



# Village of Stirling

November 29, 2017

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on November 29, 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 7:02p.m.

2017-235 AGENDA Councillor Foss moved to adopt the agenda. Carried

RECOGNITION None

DELEGATION(S) None

2017-236 MINUTES Councillor Nilsson moved to adopt the minutes of the November 15, 2017 Council Meeting. Carried

2017-237 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Councillor Edwards moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20171066-20171083, excepting #20171072 and 20171077. Carried

2017-238 Councillor Nelson moved to accept accounts payable #20171072. Mayor Lewington abstained. Carried

2017-239 Mayor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable #20171077. Councillor Nilsson abstained. Carried

2018 OPERATIONAL BUDGET Council discussed the 2018 operational budget.

2017-240 Councillor Nilsson moved to pass the interim budget for 2018 as presented. Carried

2018 CAPITAL PROJECTS Administration presented the updated draft 2018 Capital priorities and projects.

Council discussed priorities and possible project for 2018.

Administration presented information regarding the two grants received for the Library/Village Office Expansion project. The Village received a CARES grant for \$17,500 and the Library received a Community Foundation of Lethbridge grant for \$5000. The project would require in-kind work from the Village, \$43,000 in MSI funding and the \$22,500 in grants to complete.

Administration asked Council for direction regarding accepting the grant for the Library/Village Office Expansion project.

Council directed administration to look at the possibility of using the grant for a modified project or other projects.

Administration asked Council for direction regarding the purchase of the snow blade attachment for the backhoe.

Council indicated the item would be part of future discussion about equipment purchases and priorities.

Council tabled the Capital Budget to the December 13, 2017 meeting.

2018 FEES AND  
CHARGES  
SCHEDULE

Administration presented the draft 2018 Fees and Charges schedule and reviewed the expenses and revenues from each category.

Councillor Edwards left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Councillor Edwards returned to the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Council discussed the fees for 2018. Council directed Administration to review the rate increase for sewer charges to bring the revenues above the expenses and amortization costs. Council also discussed pool fees and if there was a need to bring back a family day rate and what limits should be set.

Council tabled the item to the December 13, 2017 meeting.

BULK WATER  
PAYMENT  
STATION UPGRADE

Administration presented the costs to upgrade the bulk water station to cardlock or credit card pay system.

Administration indicated information and prices was still being gathered from other suppliers.

Council tabled the item to a future meeting.

RURAL WATER  
USER METER PIT  
REFUND REQUEST -  
MALDANER

Administration presented the information regarding the installation of the meter pit for the rural utility customer account number 472000. The Village inadvertently installed a new approved meter pit at the location where there was an existing approved meter pit.

Councillor Edwards discussed shared responsibility approach, due to the amount of time that has passed and crediting half of the \$1600.

2017-241

Councillor Nilsson moved to credit the Utility Account 472000, held by James Maldaner, the amount of \$1,600.00 for the installation of the new rural meter pit.

Carried

Council directed administration to follow up with Wilde Brothers Engineering on the possible oversight.

SMART CITIES  
CHALLENGE

Mayor Lewington discussed the Smart Cities Challenge being offered by the Federal government and the \$5 million prize to cities under 30,000 people. Lewington discussed partnering with Axia to be able to provide new technology to Stirling residents.

Council discussed the competition and the possibilities for Stirling.

2017-242

Councillor Edwards moved Council support the Broadband Connectivity Committee working with Axia on developing a proposal to submit to the Smart Cities Challenge

Carried

CAO REPORT

None

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Nelson reported:

- Ridge Water Services Commission (RWSC) is proposing a rate increase of \$0.04 m<sup>3</sup>. Will push for a lower rate increase. Also discussed water quality, sourcing, seasonal (filter for algae bloom). Also reported Enmax will be

presenting at the next meeting a proposal for a solar panels project.

- RCHA – senior facilities, upgrades to existing structures (Raymond has a new facility).

Councillor Foss reported:

- RRPSS requested a priority list from each community. Stirling to request Bylaw enforcement (proactive), sponsor or support of an education initiative, and traffic enforcement if required.
- ORRSC AGM November 30, 2017. Training/education opportunity being offered to each Planning Commission through local planner.

Mayor Lewington reported:

- Rural Crime seminar – January 5, 2018 – must RSVP to attend.
- Axia will send the inflatable screen for Settler Days 2018 and Fall Festival 2018 – are also planning a Christmas event.
- Will work with Broadband Connectivity Committee and schedule a planning session for the Smart City Challenge.

Councillor Edwards reported:

- Following up from Strategic Planning meeting on November 22, 2017. He discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant to assist with the next session. Councillor Nilsson to get the name and more information.

Councillor Nilsson reported:

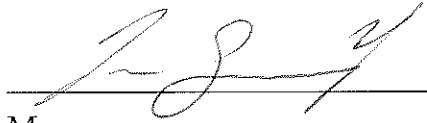
- Community Futures has a business improvement loan available (\$10,000 - \$15,000) where the community pays the interest. Possibility of offering smaller loans for home-based businesses.
- Muni 101 schedule for January 8 and 9, 2018. Cost is \$200 (half of the original for first-time) – more information to be collected and distributed.

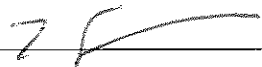
2017-243 CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Edwards moved to go into closed session at 10:41 p.m., as per section 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

- 2017-244 Mayor Lewington moved to come out of closed session at 10:57 p.m. Carried
- 2017-245 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Councillor Nilsson moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented. Carried
- 2017-246 ADJOURN Councillor Edwards moved to adjourn at 10:58 p.m. Carried

  
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Mayor

  
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