



Village of Stirling Regular Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Stirling was held in the Council Chambers, located at the Stirling Community Centre/Lions Hall at 409 – 2 Street, on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, Councillors Robert Edwards, Matthew Foss, Kevin Nelson, and Larry Nilsson.

CAO, Scott Donselaar
Administrative Assistant, Aletta Lightfoot

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2021-133 MOVED by Councillor Nilsson that the agenda be adopted as amended to include:
7m) Minimum Tax
7n) Stirling MDP Engagement Strategy

CARRIED

RECOGNITION

1. Council recognizes the Village Administrative staff on Administrative Professionals Day (April 21) for their work and dedication to keeping the municipality running

DELEGATIONS

- a) Sgt. Kevin Wright – RCMP
 - Reviewed stats from 4th quarter
 - o 15 calls – down from 23 calls in 2019
 - Priorities based on community feedback:
 - o Greater visibility
 - o Property crime concern
 - o Road safety
- b) 2020 Financial Audit - CFO Martin Woolf and Patrick Treadwell (CPA) of Mercer Wilde Group presenting:
 - Reviewed the independent audited report as per MGA requirements
 - o Clean report
 - o No concerns
 - o No improvements or recommendation
 - Discussed amortization
 - Discussed restricted surplus



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- c) Greg Peterson – Ridgeland Developments Ltd.
- Retirement housing development options
 - o Active adult communities
 - o Independent living communities
 - o Assisted living residences
 - o Nursing homes
 - o Continuing care retirement communities
 - Individual bungalow (bare land) condo's
 - o Variety of floorplans to choose from
 - Pocket Neighbourhood
 - o Pocket neighborhoods are clustered groups of neighboring houses gathered around a shared open space — a garden courtyard, a pedestrian street, a series of joined backyards, or a reclaimed alley — all of which have a clear sense of territory and shared stewardship. They can be in urban, suburban, or rural areas.
 - o A pocket neighborhood is not the wider neighborhood of several hundred households and network of streets, but a realm of a dozen or so neighbors who interact on a daily basis around a shared garden, quiet street, or alley — a kind of secluded neighborhood within a neighborhood.
 - Approximate cost for the bungalow condo's 6 months ago (including lot and house) was around \$300,000
 - Approximate cost for pocket neighbourhood house 6 months ago was around \$150,000
 - Prices are all dependent on what the home-owner would want for finishings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2021-134 MOVED by Councillor Edwards that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council reviewed Motion Tracker

FINANCIAL

Accounts Payable

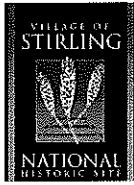
2021-135 MOVED by Councillor Edwards that accounts payable cheque No. 20210307 to cheque No. 20210337 be approved.

CARRIED

Budget Report

2021-136 MOVED by Councillor Nelson that the Budget Report for April 16, 2021 be accepted as information.

CARRIED



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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 2021-137 Sgt Kevin Wright - RCMP
MOVED by Councillor Edwards to accept Sgt Kevin Wright's presentation as information.

CARRIED
- 2021-138 Greg Peterson – Seniors Housing
MOVED by Councillor Nilsson to accept Greg Peterson's presentation as information.

CARRIED
- 2021-139 Mercer Wilde Group – 2020 Financial Audit
MOVED by Councillor Foss to formally accept the 2020 Audited Financial Statements as updated by Mercer Wilde Group, the Village's third-party external auditor.

CARRIED
- 2021-140 ATCO Gas Fee 2021 Franchise Fee Distribution Revenue Forecast
MOVED by Councillor Nelson to accept as information.

CARRIED
- CAO Donselaar left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.*
- CAO Donselaar returned to the meeting at 8:02 p.m.*
- 2021-141 Bylaw 511-21: Community Events Committee Bylaw
MOVED by Councillor Nilsson to provide First Reading as amended for Bylaw 511-21 Community.

CARRIED
- 2021-142 2021 Pool Season
MOVED by Councillor Edwards to direct Administration to close the pool for the 2021 Season based on the lack of commitment and information coming from the Provincial Government and to craft a letter explaining the reasoning to be posted on the Village Website and Facebook page.

CARRIED
- 2021-143 Land and Property Rights Tribunal Amalgamation Fact Sheet
MOVED by Councillor Foss to accept as information.

CARRIED



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2021-144 Drone Information for Municipalities
MOVED by Councillor Nelson to accept the ORRSC Drone Information for Municipalities as information.

CARRIED

2021-145 Election 2021
MOVED by Councillor Nilsson to approve the Election 2021 Calendar and further direct Administration to post it to the Village website under the Election tab.

CARRIED

2021-146 Business Improvement Loan Summary
MOVED by Councillor Foss to accept as information.

CARRIED

2021-147 Supporting Alberta Businesses
MOVED by Councillor Nelson to accept as information.

CARRIED

2021-148 Village of Stirling Resolution for Economic Development Week
MOVED by Councillor Nilsson:

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, for almost 50 years, Economic Developers Alberta has been Alberta's leading economic development network, committed to advancing the economic development profession by providing resources, professional development, and networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of Alberta's economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and



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WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work across the region and Mayor Lewington is the 2021/2022 President of Economic Developers Alberta; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council does hereby recognize May 9-15, 2021 as "Economic Development Week" in Stirling, and remind individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports the expansion of career opportunities and improving quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Economic Developers Alberta in support of these provincial celebrations.

CARRIED

Minimum Tax

2021-149 MOVED by Councillor Edwards that Council direct Administration to draft a policy recognizing seven (7) properties in question have been identified as otherwise undevelopable because of their location in the Kipp Coulee overlay, and to have these seven (7) properties brought forward for partial tax forgiveness (minimum tax of \$500.00) on the Municipal portion of the property tax with a phased approach to reach the minimum tax by the second year (2022), and further direct Administration to contact the property owners accordingly.

CARRIED

Stirling MDP Engagement Strategy

2021-150 MOVED by Councillor Nilsson to approve the MDP Engagement Strategy and to direct Administration to continue to work with ORRSC and move the implementation of the engagement strategy forward.

CARRIED

CAO Report

2021-151 MOVED by Councillor Foss to accept the CAO report as information.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Lewington
- Mayors & Reeves

Councillor Edwards
- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)
o Options for waste disposal



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Councillor Foss: nothing to report.

Councillor Nelson: nothing to report.

Councillor Nilsson

- Young Canada Works Student Program
 - o Received grant
 - o 400 hours at 70% funding
- Community Garage Sale
 - o Saturday, May 29, 2021
 - o Register at the Village Office

CORRESPONDENCE

2021-152 MOVED by Councillor Edwards that the following correspondence be accepted as information:

- a) AHS CMOH Update March 31 & April 7, 2021
- b) AHS FAQ April 9, 2021
- c) County of Warner Update April 12, 2021
- d) Chinook Arch Regional Library System Audited Financials 2020
- e) Fire Department Donation Letter
- f) Jack Hicken Response Letter
- g) Makadiff Restart News Release 2021
- h) ORRSC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 2021
- i) RCMP TOS Q4 2020
- j) Stirling Library Donation Letter
- k) Minister Madu – Morinville Support for RCMP

CARRIED

2021-153 MOVED by Councillor Foss to go into Closed Session at 9:14 p.m. pursuant to Sections 17 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 20 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), and 27 (Privileged Information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

2021-154 MOVED by Councillor Nilsson to come out of Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion from Closed Session

2021-155 MOVED by Mayor Lewington that Council revoke the Dog Fancier Bylaw Exemption Agreement with Ms. Tovell immediately on the basis that:

- i. Council has received a written bona fide complaint,
- ii. The requirements or standards of Dog Control Bylaw No. 423-08 have been breached, and
- iii. No Dog Fancier Exemption Agreement was adequately entered into.

CARRIED



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ADJOURNMENT

2021-156 MOVED by Councillor Edwards that the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes to be approved on the 5th day of May, 2021.

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Mayor - Trevor Lewington

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Donselaar". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

CAO - Scott Donselaar