

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2014, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Terry Leslie, Councillors Paul Isaac, Jodi Orr, Chris Vardas and Myron Thompson

**STAFF**

Dave Dubauskas, Chief Administrative Officer  
Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services  
David Hill, Director of Operational Services  
Denica Crosbie, Acting Director of Planning and Development  
Karla Eagles, Legislative Assistant

**ABSENT** Councillor Verna McFadden, Councillor Tony Jordan

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**167/14** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the agenda as amended to add, 8.2 Draft Letter to Minister of Environment, 9.4 Top Three Water Related Issues, 9.5 Councillor Orr's Request to Council re Todd Hirsch Presentation and 14.1 In Camera – Legal. **CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**September 2, 2014 Regular Council Minutes**

**168/14** Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 2, 2014 as presented. **CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**FCCS Budget**

Marita Stermann, Executive Director, presented her report on the Family Community Support Service budget.

**Library Budget**

Jamie Syer, Manager, Sundre Municipal Library presented his report on the Library Budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**First Avenue Swale – Funding Change**

**169/14** Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council moves to allocate \$37,500 from unnamed Roads Reserves to pay for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Swale, formerly called the 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Museum Drainage. **CARRIED**

**Draft Letter to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development**

Mayor Leslie presented Council with a draft letter to the ESRD Minister.

- 170/14** Councillor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the sending of the draft letter, as amended, to the ESRD Minister. **CARRIED**

***NEW BUSINESS***

**FCCS Budget Request**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services spoke to the RFD regarding the FCCS Budget Request.

- 171/14** Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council refer the 2015 & 2016 FCCS Budget and Communications Liaison Funding request to the 2015 & 2016 budget deliberations. **CARRIED**

**Library Budget Request**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services spoke to the RFD regarding the Library Budget Request.

- 173/14** Councillor Vardas moved that The Town of Sundre Council refer the 2015 & 2016 Library Budget request to the 2015 & 2016 budget deliberations. **CARRIED**

**Council Report Card Door Prize**

Mayor Leslie discussed his intention to draw up to five names from those residents who have filled in the 'Council Report Card'. Those whose names are drawn would receive a \$100 credit on their utility bill. He asked for a motion.

- 174/14** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve that up to five (5) \$100 utility bill credits to be allocated to the winner(s) of a Council designated prize draw. **DEFEATED**

- 175/14** Councillor Orr amended the motion and moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve one \$100 utility bill credit to be allocated to the winner of a Council designated prize draw. **DEFEATED**

**Top Three Water Related Issues**

Mayor Leslie requested Council to assist him in providing a list of three water issues to take to the next meeting of the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group on September 18, 2014. – Number one: the Maintaining of the Bridge, it needs the protection of an ongoing maintenance program, and the erosion that has happened has led to a need for conservation. Water quality will not remain as good as it is if we do not address these needs. Number two: Gas Loop and number three: the Berm.

**Councillor Orr Request**

Councillor Orr requested Council's permission to attend a CAEP event in Red Deer on October 9<sup>th</sup> which will be Todd Hirsch, Chief Economist with ATB Financial presenting a Report on Competitiveness: Alberta 2013. This will be a breakfast meeting with the cost of \$25.00.

- 176/14** Councillor Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council agrees that Councillor Orr attend the CAEP event. **CARRIED**

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Councillor Orr reported on the Sundre Regional Recreation Advisory Committee (SRRAC) meeting of September 3, 2014. The Terms Of Reference for the committee will be ready soon to come to the Council for approval.

The poor condition of the tennis courts was discussed and agreement was that relocation would make the most sense. The committee will look into alternative locations, costs and the possibility of grants.

Companies have been contacted to provide quotes for the North River Trail stairs. One company, which will provide drawings and quotes, discussed erosion on the face of Snake Hill and will also provide drawings and quotes related to stabilization of the hill.

Mayor Leslie reported on the Municipal Governance Symposium in Grande Prairie on September 5, 2014, which involved speaker presentations and discussions on the following topics:

- What should Municipal Governance look like in the future?
- Are we in alignment with our communities?
- How would we redefine boundaries to better represent communities?
- Amalgamation, why or why not?
- Local Boundaries, functional economic rural regions
- The need to create new governance structures to better accomplish affordable programs, services and facilities within the community to better serve the community
- If we redefined the boundaries of our communities, what would municipalities look like?
- Governing today, those who span both rural and urban.

Speakers from various communities, which are now amalgamated, shared on the required communication, the challenges, the successes, the financial side and the human side of amalgamation.

Mayor Leslie reported on the Central Alberta Mayors and Reeves Meeting in Red Deer on September 10, 2014. The three-hour meeting included the following:

- An AUMA representative who brought information regarding some of the issues AUMA is dealing with on behalf of municipalities which included RCMP funding, ambulance dispatch and temporary foreign workers. He also spoke about the

Amalgamation Seminar in Grande Prairie and asked for input from attendees regarding the wish to get together as towns and counties. Mayor Leslie was in favor.

- Mayors of Red Deer County and Rocky Mountain House were in agreement regarding a regional voice as a requirement to bring regional issues to GOA.
- Guest speakers from the Transportation Safety Board brought information on Rail, Pipeline and Marine Safety. The main presentation was on rail safety with questions about rail safety, cargo going through our communities, process for complaints and investigations and pipeline leak reports.

Mayor Leslie reported from his notes and Councillor Thompson's notes from the Sundre Seniors Housing and Care Committee meeting of September 11, 2014. The thorough reporting included the following items:

- Mountain View Seniors Housing Report - Sam Smalldon - update on the Sundre Construction Project:
  - the budget for the project is \$26.6 million based on tendering - the original "estimate" was \$25 million but it was not based on tendering. It has been a year so cost increases should be expected.
  - a stipulated fixed price contract will be signed today with Shunda Construction - \$22 million
  - services to the building are in - thanks to Town of Sundre
  - ASLI grant is in place with \$ in MVSH account - \$3.8 million
  - the serviced land cost was \$1.2 million. The purchase of the land was financed by Mountain View County.
  - the 42 units at Foothills Lodge will be replaced in this new facility with 103 units. There will be 18 Life Lease units available for presale starting in October. There will be capacity for all levels of care to residents in this new facility with some of the additional beds dedicated to residents needing 24/7 care.
  - \$18.9 million is financed through the Mountain View Credit Union and talks are ongoing with the Government of Alberta to try to reduce the costs of borrowing by using the same funding opportunities municipalities enjoy when financing their capital projects.
  - A Master Services Agreement has been signed with Alberta Health Services to ensure continuous funding revenue.
- Mountain View Seniors Housing is a multi-municipality Board consisting of Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Sundre and Mountain View County. Each of those municipalities believes seniors must be respected and should have the opportunity to age in place within Mountain View County - as we are all part of the Mountain View Community.
- there was concern by the Committee about the state of sidewalks in the downtown area - and the difficulty posed to those who use "scooter type motorized wheelchairs" to get around town - there will be a written report of concerns and suggestions coming to Council for budget consideration in the next few weeks.

- There was clarification that Mountain View Seniors Housing is in the "Housing" business. Alberta Health Services is in the "health care" business. Alberta Health Care determines levels of care that they support. Mountain View Seniors Housing provides housing for seniors who can live independently.
- Alberta Health Services assesses the health care needs that people have - and they provide "health services". Mountain View Seniors Housing provides "housing" services.
- For many families, and certainly for many seniors looking to move into units operated by Mountain View Seniors Housing - this can be a very confusing and frustrating maze to understand, and to work through. There is help to assist you if you have questions. Any site leader or administrator at any Mountain View Seniors Housing facility can answer your housing questions. Sam Smalldon, the Chief Administrative Officer for Mountain View Seniors Housing, can answer your housing questions and help direct you to people who can assist you with medical care questions. Call a Board member of the Mountain View Seniors Housing Board if you have questions. The members for this area are Bruce Beattie and Terry Leslie. Please ask your questions. There are many who want to answer and to help make this journey easier.
- Thank you so much to the Sundre Seniors Housing and Care Committee for their leadership in this project. 3 years ago Myron Thompson met with concerned seniors in the community over concerns about seniors having to move out of the community away from their family supports once they needed 24/7 health care. Under the leadership of Charlotte McInnis and through the dedication of all the Committee members over the last 2 years, the Celebration and Groundbreaking Ceremony for a 103 unit seniors housing facility will be Friday, October 3rd at 1:00 in the afternoon.

### **COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

Councillor Thompson shared with Council that there was nearly an accident near his house where there is a playschool; the area needs a school zone sign. He suggested that some playground signs be set up.

Councilor Vardas shared that the fellow concerned about the property around the berm had talked to him and was thankful that his issue had been handled; thank you to the Operations Department.

Councillor Isaac acknowledged that a resident who thanked him for work that was attended to promptly, was unaware that Councillor Isaac had forgotten to pass on the request. He let the resident know that the thanks needed to go to the Operations Department, as they have taken care of the clean up.

Councillor Orr shared an update on the building of the playgrounds. Production was delayed due to the unseasonably cold and snowy weather so the group will be working again September 18 and 19. Volunteers are required for those days.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**Planning and Development**

Denica Crosbie, Acting Director of Planning and Economic Development presented the Planning and Development Reports for July and August 2014.

- 177/14** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the reports for information. **CARRIED**

**Operational Services**

Dave Hill David Hill, Director of Operational Services presented the Operational Services Report and Summary for September 2014.

Councillor Orr stated that the Town of Sundre Council accepts the reports for information.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mountain View County  
Alberta Justice and Solicitor General  
Alberta Municipal Affairs

- 178/14** Councillor Orr moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the correspondence for information. **CARRIED**

Mayor Leslie called for a 5-minute recess at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Leslie reconvened the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

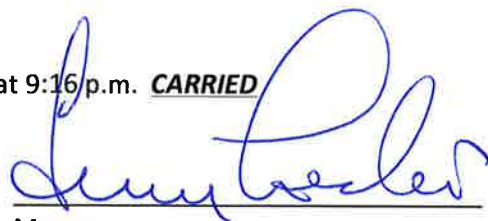
**IN-CAMERA**

- 179/14** Councilor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council go in-camera at 8:50 p.m.

- 180/14** Councilor Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council come out of camera and return to the open meeting at 9:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

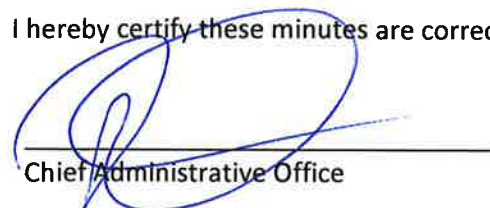
- 181/14** Councilor Vardas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. **CARRIED**



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Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct



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Chief Administrative Office