



# Village of Stirling

May 2, 2018

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on May 2, 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 7:03 p.m.

2018-088 AGENDA Councillor Foss moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

RECOGNITION Council recognizes Brian Bohn for organizing and making available a donation of two pallets (160 cases) of bottled water from Ritchie Brothers.

Council recognizes Jason Edwards who brought in his own tank of water and made it available to residents in need in the community.

Council recognizes Spencer Depew from Crystal Clear Water Co. for providing bottled water and dispensers to the Stirling School.

Council recognizes Jenex Contracting for their rapid and professional response on a Sunday to support Public Works in repairing the three main line water breaks.

Council recognizes Drain Master for their rapid and professional response on a Sunday to support Public Works in repairing the three main line water breaks.

Council recognizes D. Hall Contracting for their rapid and professional response on a Sunday to support Public Works in repairing the three main line water breaks.

Council recognizes the Stirling Public Works teams for their rapid and professional response on a Sunday and Monday in repairing the three main line water breaks.

DELEGATION(S) Warren Kennedy spoke about his concerns with the traffic on 6 Street between the 100 to 400 block, including the Playground

Zone on the west side of the Reunion Centennial Square:

- Three blocks straight through without any form of traffic control.
- Many residents take 6 Street to reach the downtown core because it is quicker than 4 Avenue.
- Appears that some vehicles (including school buses) are going far above the posted speed limit of 50 kph and, in some cases, exceeding 70 kph.
- Inquired about the possibility of investment of greater enforcement, or a private assessment.
- Discussed the idea of a speed zone or playground zone in the Michelson Farmstead Property area.
- Asked to look at adding in stop signs along 6 Street.

Fritz Hohn spoke about his concerns regarding Village infrastructure:

- Discussed the failing of the Village's valve maintenance program from 2017 and information he was given in a letter from the Administrator.
- Indicated the Village hydrants need to be flushed and checked.
- Indicated the Village did not do any street sweeping for the last 2-years (2016 and 2017) and that as a National Historic site we need to be street sweeping.
- Discussed the water leak on 3 Street in front of the school for more than a month last year and questioned Village crews doing the work instead of contracting out.

Mayor Lewington recognized Mr. Hohn for his continued engagement with Council over the years.

- Lewington referenced correspondence from Mr. Hohn in 2012 about unsightly properties and indicated Council has addressed this concern and continues to work on it.
- Lewington also referenced a delegation presentation from Mr. Hohn in 2015 when he discussed water meters and indicated that Council has dealt with this concern.
- Lewington further referenced the delegation information from Mr. Hohn in 2016 regarding valve maintenance and indicated that Council has been funding Capital Budget projects to replace and upgrade hydrants and valves over the last few years. Lewington indicated this funding will continue and that Council would continue to review the maintenance program.

- Lewington also discussed contractor's vs the Village crew doing work at times may come down to safety issues/safety compliance and timelines.

Water and Wastewater Supervisor Mason Barton was present and addressed concerns and answer questions from both Mr. Hohn and Council.

- Barton indicated there is a valve maintenance program schedule and that they are dealing with both new and very old valves and infrastructure.
- He also indicated that crew have been actively working on the Hydrant Flushing program and had recently flushed and checked more that 20 of the hydrants.

Administrator Selk indicated that street sweeping was not done in 2017 as a cost savings due mainly to the minimal sand and gravel put on the roads during that winter. Selk further indicated that sweeping was done in 2016 and the previous years. He also told Council that street sweeping is scheduled for next week as indicated in the CAO report as part of the agenda.

2018-089 MINUTES

Mayor Lewington moved to adopt the minutes of the April 18, 2018 Council Meeting as amended.

Carried

ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE

Item tabled to the next Council meeting.

STIRLING 2022 –  
STRATEGIC PLAN  
REVIEW

Administration presented the Draft Stirling 2022 Strategic Plan.

Council discussed the document which included:

- Remove the word business from the title "Strategic Business Plan" in the document.
- Clean up the wording in section 3.1.

2018-090

Councillor Foss moved to approve the Stirling 2022 – Strategic Plan as amended.

Carried

APRIL 2018 WATER  
BREAK –  
INFORMATION  
UPDATE

Administration presented information and a timeline of events from the water mainline break on April 22 and 23.

Council discussed the report and the Village's dissemination of

information during the water mainline break and the boil water order. Council also discussed the text notification alert program, and to implement a test of that emergency service to update residents within the next few months. Discussed annual alert testing as well, along the same time as annual Emergency Preparedness program.

2018 CAPITAL  
PROJECTS UPDATE

Administration presented the updated Capital Project for Council discussion, which included:

- Road rebuilding and maintenance program reflecting the reduced number for 2018.
- Potential to fund valve and hydrant replacements in 2018.
- Potential drainage project for Block 18.
- Updated information on the raw water line – potential for rural residents to connect. Engineer working on project.

SCHOOL  
MODERNIZATION  
FUNDRAISING  
UPDATE

Council discussed the Fundraising Committee. Report shows the approximate amount of funds raised and commitments is \$577,000.

2018-091 CAO REPORT –  
MAY 2018

Councillor Nilsson moved to accept the CAO Report for May 2, 2018.

Carried

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Foss: nothing to report.

Councillor Edwards: nothing to report.

Mayor Lewington reported:

- South Grow Strategic Planning Session on April 30 – their vision statement “Technologically-Sophisticated Agricultural Heartland”. Reported South Grow has a limited operational budget of about \$135,000 per year. The group discussed if the South Grow requisition should be increased. Current requisition is about \$0.35 per capita.

Councillor Nelson reported:

- Ridge Water Services Commission – solar project approved and scheduled for installation next month; commission has new contract to run the Writing-on-Stone water treatment plant; new carbon filter will be installed this summer.
- Discussed issues with road grading and showed photo of 8

Street as an example. Discussed lack of crown on gravel roads, possible training required (grader school). Could bring in trainer from Finning to go through process, teach and train.

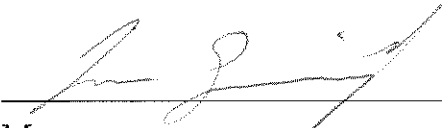
Council discussed grading in the Village and need for review prior to spending Capital Funds on 40 block road rehabilitation program.

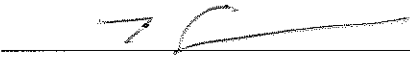
Council directed Administration to follow up with Director of Operations.

Councillor Nilsson reported:

- Entrepreneur Challenge sponsored in part by Community Futures: The awards were handed out at Lethbridge College, and first place prize was \$10,000.
- Canada Students Jobs grant for Michelsen Farmstead was for only 30 hours/week for 2 students.

2018-092	<u>CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION</u>	Councillor Edwards moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented.	Carried
2018-093	<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>	Councillor Nelson moved to go into closed session at 8:33 p.m., as per section 16 of the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> .	Carried
2018-094		Mayor Lewington moved to come out of closed session at 8:51 p.m.	Carried
2018-095	<u>ADJOURN</u>	Councillor Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.	Carried

  
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