

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Annette Clews, Councillors Cheri Funke, Pat Toone, Myron Thompson, Paul Isaac, Chris Vardas and Tony Jordan

**ABSENT:**

Doug Wright, Interim CAO

**STAFF:**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services  
Ron Baker, Director of Operations  
Erin O'Neill, Manager, Planning and Development  
Jacci Hager, Manager, Parks and Recreation  
Kim Galloway, Economic Development  
Kelly Sterling, Economic Development Contractor  
Anne-Marie Wolfe, Legislative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Annette Clews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**306/13** Councillor Chris Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the agenda as amended to include the following addition: 13.1 In Camera Personnel. **CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**Monday, August 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**307/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 Regular Council Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

**Councillor Report**

Mayor Clews presented her July report to Council

**308/13** Councillor Paul Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council receive the report as presented for information. **CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Genivar Highway Corridor Enhancement Committee**

Kelly Starling, Economic Development, discussed the Highway Corridor Enhancement Committee with Council.

**309/13** Councillor Pat Toone moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the following residents as participants in the Town of Sundre Corridor Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee; Alyssa Campkin, Bev Hallett, Cindy Orr, Corynn Wylie, Leona Bennett, Norine Fullen, Pat Williams-Orosz, Councillor Tony Jordan to be the Council Representative and with Marty Mennear as the Chamber of Commerce/Corridor Business Owner Representative. **CARRIED**

Nick Pryce, Genivar representative, presented Council with their vision for the Highway Corridor Enhancement project.

Shirley inquired as to why they wouldn't suggest going with rock which is low maintenance and widely available in our area. Nick agreed that it is widely available, but trees are chosen for a number of reasons, one reason is to soften the hard edges and make the landscape more appealing.

Mr. Dales wondered how the highway going down to a three-lane highway could be envisioned with so many oversized loads that need two lanes going through town.

**310/13** Councillor Tony Jordan moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the Highway Corridor Enhancement Project for the information to be passed to the Town of Sundre Ad Hoc Committee to work with the Economic Development Department to provide recommendations as to what enhancements should be undertaken, innovative methods of funding enhancements over a three year time frame and 2014 budget implications. **CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Banking Services**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, spoke to the financial institution proposals that were offered to the Town of Sundre.

**311/13** Councillor Myron Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the proposal from the Alberta Treasury Branch for a period of five years, effective October 1, 2013 with an option to provide services for an additional two years. **CARRIED**

**SPOG Neighbours Day Partnership Agreement**

Jacci Hager, Manager, Parks and Recreation, spoke to Council regarding the partnership between SPOG, the Town of Sundre, and Greenwood Neighbourhood Place.

**312/13** Councillor Chris Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council agree to partner with the Sundre and Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG), Sundre and District Chamber of Commerce and Greenwood Neighbourhood Place (GNP) in the Annual Neighbours Day event. **CARRIED**

**313/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council commit to provide the Sundre Arena to SPOG at no cost as well as the Sundre Community Centre to GNP at no cost. Town of Sundre will advertise this event on the Sundre Community sign at no cost to either partner and will provide one administrator and one member of Council as lunch servers for the SPOG complementary lunch to the community. **CARRIED**

**Subdivision Extension Request SD 12-01 Aspen Ranch Phase 1A**

Erin O'Neill, Manager, Planning and Development, presented the extension request for Aspen Ranch Phase 1A.

Michael Brury, developer of Aspen Ranch, and partner, Sam Kitzul, spoke to Council regarding the Aspen Ranch development. They would like the opportunity to see what happens with the area and speak to a hydrostatic engineer regarding the area.

Councillor Chris Vardas, who lives in the area, said that he has observed the riverbank's erosion himself over the last few years and he estimates that there has been at least 5 meters lost. If this riverbank erodes 2-5 meters a year that is a lot of land lost to erosion. Councillor Vardas does not see that it would be fair to sell the land for someone to buy and build their dream home on and then to lose it all to the river.

Mr. Brury would still like the opportunity to do more studies on the amount of the land that has actually been lost.

Councillor Paul Isaac wanted clarity on how this extension would protect future landowners who may build in that area. Ms. O'Neill, reiterated that this extension would only follow the conditions from June 2012 which only suggests a 15 meter set back from the bank. This is a concern especially regarding the erosion in this particular area.

Anton Walker, a resident adjacent to the proposed development, spoke to his concerns regarding the mechanism of the deterioration and erosion of the riverbank.

- 312/13** Councillor Paul Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council deny the extension for SD 12-01 Aspen Ranch Phase 1A and request that the applicant resubmit their subdivision with revisions to the tentative plan extending the setback from the top of the bank and require additional studies regarding erosion control to protect the residents as part of subdivision conditions. **CARRIED**

**Mayor Clews called a recess at 7:30 p.m.**

**Mayor Clews reconvened the meeting at 7: 40 p.m.**

**Relaxation of the Noise Bylaw for the Vehicle Extrication Challenge**

- 313/13** Councillor Myron Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council relax the Noise Bylaw No. 818 on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22, 2013 for the VX Challenge. **CARRIED**

**Councillor Course Attendance Request**

Councillor Cheri Funke requested an online webinar for education for Councillors.

- 314/13** Councillor Tony Jordan moved to allow Councillor Cheri Funke and anyone in the organization, staff and the public to attend the webinar "Women's Leadership: Powerful Presentation Skills of Top Professionals – 09/26/13" to be held in Council Chambers. **CARRIED**

**Policy Review****Policy A-001 – Council Remuneration**

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Councillor Tony Jordan spoke to the changes that came forward from the ad hoc policy committee.

**315/13** Councillor Chris Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy A-001 as presented. **CARRIED**

**Policy C-006 – Discrimination Clause**

**316/13** Councillor Paul Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy C-006 as presented. **CARRIED**

**Policy C-007 – Attendance**

**317/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy C-007 as presented. **CARRIED**

**Policy C-015 – Worker’s Compensation Supplement**

**318/13** Councillor Myron Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy C-015 as presented. **CARRIED**

**Policy C-018 – Court Leave**

**319/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy C-018 as presented. **CARRIED**

**Policy C-019 – Maternity/Paternity Leave Adoption**

**320/13** Councillor Paul Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy C-019 as amended to include the correction of the name, ‘Maternity/Paternity Leave/Adoption’, throughout. **CARRIED**

**Policy C-020 – Leave of Absence-Bereavement**

**321/13** Councillor Pat Toone moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept Policy C-020 as presented. **CARRIED**

**322/13** Councillor Pat Toone moved that the motion 321/13 be rescinded and Policy C-020 be amended and brought forward to the next governance meeting. **CARRIED**

**Mayor Clews called a recess at 7:55 p.m.**

**Mayor Clews reconvened the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**

**323/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved to go In Camera at 8:04 p.m. **CARRIED**

**324/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved to come out of In Camera at 8:47 p.m. **CARRIED**

**325/13** Councillor Cheri Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept CAO Recruitment proposal by Transitional Solutions at a cost of \$16,000 plus advertising expenses as per the proposal. **CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**326/13** Councillor Myron Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. **CARRIED**

  
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Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

