



Village of Stirling

February 7, 2018

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on February 7, 2018. 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 7:00 p.m.

2018-025 AGENDA

Councillor Foss moved to adopt the agenda.

Carried

RECOGNITION

Council recognizes Cadet Willem Rijpstra, a member of the 2296 20th Independent Field Battery, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps of The Army Cadet League of Canada, for being chosen to partake in the international expedition to Parque Nacional Torres del Paine in the Chilean mountains, as part of the National Army Cadet Expedition Program. He is one of only 18 cadets chosen from the 19,200 Army Cadets from across Canada.

DELEGATION(S)

Darryl Hutchings presented a letter to council, with his personal visions and concerns about the Village:

- Vision for the community including ways to attract new development to help the community grow and prosper, and to not remain stagnant
- Concerned about the appearance that Stirling presented to new visitors and new residents in regards to the rough railway crossings/entrance points to Stirling and discussed that is County has jurisdiction for repair and maintenance of the crossings
- He indicated that the entrance points to Stirling are unsightly and that they should be tidied. He asked Council to consider what kind of presentation/impression that give newcomers/tourists to the Village
- Hutchings spoke about his thoughts regarding the unsightly properties on Main Street
- Asked Council to consider the possibility of annexing county land
- Concentration of residential space over Commercial space

Councillor Edwards commented that the Strategic Planning Meeting did touch on various points that Mr. Hutchings presented.

Library Board Representative Councillor Rob Edwards presented information on what the Library could do with the space at the Community Centre, if they were to move:

- Two floor plans (one with the main access being at the front of the building, the other at the back of the building) detailing spaces for various rooms and areas of study, as presented by Laura Quinton and Kaleigh Nelson (see attached papers): archive room, theatre/programming, maker space, large children's area/toy lending, sitting area (including coffee tables/gathering space), listening area (re-charging station and audio books), display area for local artists (looked if there could be an opportunity to bring in additional revenue), computers, stacks, circulation desk, staff room and storage room.
- New, larger space would better allow the library to accommodate the needs of all age groups in the community, not just the school-aged children (the majority of library patrons at this point and time)
- Council discussed, overall feeling of excitement, ideas of collaborating with the school, and other community groups were added.

Councillor Edwards
left 7:30 p.m.

2018-026 MINUTES

Councillor Nilsson moved to adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2018 Council Meeting as amended.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES

Councillor Foss asked about progress for advertising a slide on the marquee requesting public assistance with a 'citizens on patrol' program.

2018-027 ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

Councillor Foss moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20180068-20180095, excepting #20180079 and 20180081.

Carried

2018-028

Councillor Nilsson moved to accept accounts payable #20180079.

Mayor Lewington abstained

Carried

2018-029

Mayor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable #20180081.
Councillor Nilsson abstained
Carried

2018-030

BANK
RECONCILIATION

Councillor Nelson moved to accept the December 2017 and January 2018 bank reconciliation, as presented.

Carried

Council directed Administration to review un-cashed cheques #20170497, 20170500, 20170789.

ENMAX SOLAR
PANEL
INSTALLATION
PROJECT

Administration provided additional information about the Enmax Solar Installation project:

- Administration provided more detail into explanation of net-zero definition.
- Enmax is to provide a detailed analysis of the Community Centre building.
- The Enmax payments will be more than the current electrical costs plus distribution and fixed costs, but that is not the whole picture.
- Three points to consider if the Village moves forward with the Enmax proposal: 1) Bring revenue into the Village, 2) the Transmission and Distribution rates are variable, 3) energy costs will be going up while the contract provides us with a fixed rate.
- Require more detailed information from Enmax reports and from Cardston before moving forward with a clear direction or acceptance or refusal.
- Administration meeting with Enmax representative next week.

Council discussed the Enmax Solar proposal.
Council tabled the item to the February 21, 2018 meeting.

LIBRARY
RELOCATION

Council discussed possible relocation of the Library.

2018-031

Mayor Lewington moved to provide the Stirling Library Board with direction to collect additional detailed information including cost and access to the Community Centre building, and to bring updates and a recommendation to Council for discussion.

Carried

- 2018-032 ORRSC REGIONAL SDAB PARTICIAPATION Council discussed the ORRSC proposal. Consensus was to remain autonomous and continue to utilize our local SDAB. At this time Council will not support or participate in a regional approach.
- AUMA – EQUITABLE POLICE FUNDING CAMPAIGN Council discussed the AUMA equitable police funding campaign. Council discussed not supporting the AUMA campaign and not writing a letter of support.
- 2018-033 Councillor Nilsson moved to not support the AUMA equitable police funding campaign and to not write a letter of support; And further to draft a letter stating The Village of Stirling is in opposition to the AUMA proposal for an equitable pay model based on population and assessment.
- Carried
- 2018-034 CAO REPORT – FEBRAURY 2018 Councillor Foss moved to accept the CAO Report for February 7, 2018.
- Carried
- ROUNDTABLE Councillor Foss reported:
- School Modernization Fundraising Committee – grants are in the process, making calls, face-to-face meetings, webinars, getting donations commitments.
 - Ridge Regional Public Safety Services: Employment Opportunity – Sergeant Community Peace Officer; hiring committee asking for input. Council advised leadership skills, act as a community liaison, help build the community rather than police it.
- Mayor Lewington reported:
- Referenced CAO salary comparison information (13th lowest of 14 communities).
 - Update from MP Shields – changes to employer relations, Health & Safety coming sometime in July 2018.
 - Reminder for Canada Summer Jobs applications, reminder for STEP grants.
 - Discussed TPP, NAFTA, Canada West Foundation.
 - Broadband Committee meeting – Axia is in a holding pattern on provincial decision for Supernet. Stirling has the highest activity use and sign up rate of all Axia

communities in Alberta at 80%. Stirling's average bandwidth use is 25 Mbps.


Councillor Nelson reported:

- Ridge County Housing minutes will be sent out.

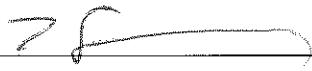
Councillor Nilsson reported:

- Mormon Trail Committee meeting from February 5, 2018 was cancelled and re-scheduled to February 12, 2018.

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| 2018-035 | <u>CORRESPONDENCE
AND ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION</u> | Councillor Foss moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented. | Carried |
| 2018-036 | <u>CLOSED SESSION</u> | Councillor Foss moved to go into closed session at 8:40 p.m., as per section 21 and 17 of the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> . | Carried |
| 2018-037 | | Mayor Lewington moved to come out of closed session at 9:00 p.m. | Carried |
| 2018-038 | <u>ADJOURN</u> | Councillor Nilsson moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. | Carried |



Mayor



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