



Council Workshop
Council Chambers
January 23, 2017
6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Leslie, Councillors: Paul Isaac, Verna McFadden, Cheri Funke, Nolan Blatchford, Myron Thompson and Chris Vardas

Staff in attendance:

Angie Lucas, CAO (Interim)
Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration
Jim Hall, Operations Manager
Cynthia Robey, Legislative Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Leslie called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Modification to or Adoption of Agenda

Councillor McFadden moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the January 23, 2017 Workshop Agenda with the following additions/amendments:

- To allow the general public time to speak (in two minute allotments) after # 8 Discussion of January 16, 2017 Notice of Motion on Viability Review.

Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Blatchford moved that the Town of Sundre adopt the January 9, 2017 Workshop Minutes, as presented. **Carried**

4. Wild Rose Humane Society presentation

Welcome to Mr. Dean Orlando, President of Wild Rose Humane Society. Mr. Orlando shared a power point presentation and provided Council with additional material concerning the purchase of land and a building in Didsbury, Alberta, to be used for the purpose of an animal shelter. The Grand Opening will take place in the Spring of 2017, as well as a golf tournament in 2017. The shelter will provide housing and care to cats, dogs, and other small pets. Wild Rose Humane Society is now embarking on a campaign to raise funds for capital and operational costs.

Councillor Thompson arrived at 6:30 p.m.

5. Recycle Site presentation

Mr. Jim Hall, Operations Manager, shared a power point presentation that highlighted the following:

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- Council approved \$25,000 in the 2015 Capital Budget for the relocation of the Recycle Centre. Cost of the relocation was approximately \$9500.00
- The relocation was completed to improve the visual appearance of the downtown core and have the location on Town owned land
- Created safety for Can Pak Environmental Inc., Town Staff and Facility users
- Before and after photographs of the site showing problematic issues of litter, inappropriate dumping of materials and destruction and theft of Town property
- Background research on what forms of recycling our surrounding communities are using
- Non recyclable items being left on-site – Town has to cover dumping costs at the Transfer Site. During six months of 2016, extra cost to the Town was \$262.00, not including Staff time
- Most of the cardboard comes from businesses, not residents
- Mountain View county residents are a frequent user at the Recycle Centre
- Can Pak has purchased 6 cu yd. bins to replace the 4 cu yd. bins. Bin installation will take place before the end of January 2017
- Can Pak will change signage at Transfer Station to indicate acceptance of plastics
- Results of the Recycle Centre online survey of resident's use of the site was shared
- Problem solving scenarios

6. Curbside Cart Program presentation

Mr. Jim Hall, Operations Manager, shared a power point presentation that highlighted the following:

- Curbside Cart Program background research
- Photographs of Compost carts and inappropriate dumping
- Issues concerning Curbside: 2 week to 3 week rotation with resident's feedback
- Problem solving scenarios

7. 2017 Strategic Priorities Chart - discussion

Council directed Administration to make amendments to the 2017 Council and CAO Priorities and Projects section and bring the amended copy back to the Workshop for discussion:

- 1) Create a Tourism Development Strategy and an Economic Development Strategy
- 2) Continue to Conduct the Broadband Feasibility Study
- 3) Undertake a Disaster Readiness Review
- 4) Collaborate with Mountain View County to Create New ICF Document
- 5) Pursue Regional Status for Town Water and Wastewater Servicing Opportunities and Lobby for Federal/Provincial Funding for Infrastructure Upgrades

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6) Undertake a Town Wide Facility Review

Administration asked Council to review the Priorities and Projects in 2018 and the Advocacy / Partnerships sections for possible amendments. Mayor Leslie suggested the following item order:

- Creation of Vision, Mission and Goals for New Council's 4 year Term
- Education, Training, Workshops and Retreat for new Councillors
- New Intermunicipal Development Plan will be required with Mountain View County to align with New ICF
- New Intermunicipal Agreements with the County will be required once ICF and IDP are approved by the Province

Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration, suggested to Council to consider adding the approval of a three year Operational Budget into the 2018 Priorities and Projects.

Advocacy / Partnerships



- Future RCMP Office
- Future New Hospital
- Emergency Management: Flood and Fire
- Foothills Lodge: Future Use
- Regional Water / Wastewater Status

Mayor Leslie called a recess at 7:06 p.m. Council Workshop resumed at 7:13 p.m.

8. **Discussion of January 16, 2017 Notice of Motion on Viability Review**

Notice of Motion presented: *Councillor Myron Thompson requests that the Town of Sundre Council pass a resolution to request a viability review be conducted on the Town of Sundre municipality as per Municipal Government Act Section 129, Division 7 Dissolution and that a written request for a viability review be submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs with a completed self-assessment questionnaire from the Municipal Affairs Municipal Sustainability Strategy (MSS).*

Councillor Thompson spoke to Council giving his explanation of submitting the Notice of Motion. He also indicated his frustration, due to the Notice of Motion protocol, that he was unable to write out his explanation and give this information to everyone in advance of the January 30, 2017 Council Meeting.



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He said he was surprised to receive numerous phone calls from frustrated residents complaining about their taxes increasing because of the 2017 Budget, and that these residents say because of this increase, they can't afford to live in Sundre. He spoke about the money Council is spending on the issues concerning the river, and on the repair of provincial roads, etc.

Councillor Thompson says he was asked numerous times in conversation with some Sundre residents if Sundre was even viable? Concerned and wanting to prove that Sundre is sustainable and viable, Councillor Thompson approached Mr. Jason Nixon, MLA to ask for the supporting information to submit with this Notice of Motion.

Councillor Thompson told Council that he is open to withdrawing the Notice of Motion in favour of another suggestion from Council to achieve the proof of sustainability and viability. Councillor Isaac and Councillor Vardas voiced their concerns about this Notice of Motion. Both Councillors stated they believe Sundre to be a viable and sustainable community.

Mayor Leslie addressed Council and the members of the general public, thanking everyone for attending this evening and gave a brief explanation of the Notice of Motion protocol, and how Municipal Affairs would be involved should the Notice of Motion go forward for approval. He suggested that the information to support a viability issue is already available online, etc.

Mayor Leslie invited the general public to speak:

Mr. Mike Beukeboom, President of the Sundre Chamber of Commerce spoke saying he does not support amalgamation. Mr. Beukeboom highlighted examples of the viable industries Sundre. He spoke about the Centre Street North infrastructure costs.

Mr. Jim Hall spoke saying how proud he is to be a Sundre resident, that he is a homeowner and wishes to retire in his hometown. He stated that he feels that Sundre is a viable community.

Mr. Vic Pirie, Director of Finance and Administration spoke to Council to say that Sundre is financially viable, that Council is doing a good job managing Town affairs.

Ms. Jodi Orr, spoke saying that financially Sundre looks good and is viable. She hopes that the Notice of Motion does not move forward because developers will not build here.

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Ms. Pat Toone, spoke about former viability studies she's aware that were done by former Councils. She found the questionnaire questions were helpful and she encouraged Council to do this among themselves instead of involving Municipal Affairs.

In closing, Councilor Thompson thanked everyone for their comments and said he looked forward to this matter being brought forward to the January 30, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

9. Future Topics for Council Workshop and Council Meeting Agendas

- Councilor Vardas suggested that a web cam be installed during Council Meetings so that individuals who are not in attendance, can view the meetings from the comfort of their homes.
- Councilor Thompson would like a discussion about Exit Interviews of Town Staff who have left employment with the Town of Sundre.
- Councillor Blatchford – would like a discussion about business incentives for attracting new businesses to Sundre.

10. In-Camera

15. Adjournment

Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council conclude the Workshop at 8:29 p.m. **Carried**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



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