

**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  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor.....Kelly Muir  
Deputy Mayor .....Bill Love  
Councillor .....Debbie Durocher  
Councillor .....Tara Elwood  
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.q Alberta Municipalities – Virtual Town Hall Meeting
- 15.c Carol McFetridge – Request for Removal Of Property Tax Late Payment Penalty

**MOTION #196-23 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:** None.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**MOTION #197-23 – ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023:**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on October 17, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION #198-23 – ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023:**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the minutes of the Organizational Council meeting held on October 17, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**

The CAO reviewed the CAO Report.

**MOTION #199-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None.

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:** None.

**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

**DEPUTY MAYOR LOVE**

Deputy Mayor Love reviewed and submitted report on the following meetings:

Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on October 30, 2023.

**COUNCILLOR WEBER:**

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting held on October 19, 2023.

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting held on October 25, 2023.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meetings held on October 30 & November 8, 2023.

Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance meeting held on November 16, 2023.

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**MOTION #200-23 – AMEND COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT TO THE HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION:**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council committee appointments be amended and that Deputy Mayor Love be appointed to the Highway 43 East Waste Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR DUROCHER:**

Councillor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Mgmt Society meetings held on October 23 & 30, 2023.

Alberta Beach Ag Society Beachwave Park Operations Committee meeting held on November 1, 2023.

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on November 8, 2023.

**COUNCILLOR ELWOOD:**

Councillor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Joint Trivillage meeting held on November 2, 2023.

West Inter-lake District (WILD) Water Commission meeting held on November 3, 2023.

Onway Regional Fire Services Executive Steering Committee meeting held on November 6, 2023.

Alberta Library Conference held on November 9-10, 2023.

Remembrance Day Service held on November 11, 2023.

Alberta Beach Library Board meeting held on November 13, 2023.

Emergency Service Appreciation Event held on November 13, 2023.

SVREMP meeting with Lac Ste. Anne County held on November 14, 2023.

**MAYOR MUIR**

Mayor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting held on October 26, 2023.

Beachwave Park Trunk or Treat held on October 28, 2023.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meetings held on October 30, November 2 & 8, 2023.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:**

Administration submitted a report for information on the 2023 Development Permits issued to date.

**MOTION #201-23 – 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 HEALTH SERVICES – TAMARACK HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Health Services regarding the Tamarack Health Advisory Council virtual meeting which provides an opportunity to bring the community's voice forward and to provide input on local and regional health.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2022 MUNICIPAL INDICATOR RESULTS FOR ALBERTA BEACH:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise that the ministry has compiled the 2022 financial year data for their annual reporting on performance measures which identifies municipalities deemed to not face potential long term viability challenges, and further reported that Alberta Beach did not flag any indicators for this year's municipal indicator results report.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – PUBLIC SURVEY - LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs inviting participation through an online survey regarding potential legislative changes related to Councillor accountability within the *Municipal Government Act* as well as potential changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – PROVINCIAL CONSULTATIONS ON LAEA AND MGA:**

Alberta Municipalities forwarded background information and discussion guides regarding the Provincial consultations on potential changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act* and the *Municipal Government Act*.

**ALBERTA RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION – WALKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES – ARPA'S ACTION MAP:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Recreation & Parks Association to officially share their Walking with Indigenous Communities, ARPA's Action Map which identifies 10 key actions that will guide their reconciliation work to move forward with Indigenous Elders and communities.

**ALBERTA SENIORS, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES – MINISTER'S SENIORS SERVICE AWARDS 2023:**

The Alberta Seniors, Community & Social Services forwarded nomination notice for the Minister's Seniors Service Awards 2023 which honours the contributions that Albertans, organizations and businesses make to improve the lives of Alberta's seniors.

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**ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER VILLAGES OF ALBERTA – SILENT AUCTION DONATION:**

Correspondence was received from the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta to thank Council for the support in a donation to their silent auction for their annual conference.

**FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES – 2023 FIRST 6 MONTHS PRESENTATION:**

Correspondence was received from Fire Rescue International which included the 2023 first six months presentation for Onoway Regional Fire Services.

**FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY – PETITION IN SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS:**

Correspondence was received from the Fire Underwriters Survey inviting participation in a petition proposed by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs to the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310's amendments to the Income Tax Act in support of Canada's volunteer firefighters, our first responders.

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA – 2024 PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS:**

The Government of Canada forwarded nomination notice for the 2024 Prime Minister's Awards for teaching excellence in science, technology, engineering and math as well as early childhood education.

**HIGHWAY 43 EAST WASTE COMMISSION – LANDFILL SITE HOLIDAY HOURS:**

The Highway 43 East Waste Commission sent notice of the landfill site holiday hours.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:**

Lac Ste. Anne County forwarded their organizational meeting results as well as their 2023/2024 committee appointments.

**RMA INSURANCE – INSURANCE RENEWAL UPDATE:**

RMA Insurance forwarded an update on the insurance renewals for 2024, outlining the significant events that have impacted insurance and to confirm their commitment to providing exceptional service and the most competitive pricing possible.

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:**

The Summer Village of Val Quentin forwarded their organizational meeting results as well as their 2023/2024 committee appointments.

**TOWN OF ONOWAY – 2024 PROPOSED ORFS RATES:**

A letter was received from the Town of Onoway regarding the 2024 proposed ORFS rates, further advising that the ORFS member municipalities have accepted a proposed budget for information, and they are committed to providing a final budget as soon as practicable.

**TOWN OF ONOWAY – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESULTS:**

The Town of Onoway forwarded their organizational meeting results as well as their 2023/2024 committee appointments.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding their Virtual Town Hall Meeting being held on November 30, 2023 to provide updates on the proposed changes to the *Local Authority Elections Act* and the *Municipal Government Act* as well as advocating increases for the Local Government Fiscal Framework and AB Munis submission to the Alberta Utilities Commission.

**MOTION #202-23 – ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

**50+ CLUB OF ALBERTA BEACH – COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT REQUEST FOR DOOR PRIZES:**

**MOTION #203-23**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the request from the Alberta Beach 50+ Club for a donation of a door prize for their community Christmas event be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**WESTERN CANADIAN WATERCROSS ASSOCIATION – WCWA JETSKI EVENT 2024:**

**MOTION #204-23**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that the Western Canadian Watercross Association be advised that Council has no objection to holding their WCWA Jetski Event in Alberta Beach in August 2024 however request that they provide a copy of their insurance and further that Alberta Beach be added as additional insured on their policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CAROL MCFETRIDGE – REQUEST REMOVAL OF PROPERTY TAX LATE PAYMENT PENALTY:  
**MOTION #205-23**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Love that the request from Carol McFetridge for removal of the property tax late payment penalty on Tax Roll #100 be denied in fairness to all property owners who also received a penalty.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:**

REQUEST FOR DECISION – ACP GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAND USE BYLAW UPDATES & STRATEGIC PLANNING:

**MOTION #206-23**

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approves to participate in an ACP Grant Application with the Summer Villages of Sunset Point and Val Quentin for the purpose of completing Land Use Bylaw Updates and Strategic Planning and further that Council approves that the Summer Village of Sunset Point act as the managing partner for the grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REQUEST FOR DECISION – ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE TRIVILLAGE FCSS PROGRAM:

**MOTION #207-23**

MOVED BY Councillor Elwood that administration request quotes for contracted administration services for the 2024 Trivillage FCSS Program from the Town of Onoway and Wildwillow Enterprises.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REQUEST FOR DECISION – REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT:

**MOTION #208-23**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Alberta Environment be requested to attend a joint meeting with the Council members and CAO's for Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin regarding shoreline management and that the meeting be scheduled for February 1, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A question was asked regarding the first six months stats from Onoway Regional Fire Services and as Chief Ives was in attendance at the meeting he responded to the question.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

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Mayor – Kelly Muir

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk