



# Village of Stirling

December 13, 2017

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on December 13, 2017. In attendance: Mayor Trevor Lewington, Councillors, Robert Edwards, Matthew Foss Kevin Nelson, and Larry Nilsson, CAO Mike Selk and Administrative Assistant Aletta Lightfoot.

CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Lewington called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2017-247 AGENDA

Councillor Foss moved to adopt the agenda as amended adding item 7(f) School Modernization Fundraising Committee Update.

Councillor Nelson  
arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Carried

RECOGNITION

Council recognizes the Senior Varsity Girls for winning the Girl's side of the Picture Butte "Rule the Court" Tournament.

Council recognizes the Senior Varsity Boys side for their victory over St. Mary's, Taber in the Picture Butte "Rule the Court" Tournament and placing third.

Council recognizes Darren Mazutinec for receiving the Alberta Schools Athletic Association Lorne Wood Award.

Councillor Edwards  
arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Council recognizes Jeff and Angie Nelson for completing the Sustainable Farm Families Alberta program.

DELEGATION(S)

RCMP Sgt. McCoy reviewed the statistical report for November 2017.

Councillor Nelson asked about the effectiveness of a "citizens on patrols" program in relation to criminal activity.

Sgt. McCoy discussed the Raymond citizens on patrol program and indicated he would get additional information.

Mayor Lewington asked about a national perspective.

Sgt. McCoy indicated he would get additional information.

Sgt. McCoy reported they have a full staff of 6 members and 2 support staff as of October.

2017-248	<u>MINUTES</u>	Councillor Nilsson moved to adopt the minutes of the November 29, 2017 Council Meeting as amended.	Carried
	<u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	Mayor Lewington inquired about Wilde Bros. and the meter pits.	
2017-249	<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>	Councillor Edwards moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20171093-20171120, excepting #20171102.	Carried
2017-250		Mayor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable #20171102. Councillor Foss abstained.	Carried
	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS 2018</u>	Administration presented the revised Capital Priorities and Projects Plan for 2018.	
		<p>Council discussed the 2018 Capital Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paving of 2<sup>nd</sup> St between 3 Ave. &amp; 4 Ave., along with re-paving 3<sup>rd</sup> St between 4 Ave. And 5 Ave. Council discussed paving multiple blocks to gain economy of scale. Council also discussed reviewing the Village Paving Plan.</li> <li>- Council discussed the Library/Village Office Expansion Project and the grants received. Council discussed engaging with the Library Board and waiting for feedback on their decision and plans before moving ahead with refurbishing/upgrading library space.</li> <li>- Council discussed relocating the ATB Agency space.</li> </ul>	
		Mayor Lewington tabled the item to the February 7, 2018 meeting.	
	<u>2018 FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE</u>	Administration presented the amended 2018 Fees and Charges schedule.	
		Council discussed the amended 2018 Fees and Charges schedule. Council further discussed the proposed rate increase to the flat rate charge for water.	
		Councillor Edwards proposed keeping the flat rate for water the same as 2017 until the \$5/month water meter surcharges drops off	

and then adding the \$5 fee to the water flat rate as a means of better capturing the true water expense and amortization costs.

Council discussed the proposals.

Administration indicated this approach could be a better way of substantiating the expense and amortization costs associated with water.

Councillor Edwards asked that the 2018 Water rates be passed separate from the rest of the 2018 Fees and Charges.

Council discussed and agreed to pass the 2018 Water rates separate from all the other 2018 Fees and Charges.

2017-251

Mayor Lewington moved to approve the 2018 Fees & Charges Schedule excluding all fees and services regarding the Water Rates and Charges, and to remove the proposed Community Centre Booking Fee.

Carried

Councillor Nilsson moved to approve the 2018 Fees and Charges for Water as presented.

Councillor Edwards proposed a friendly amendment to the motion to include the wording:

Whereas there is a need for ongoing capital improvements to water related infrastructure and that specific reserves should be proactively developed over time. And Further that Council resolves, at this time, to not further increase the water rate to meet these needs.

Council discussed the friendly amendment.

Councillor Edwards withdrew the friendly amendment.

Mayor Lewington asked if there was any additional discussion to the motion on the table from Councillor Nilsson.

Councillor Edwards asked that the vote be recorded.

Mayor Lewington called for the vote on the motion:

2017-252

Councillor Nilsson moved to approve the 2018 Fees and Charges for Water as presented.

Carried 4-1

Mayor Lewington, Councillors Foss, Nelson & Nilsson in favour.

Councillor Edwards opposed.

ENMAX SOLAR  
PANEL  
INSTALLATION  
PROJECT

Mayor Lewington tabled the item to the January 3, 2018 meeting.

RURAL WATER  
USER METER  
INSTALLATION –  
NELSON FAMILY  
RANCHES

Councillor Nelson declared pecuniary interest and was excused at 9:07 p.m.

Council was brought up-to-date from previous Councils meetings with Nelson Family Ranches representative and the Council discussion and motions regarding the individual meter exemption.

2017-253

Mayor Lewington moved for Council to provide Administration with direction to meet with Nelson Family Ranches and provide information for the options available regarding, the completion of the water meter replacement program for Nelson Family Ranches, located in the County of Warner, that will meet the standards required in motion No. 2016-094

Carried

Councillor Nelson returned at 9:35 p.m.

VILLAGE WATER  
USAGE

Councillor Nilsson brought forward information regarding the Ridge Regional Water Commission 2017 Year-To-Date report. Raymond used 184,000 cubic meters of raw water to public spaces within their community. Nilsson asked if the same idea be applied in Stirling at the parks, fish pond, school, soccer field and other public spaces.

Council discussed the possible cost saving through using raw water sources.

Mayor Lewington indicated the raw water line to be installed at the cemetery will be the pilot project for this type of initiative.

SCHOOL  
MODERNIZATION  
FUNDRAISING  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE

Administration reported on a meeting with the Westwind School Division Administration and Local Board member on December 13, 2017. The School Division indicated that Phase I is nearing completion and that Phase II will substantially complete by September 2018 and students will move into the new school. The School Division is asking for a payment schedule from the Village.

Council discussed if there was a miscommunication of responsibilities on the amount being raised. The Village has committed \$125,000 of MSI Capital funding to support the modernization project and will actively explore applicable grant opportunities. The Village Council and administration has expressed willingness to assist members of the community with their efforts to fundraise the remaining portion of the \$1,000,000 commitment. Council further discussed the fundraising to date.

Administration brought Council up-to-date on a meeting with the School Division in August 2017 and the Division commitment to help fund the rebasing and repaving of 3 Street in front of the school.

Administration also brought Council up-to-date on School Modernization permit requirement for off-street parking and the waiver (variance) granted during the application approval. The waiver allows for the Village to issue a levy (fee) in lieu of providing off-street parking. The levy was tabled after the division indicated that they would be providing off-street parking adjacent to the new school gym. The original application from the School Division did not provide for any off-street parking. The Village has been waiting for information about the off-street parking from the Division (Dexter Durfey) since August 2016.

2017-254 CAO REPORT –  
DECEMBER 2017

Councillor Foss moved to accept the CAO Report for December 13, 2017.

Carried

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Foss reported:

- RRPSS meeting was able to discuss Stirling priorities with Peace Officers.
- FCSS is reviewing their internal policies & bylaws, may increase ASK 1-2% from each municipality.
- ORRSC – GIS increase of 2%, membership increase of 2.3%, subdivision fee increase of \$100 (going from \$600 to \$700).

Councillor Edwards reported:

- Chinook Arch meeting, 3 million towards renovations of their building.
- Chief Mountain Solid Waste budget to be reviewed with Manager

Mayor Lewington reported:

- Discussed the three solar projects approved by Province: Capital Power in Medicine Hat, EDP in Oyen and the project in Pincher Creek.
- Fire department members receiving counselling support after responding to a County call.

Councillor Nelson reported:

- Ridge Regional Water Commission are moving ahead with the carbon filter to improve the taste of the water. Still working on if application will be seasonal or year-round.

Councillor Nilsson reported:

- Ridge Regional Water Commission meeting water usage and rates set at meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

None

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CORRESPONDENCE  
AND ITEMS FOR  
INFORMATION

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

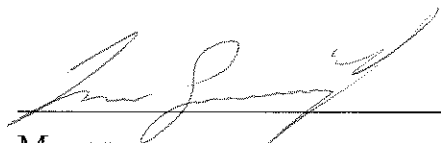
Carried

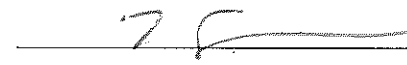
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ADJOURN

Mayor Lewington moved to adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

Carried

  
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Mayor

  
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CAO