



Village of Stirling

February 20, 2019

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on February 20, 2019. In attendance: Mayor Trevor Lewington, Councillors Robert Edwards, Matthew Foss, Kevin Nelson, and Larry Nilsson, Interim CAO Scott Barton and Administrative Assistant Aletta Lightfoot.

CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Lewington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2019-047 AGENDA Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

RECOGNITION None.

DELEGATION(S) MLA Mr. Grant Hunter of the United Conservative Party presented:

- Discussed upcoming elections: to be called between February 1 and May 3 but will be finished by May 31, 2019.
- March 18, 2019 – Speech from the Throne
- Priority for the UCP – stable MSI (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) funding.
- 5-year and 10-year capital project plans include three main platforms:
 - 1) Sustainable government. Free-spending will be sustainable and predictable but will have to freeze wages until Alberta is clear of its deficit.
 - 2) Lower marginal tax rate. One hundred and fifty corporation headquarters moved into AB increasing the GDP growth rate 3%-4%. Dependency on oil and gas dropped from 37% down to 24% due to diversification.
 - 3) Lower regulatory burden. Comprehensive red tape reduction strategy including submissions from communities to help streamline processes. The regulatory burden follows the BC model who reduced their burden by 49% and reduced their marginal tax rate a bit. Alberta needs to reduce its regulatory burden by one-third in the next four years.
- Requesting submissions from all industries and all municipalities.
- Stirling's concerns:
 - 1) The expectation from MGA that all communities

follow the same procedures, regardless of scale (Eg: Stirling does not have the same population size as Lethbridge but still required to follow the same procedures and rules). Ideas on how to scale that back.

- 2) Subdivision Appeal Board – use community members when possible but draw from a larger pool of numerous other communities when that option is not available; certain requirements have an attached dollar amount, and sustainable funding doesn't match those requirements for smaller communities.
- Funding formula changes – collaboration grants and regionalization.
- Grant system to be more streamlined: works very well if there is a good grant writer, but if there isn't big opportunities are being missed
- Mayor Lewington mentioned the importance and dollar value of large-scale projects and difficulty in funding them in smaller communities (Eg: the future twinning of sewer lines to lagoons).

2019-048 MINUTES

Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Council Meeting.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE
MINUTES

Councillor Nilsson will take back options for a possible new name for the Mormon Trail Committee.

Motion Tracker – clarification on motions that require updates.

Recycling trailer – get background information.

Task List – Interim CAO Scott Barton reviewed points.

2019-049 ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE

Councillor Nilsson moved to accept accounts payable cheques #20190165 to #20190192, excepting #20190178.

Carried

2019-050

Councillor Nelson moved to accept account payable cheque #20190178.

Mayor Lewington abstained.

Carried

- 2019-051 BANK RECONCILIATION Councillor Edwards moved to accept the December 2018 and January 2019 bank reconciliation as presented. Carried
- BUDGET REPORT Interim CAO Scott Barton presented current information.
Present a cash-flow projection graph for future meetings.
- BYLAW NO. 479-19: CAO BYLAW - Editions to the document reflect changes recommended by the Committee.
- Repeal bylaw 449-13.
- 2019-052 Councillor Foss moved 1st Reading 479-19: CAO Bylaw. Carried
- 2019-053 FORTIS ALBERTA INTERCONNECTION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT Councillor Edwards moved to authorize the Fortis Alberta Interconnection and Operating Agreement and directs Administration to execute as required. Carried
- 2019-054 NRCB – APPLICATION LA18067 Councillor Nilsson moved to direct Administration to draft a letter documenting the concerns about protecting the health and safety of Village residents, as the proposed Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) is located adjacent to a major drainage corridor that flows through the Village and submit back to the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB).
Councillor Nelson abstained.
Carried
- 2019-055 ROAD REHABILITATION Mayor Lewington moved to approve an update to the 2019 Capital Budget to fund road rehabilitation work on 8th Street and 1st Avenue in partnership with the County of Warner; and further more moved that Council directs Administration to seek out “Resource Road Program” or applicable grants with Alberta Transportation to offset costs of the project; and further more directs Administration to review potential deferred payment/billing options with the County of Warner. Carried
- COUNCIL Councillor Foss reported: Stirling Cemetery Society held their

COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT

meeting tonight.

Councillor Edwards reported:

- Canadian Badlands AGM March 21 (6pm- 9pm) and 22 (8:30am – 3pm).
- CMRSA – new Cardston County representative; Cardston and Magrath had concerns about transferring assets (was only to get Commission Status); restructured terms and reference in Finance Committee (equipment use & repairs, maintenance)

Mayor Lewington reported: none

Councillor Nelson reported: County Housing Authority meeting February 21, 2019.

Councillor Nilsson: nothing to report.

2019-056 CORRESPONDENCE
AND ITEMS FOR
INFORMATION

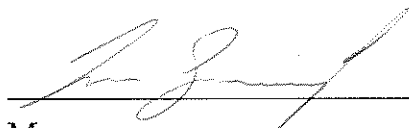
Councillor Nelson moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented.

Carried


2019-057 ADJOURN

Councillor Edwards moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



CAO