

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

PRESENT

Mayor Terry Leslie, Councillors Paul Isaac, Tony Jordan, Verna McFadden, Jodi Orr, Myron Thompson, and Chris Vardas

STAFF

Dave Dubauskas, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director, Corporate Services
Erin O'Neill, Manager of Planning and Development
Jacci Hager, Manager, Parks and Recreation and Community Services
Anne-Marie Wolfe, Legislative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terry Leslie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1/14

Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the agenda as amended to include the following additional items: Councillor Reports to be presented by Councillor Vardas, Councillor Thompson and Councillor Orr as well as Mayor Leslie, and an additional Correspondence item from the Sundre Senior's Housing and Care Committee. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

December 16, 2013 Regular Council Minutes

2/14

Councillor McFadden moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting as amended to correct typo in motion 471/13 to read 'NSF charge \$25" be changed to "NSF charge \$42.50". **CARRIED**

PRESENTATIONS

Recreation and Culture Grant presentations

Ms. Cindy Orr accepted the Recreation and Cultural Grant Funds on behalf of the Sundre Arts Society.

Ms. Dorothy Thengs accepted the Recreation and Culture Grant Funds on behalf of the Sundre Daycare Centre and the Sundre Playschool.

Mr. Jack Nicholson accepted the Recreation and Culture Grant Funds on behalf of the Sundre Race and Rodeo Association

Mr. Ed Wicks was presented with the Recreation and Culture Grant funds on behalf of the West Country Centre.

Gigabit Services

Mr. Douglas presented Gigabit Services provided through the Lightcore Group. Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

Cross Country Skiing in Sundre

Jacci Hager, Manager, Parks and Recreation answered Council's questions regarding the Cross-Country ski track setting in Sundre.

There was consensus that this would be better coordinated through the school.

A big thanks to Mr. Everett Bourgonje for the track setting he has done over the past number of years for the school and the community.

3/14

Councillor Chris Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council does not assume ownership of the cross-country ski track setting machine and equipment and the responsibility of the track setting within the Town of Sundre. **CARRIED**

Mayor Leslie will speak to the new principal at River Valley School and discuss this matter further.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Vardas presented his report for the new Helicopter for STARS. He asked after the proper dimensions for the helipad that would be needed to accommodate the new STARS Air Ambulance Helicopter. Councillor Vardas will have the dimensions forwarded from Dr. Landsbergen. This new helicopter is faster and can hold two patients instead of one and has the ability to actually taxi down the tarmac.

Mayor Leslie discussed his meeting with the ESRD Minister to discuss the issues that Councillor Thompson and the River Committee had brought forward. The Minister made himself available on very short notice to meet with the Town of Sundre and Mountain View County representatives. The Minister was made aware of the report put together by the engineers about the Red Deer River. It was promised that two ministers would be coming again to meet with Town of Sundre and the Mountain View County to speak with residents regarding their concerns about our flood mitigation.

Dave Dubauskas, CAO, spoke to all Council and those present, about meetings coming up regarding flood mitigation goals. These will be with Stantec on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 and Arthur Anderson, the liaison between the Premier and the Executive Council of Alberta regarding flood mitigation, on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Town of Sundre offices. Mountain View County is also scheduling meetings with the Deputy Minister of the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources. This is the type of cooperation that we need between the County and the Town in order to move forward and this is the priority at this time.

Councillor Thompson spoke about the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group Annual General Meeting. He spoke to the committee regarding the report by McElhanney. He discussed that this report does not just affect the Town of Sundre, but also those down stream of the Red Deer River right to the Saskatchewan River. The report discusses bank stabilization ideas as well as other river stabilizing and flood mitigation ideas such as; dredging, building spurs, berms, etc. Councillor

Thompson made it clear that the job of the flood mitigation is not the Town of Sundre's responsibility; it is the Provincial government's and the Federal Government's.

Councillor Thompson believes that we can be saved from flooding. He agreed very much with the statement that the engineers have in their report; that we need to "train the river where we want it to go."

Mayor Leslie discussed the logistics and the financial questions of the flood mitigation. Whose responsibility it is to divert the river, to rebuild after overland flooding, etc. These questions will be brought forward to the two meetings coming forward on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Mayor Leslie discussed the Mountain View Senior's Housing project. There has been an architect of design has been chosen and it is IDI. They are hoping to have the ground broken by August 2014.

Councillor Orr spoke to the SPOG meeting on January 9, which she went to along with the CAO. It was a good meeting. There was explanation of SPOG and what they are about. The statistics of SPOG and its history was passed onto the Councillor Orr and Dave Dubauskas. Mr. Dubauskas was the guest speaker for the meeting.

Strong objections from the seniors for "painting and redecorating" of the facades of Main Avenue buildings, however, they would support an increase in parking and handicap parking and better sidewalks throughout town. Dave Dubauskas spoke to the concerns regarding the downtown revitalization efforts, which have been brought forward by the seniors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Economic Development – Sundre Economic Profile

Dave Dubauskas spoke to the Economic Development Profile.

Planning and Development Report – November and December 2013

Erin O'Neill, Manager, Planning and Development – spoke to the November and December 2013 reports.

Community Services Report – October to December 2013

Jacci Hager, Manager, Parks and Recreation spoke to the Community Services report for October to December 2013.

Councillor Isaac would like to see a revenue and expense sheet for the Arena.

Ms. Hager spoke regarding snow removal from the SCC roof will have to be coordinated with the school.

Sundre Senior's Housing and Care


This correspondence was discussed briefly and the concerns brought forward to Council by Councillor Thompson.

Alberta Order of Excellence – Nomination 2014

Dave Dubauskas discussed the Alberta Order of Excellence and asked that media and citizens keep in mind anyone they would like to nominate for this very prestigious award.

ADJOURNMENT

4/14 Councillor Isaac moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Chief Administrative Officer