



Village of Stirling

April 19, 2017

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on April 19, 2017. In attendance Mayor Nilsson, Councillors Bikman, Lewington and Maynes and CAO Selk. Councillor Edwards was excused.

CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Nilsson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION Council recognizes the 2 members of the Stirling Fire Department who were given service recognition awards at the annual appreciation dinner. Laval Richardson who received his 30-year service award and Scott Foss who received his 40-year service award.

Council recognizes Craig Fawcett who was featured in Quirk magazine for his talent of pottery and his mastery of sign language.

Council recognizes Aaron Quinton and Bailey Strickland for their participation in the Raymond Show Choir spring production.

2017-072 AGENDA

Councillor Lewington moved to adopt the agenda adding item 7(f) Cemetery Society Requests and 7(g) CARES Application Update.

Carried

DELEGATION(S)

Mercer Wilde Group representative Doug Wilde presented the 2016 Audited Financial Statements.

CFO Martin Woolf and Wilde answered questions from Council.

2017-073

Councillor Maynes moved to accept the 2016 Audited Financial Statement as presented.

Carried

Darryl Hutching spoke to Council about the need to move forward with an amendment to the Animal Bylaw and that horses remain a fundamental part of Stirling. Hutchings indicated he was part of the Bylaw Review Committee and spoke about some

the recommendations including removing the term "pasturable acre", allowing for adequate fencing and that three horses per acre would be appropriate. He reminded Council that the timeframe for this group to deal with the changes end later this year. Hutchings also spoke about review committee proposing that chickens be allowed with the appropriate coop on any lot size.

Susan Byers spoke to Council about her interest in moving to Stirling and her request to be able to license her three dogs. Byers explained she would not need a fancier designation as she has no intention of breeding dogs. She indicated that all her dogs were fixed and microchipped.

Ryan Holt indicated he was interested in the outcome of Byers request as it could impact the possible sale of two Stirling homes.

2017-074 MINUTES Councillor Bikman moved to adopt the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Council Meeting. Carried

2017-075 ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE Councillor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20170230-20170259 and #20170260-20170261, excepting #20170246. Carried

2017-076 Councillor Bikman moved to accept accounts payable #20170246. Councillor Maynes abstained. Carried

BYLAW NO. 468-17 Administration presented the revised 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 470-17

2017-077 Mayor Nilsson moved third reading of Bylaw No. 470-17 as amended. Carried

2017 CAPITAL
BUDGET Administration presented the updated 2017 Capital budget. Council discussed priority projects and finalized a balanced budget.

2017-078 Councillor Lewington moved to approve the interim 2017 Capital Budget as amended.

DOG FANCIER
REQUEST – SUSAN
BYERS

Administration reviewed the current Dog Bylaw No. 423-08 and the process which saw the draft Dog Bylaw amendment which was defeated in 2014.

Councillor Maynes asked what process is available to deal with Byers request.

Mayor Nilsson spoke about compliance with the existing Dog Bylaw within the Village and that increased fines could be a way to help improve compliance. He indicated he still supports the Dog Bylaw Review Committee recommendation to increase the maximum licenced dogs to three. Nilsson also spoke about other community's approach to the Dog Bylaw being more about responsible dog ownership rather than maximum number of animal licencing.

Councillor Lewington spoke wanting a broad change to the approach of a Dog Bylaw rather than just an increase to the number of dogs allowed.

Council discussed the possible approach to amending the process.

2017-079

Councillor Lewington moved to direct Administration to draft a new Dog Control bylaw with the focus on responsible dog ownership and bring it back to Council when prepared.

Carried

RIDGE REGIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES
COMMISSION –
2017 BUDGET AND
BYLAW

Councillor Maynes spoke about the modified budget that was passed by the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Authority at the last meeting. He further indicated if Magrath leaves the Service, as was initiated in 2016, the budget would significantly change for the remaining communities.

Council discussed Bylaw No. 1 and No. 2.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN
SOLID WASTE
SERVICES
COMMISSION –
BYLAWS

Council discussed the Chief Mountain Solid Waste Services Commission (CMSWSC) Bylaw No. 1 and No. 2. Council also discussed the process for getting a financial benefit for running a recycling program.

CMSWSC Board Representative Councillor Maynes spoke about

the rebate program offered currently by the Authority.

CEMETERY
SOCIETY REQUESTS

Cemetery Society Board Representative Councillor Bikman presented several requests from the Society including:

- Asking Council to designate May 13, 2017 as Community Clean Up Day and have the Village provide lunch.
- Asking if the Village could gravel the roadway within the Cemetery.
- Consider installing a covered structure at the Cemetery to provide visitors with a book of remembrance showing all those who are buried. The structure could be similar to the one at the Raymond Cemetery.
- Provide the Society with statistics of how many plots are occupied and vacant.

Council discussed the request from the Cemetery Society.

2017-080

Councillor Bikman moved to designate Saturday, May 13, 2017 as Community Clean Up Day and have the Village provide a lunch for all the Volunteers.

Carried

CARES
APPLICATION -
UPDATE

Councillor Lewington updated Council on the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program grant application. He indicated the application is about 60% complete and that he has been in contact with the program director.

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Lewington nothing to report.

Mayor Nilsson discussed the School Modernization Fundraising Committee launch of the fundraising campaign.

Councillor Maynes reported on the CMRSWA and RRPSS board meetings as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Councillor Bikman reported on the Cemetery Society board meeting. Bikman further indicated he would talk to the Library Board at the upcoming meeting about forming a Friends of Society to help with fundraising.

2017-081 CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Nilsson moved to go into closed session at 8:37 p.m., as per section 16 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

2017-082

Councillor Lewington moved to come out of closed session at 9:24 p.m.

Carried

2017-083

CORRESPONDENCE
AND ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION

Councillor Lewington moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented.

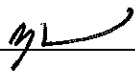
Carried

2017-084

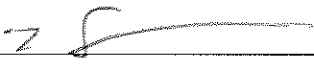
ADJOURN

Councillor Bikman moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



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