outdoor skating rink and the moving of the equipment shed, the Manager expressed concerns that moving the equipment shed interferes with the operations of Beachwave Park.

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

Mayor Muir reported the meeting will move to closed session to discuss agenda item #5.a the Regional Fire Services Model/Partnership. He further reported the public is welcome to return to the meeting after the closed session.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION #190-24

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that as per Section 197(2) of the MGA and Division 2, Part 1, Section 23 of the FOIP Act (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) the meeting be closed to the public at 8:55 P.M. to discuss agenda item #5.a Regional Fire Services Model/Partnership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

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

MOTION TO RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

MOTION #191-24

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 9:10 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES PARTNERSHIP:

MOTION #192-24

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that Council agrees to provide an expression of interest to proceed to explore fire service costs from the Regional Fire Services Partnership through Fire Rescue International services and further that the partnership members be advised that Alberta Beach prefers the costs for fire services be split between the partnering municipalities based on equalized assessment for a minimum of 60% and up to 100% and the remainder if any based on parcel count.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – REQUEST FOR QUOTE FOR FIRE SERVICES:

MOTION #193-24

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Lac Ste. Anne County be requested to provide to Alberta Beach a quote for fire services including medical response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Mayor – Kelly Muir

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk