

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017 IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT Mayor Terry Leslie, Councillors: Cheri Funke, Paul Isaac, Chris Vardas, Myron Thompson

ABSENT Councillors: Verna McFadden and Nolan Blatchford

STAFF Angie Lucas, Interim, CAO (Director of Planning and Operational Services)
Vic Pirie, Director of Administration and Finance
Cynthia Robey, Legislative Executive Assistant

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS STAFF: Desiree Kuori, Municipal Advisor
Lisa Awid-Goltz, Municipal Dispute Resolution Advisor
Irene Black, Municipal Dispute Resolution Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leslie welcomed Municipal Affairs staff and called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

MODIFICATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

52/17 Councillor Funke moved that the Town of Sundre Council adopt the February 16, 2017 Special Council Meeting Agenda, as presented. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation – Municipal Affairs

Municipal Affairs staff members each gave a brief introduction, which included their background employment history information. Desiree Kuori, Municipal Advisor, asked Council members to share their background information as well, and for each Council member to indicate what they were hoping to achieve from this presentation from Municipal Affairs.

Municipal Affairs staff presented a power point presentation covering the Municipal Services Branch Overview.

The outline of this presentation was as follows:

- 1) Municipal Affairs
- 2) Municipal Services and Legislation Division
- 3) Municipal Services Branch
- 4) Other Services – Planning, Collaboration, Dispute Resolution, Capacity Building, Advisory, Assessment, Grants, Resources
- 5) Questions




Initials

There were a number of questions/comments presented to Municipal Affairs staff by Council members throughout the presentation:

- Council asked Municipal Affairs to expand on criteria for Grants, such as application processes, amounts of the Grants, etc
- Council asked for clarification concerning the topic of dispute resolution
- Councillor Thompson and Councillor Isaac expressed disagreement with the strictness of the Municipal Government Act, indicating the Act should be made more flexible
- ICF Timelines were provided by Municipal Affairs Staff
- There was some discussion about Municipal Affairs training workshops which could be provided
- Council asked Municipal Affairs staff to highlight the top 3-5 issues that Municipal Affairs deals with most commonly.

After the presentation concluded, Mayor Leslie asked the audience if anyone had any comments:

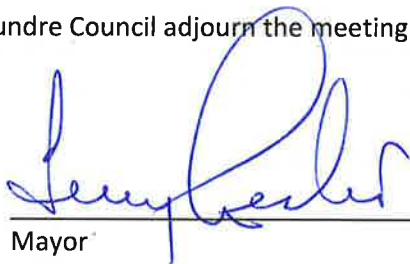
Michelle Smith approached Council to state that she did not want Council members to stop communicating with Town of Sundre Staff on a social level but not to direct Staff in any way.

Tom Mennear approached Council to say he is frustrated with the strictness of the Municipal Government Act, and how that impacts his ability to communicate with Council members. He also spoke of Annexation regarding businesses in the west end of Sundre. Mayor Leslie replied and said that a form of mediation will be considered.

Mike Beukeboom approached Council to speak about funding inequity. Mr. Beukeboom says he believes this to be a regional issue, that is has been occurring for decades now. Spoke about the modernization of Municipal Government Act, regional funding models, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

53/17 Councillor Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer