



Village of Stirling

May 17, 2017

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on May 17, 2017. In attendance Mayor Nilsson, Councillors Bikman, Edwards, Lewington and Maynes and CAO Selk.

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

2017-100 AGENDA Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the agenda adding item 8(d) SouthGrow Regional Development Initiative Broadband Project, 8(e) CARES, 8(f) School Modernization Donor List and 8(g) Greengate Wind Project.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Nilsson resumed the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 466-16.

ROAD CLOSURE

BYLAW NO. 466-16

Councillor Bikman arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Planner Bonnie Brunner updated Council on communication she received from Alberta Transportation regarding their letter submitted on March 29, 2017 and that their comments were based on the information they had been given at that time. Planner Brunner also indicated that partial closure of the road was a possibility.

Mayor Nilsson opened the floor for presentations from the Public.

- a) Scott Barton spoke about his request for the road closure and thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to them and address concerns that have been presented. Barton indicated he has maintained the roadway for the last 23-years and sees the road as redundant. He indicated the overhead utility lines will be removed from the road allowance. He indicated that Alberta Transportation has no objection to the road closure and that they are the deciding authority. Barton further spoke about allowing parcels to have 4-sided access would be difficult and would be setting a high standard within the Village. He indicated that infill could happen with no new municipal infrastructure and that in his opinion the closure would allow for a positive development for the Village. Barton

also spoke about the comments brought up about a possible conflict of interest and indicated that he is the former administrator and that in his 18-years as CAO he was never once found to be in a conflict of interest.

- b) Nathan Jensen indicated he wanted to respond to comments made by Mr. Barton. He discussed the trees and the access point on the North side of his property. He indicated they are planning to add another row of trees and that if the roadway was closed he would have to remove trees to change his access to his property and that there is a catch basin in the lane to the south that hinders access. Jensen indicated he was not aware partial closure was an option. Jensen indicated that the nepotism comments came from other residents coming to him and that training he has taken in regard to this matter, has taught him that if something appears fishy, it is fishy.
- c) Kimberly Jensen indicated that they bought the property for a certain reasons and closing the road will impact their future plans for use of the property.
- d) Rhonda Smith indicated that closing roads within the Village sets a very negative precedence. She wondered what could happen in her neighbourhood and if the road next to her could be closed. Smith also indicated that closing the road was not keeping with the grid pattern set out in the National Historic Designation.

Councillor Maynes spoke about Block "R" being different from the rest of the Village and asked Mr. Barton is it typical of the Plat of Zion design.

Mr. Barton indicated it is not typical of the Plat of Zion and that each municipality usually has their own variation to the Plat of Zion.

Councillor Edwards asked Mr. Barton if he was planning on creating a lot with at least a 150-foot frontage.

Mr. Barton indicated he was.

Planner Brunner discussed the history of Block "R" (Reserve parcel) and the 28-foot lots that surround the block.

Councillor Maynes asked for clarification in regard to the utility right-of-way Fortis is requesting.

Mr. Barton spoke about his preliminary discussions with Fortis which propose the power poles being removed and power coming from the other existing infrastructure. Barton also spoke about the 4-sided access to a property being a very high precedence.

Councillor Edwards asked Mr. Jensen about accessing his property off 2 Street.

Mr. Jensen indicated his plan would have to change for his potential development. He indicated that would require him to have the doors on the East side of his proposed garage. He indicated he wants to retain access off the North, so his doors can be on the North side of his proposed garage. He did discuss the culvert cleanout on the East does hinder his access off 2 Street.

2017-101

Councillor Lewington moved to close the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 466-16.

Carried

RECOGNITION

Council recognizes Stephanie Michelsen for her leadership in the community and her efforts with the soccer program.

2017-102

MINUTES

Councillor Bikman moved to adopt the minutes of the May 3, 2017 Council Meeting.

Carried

2017-103

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

Councillor Bikman moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20170320-20170331 and #20170348-20170359 excepting #20170355.

Carried

2017-104

Councillor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable #20170355. Councillor Maynes abstained.

Carried

BYLAW NO. 466-16 –
ROAD CLOSURE
BYLAW

Councillor Lewington indicated he is in favour of seeing infill within the community however, he understands the Jensen's concerns and personally feels there is a material impact to closing the roadway. Lewington indicated he personally cannot support the road closure but that he could support a partial closure and that he felt there had to be a compromise.

Mayor Nilsson indicated he would like to discuss the option of a partial closure, leaving a laneway on the South part of the road allowance.

Councillor Maynes asked how big a laneway would need to be.

Planner Brunner indicated the Land Use Bylaw says a laneway cannot exceed 30 feet and that all laneways are currently 20 feet.

Councillor Edwards indicated he was of the opinion that there was never an intent to provide access from this road right-of-way as the roadway is undeveloped; the Jensen's lot will maintain access to two developed roadways (from the East and the West) and, as such, it is difficult to demonstrate how access will be hindered. Councillor Edwards indicated furthermore that the road closure will facilitate infill development, which has been identified as a matter of major importance in the Village.

Councillor Bikman indicated he would concur with Councillor Edwards' comments and that infill within the community is his priority.

Mayor Nilsson indicated he is favour of moving forward with the request to close the roadway and that he sees lots of access for the neighbour. He further indicated he sees the infill potential which has been a big priority for Council over the last 3 ½ years.

Councillor Edwards indicated he would be willing to bring forward a motion to move forward with the roadway closure.

Mayor Nilsson asked if Council could consider a compromise or partial closure.

Mayor Nilsson moved to proceed with a partial road closure of the Northern 80 feet of the road allowance leaving a 20-foot laneway on the Southern part of the road allowance for Road

2017-105

Closure Application Bylaw No. 466-16;
And further prepare and forward the necessary documentation to
Minister of Transportation for consideration for approval
Defeated

2017-106

Councillor Edwards moved to proceed with the Road Closure
Application Bylaw No. 466-16 and prepare and forward the
necessary documentation to Minister of Transportation for
consideration for approval.

Carried

BYLAW NO. 472-17 –
LAND USE BYLAW
AMENDMENT

CAO Selk discussed the process for getting the Land Use Bylaw
(LUB) amendment to the Council table and thanked Bonnie
Brunner for her hard work and efforts with preparing the draft
Bylaw.

Planner Bonnie Brunner presented Bylaw No. 472-17. She
reviewed the proposed changes and additions to the LUB.
Brunner also discussed the process moving forward.

2017-107

Councillor Edwards moved first reading of Bylaw No. 472-17.

Carried

BYLAW NO. 471-17 –
ANIMAL CONTROL
BYLAW

Administration presented an amended version of Bylaw No. 471-
17. He indicated the amendments came from Animal Bylaw
Review Committee member Darryl Hutchings

2017-108

Councillor Lewington moved first reading of Bylaw No. 471-17 as
amended.

Carried

Council directed Administration to provide copies of the draft
Bylaw to the Animal Bylaw Review Committee and to make the
Bylaw available to residents on the website and seek public
feedback and input.

SOUTHGROW
REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE –
BROADBAND
PROJECT: STIRLING
COMMUNITY

Councillor Lewington reported to Council on the SouthGrow
Regional Development Initiative Broadband Project. He
indicated the Stirling community snapshot will showcase the
community in positive light and the information will be
forwarded to the Provincial Government.

COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL
ECONOMIC
SUPPORT (CARES) -
UPDATE

Councillor Lewington updated Council on the grant application through the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program for the Library/Village Office expansion which will provide co-working meeting room space for local businesses. The application now includes partnership between business and local initiatives including: Axia, Community Futures and Regional Innovation Network of Southern Alberta (RINSA).

SCHOOL
MODERNIZATION
DONOR LIST

Council discussed the list of who has been contacted for donations to the School Modernization fundraising initiative.

GREENGATE WIND
PROJECT

Council discussed having the Adhoc Energy Committee meeting over the next few weeks. Councillor Edwards asked for direction for the committee moving forward from Council.

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Lewington reported on the Alberta/U.S. Trade Summit meeting he attended. Lewington also discussed the Renewable Energy mixer scheduled at the Enmax Centre on Friday, March 26. He also reported on the Highway 3 Twinning Association study which was highlighted

Councillor Edwards nothing to report.

Mayor Nilsson reported on the School Modernization Fundraising Committee meeting with local organization and the delegation scheduled with the County of Warner.

Councillor Maynes reported Magrath has rescinded their letter to withdraw from Ridge Regional Public Safety Services and that the Authority passed the Bylaw to form a Commission. Maynes also discussed Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority meeting and the decision to move forward with the Executive position at the next meeting.

Councillor Bikman discussed the recent Recreation Committee meeting. He also reported on the Cemetery Society meeting and the rescheduled date for the Cemetery cleanup will be Saturday, June 10.

2017-109 CORRESPONDENCE
AND ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION


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

Carried

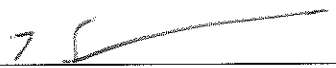
2017-110 ADJOURN

Councillor Bikman moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



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