



Village of Stirling

January 8, 2014

The Village of Stirling Council meeting was held at the Stirling Community Centre on January 8, 2014. In attendance were Mayor Nilsson, Councillors Bikman, Edwards, Lewington and Maynes and CAO Selk.

CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Nilsson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2014-001 AGENDA Councillor Lewington moved to adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried

DELEGATION(S) Ridge Water Services Commission Chair Mayor Bohne, Plant Operator Rick Lowry and CAO Kurtis Pratt presented information about the water quality at Ridge Reservoir to Council.
Mayor Bohne asked Council to give a Motion of Support to the Ridge Water Quality Report.
Lowry gave a video presentation about the study at the reservoir in 2013.

Ridge Regional Peace Officer member Sgt. Rod Tilson and Todd Nelson spoke to Council about the services they will provide to the community. They will be involved with bylaw and traffic enforcement and will be taking a more proactive approach rather than a reactive one. Officers will also be meeting with administration on a regular basis.

2014-002 MINUTES Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the minutes of the December 18, 2013 Council Meeting.
Carried

2014-003 ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE Councillor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable cheque #201430001-201430028 excepting #20140005 and 20140014.
Carried

2014-004 Councillor Bikman moved to accept accounts payable #20140005.
Councillor Edwards abstained.
Carried


2014-005 Councillor Edwards moved to accept accounts payable #20140014. Mayor Nilsson abstained.
Carried

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| 2014-006 | <u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u> | Councillor Bikman moved to accept the July 2013, August 2013, September 2013 and October 2013 bank reconciliation, as presented. | Carried |
| | <u>2014 BUDGET</u> | Administration presented an amended version of the 2014 budget including an increase to the Ridge Water Services Commission water charges for 2014. Council discussed the budget changes which include an increase to the water rate charges for 2014. Councillor Maynes arrived at 7:51 p.m. | |
| 2014-007 | <u>FEES AND CHARGES 2014</u> | Councillor Lewington moved to approve the amended 2014 Fees and Charges Schedule. | Carried |
| | <u>CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES</u> | Item tabled to the January 15, 2014 Council meeting | |
| | <u>EMAIL UTILITY BILLING</u> | Administration presented information about sending out all utility bills by email due to increases cost of direct mail through Canada Post. Tax bills would still be mailed. | |
| | <u>ROUNDTABLE</u> | Councillor Lewington discussed the Ridge Country Housing approval of \$5,000,000 in funding to upgrade the Milk River facility. The organization continues to actively work with the Province to get funding for the Raymond facility. Councillor Maynes discussed Ridge Regional Public Safety Services meeting. He reported Stirling will support with the same funding level as 2013. Raymond and the County of Warner will move forward with the 3 Officer model. Maynes also reported the meeting for Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority approved wage increases for staff. Mayor Nilsson reported the Stirling Historical Society AGM will be held Thursday January 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Councillor Edwards reported on committee meetings he attended – Ridge Water Services Commission and Community Futures. Councillor Bikman nothing to report. | |

- 2014-008 CAO REPORT –
MARCH 2013 Councillor Bikman moved to accept the CAO Report for January 8, 2014. Carried
- 2014-009 CLOSED SESSION Mayor Nilsson moved to go into closed session at 8:46 pm, as per section 16 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Carried
- 2014-010 Councillor Edwards moved to come out of closed session at 9:12 pm. Carried
- 2014-011 CORRESPONDENCE
AND ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION Councillor Bikman moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented. Carried
- 2014-012 RWSC MOTION OF
SUPPORT Councillor Bikman moved be it resolved that the Village of Stirling supports the recommendations of the Ridge Water Services Commission and is united in declaring that the redirection of historical water flow through the reservoir for power generation purposes is unacceptable, further that the deteriorating water quality and organic overgrowth caused by the current water flow practices is a health nuisance and detrimental to the municipalities served by the Ridge Water Services Commission. Finally, it is also damaging to the economic, environmental and recreational uses of Ridge Reservoir. Carried
- 2014-013 ADJOURN Councillor Bikman moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Carried



Mayor



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