



STIRLING

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting of Council - 07:00 PM

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, June 21, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, Deputy Mayor Larry Nilsson, Councillors Gary Bikman, Devynn Bohn, and Matthew Foss

CAO, Scott Donselaar
Municipal Clerk, Aletta Lightfoot

1. Regular Council Meeting – Call Meeting to Order

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

2023-185

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Discussion Item 7.9 - Community Centre for MP's Town Hall Meeting

Carried

3. Recognition

Council recognizes our Community Events Committee for planning and organizing Settler Days, among all the other annual and special events the group manages. It came to Administration's attention other communities in the region have had to cancel their summer festival due to lack of volunteers, so we would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by our Committee and all the Volunteers who give of their time to support our local events.

Council recognizes Stirling's team participating in the Calgary Fire Fighter Stair Climb on Sunday, June 11th that raised a team total \$4,222 for Wellspring Alberta. The event raised a grand total of more than \$305,000 for services that benefit Cancer survivors and their families. Congratulations to the Stirling Fire Department team of: Doug Cooper, Cody Mrak, Domanick Bene-Mrak, Daniel Rose, Kellyanne Pike along with honorary members Todd Nelson and Mayor Lewington all of whom climbed 1,370 steps or 57 floors of Brookfield Place as a part of the event.

4. Delegation:

4.1 Raymond RCMP

Corporal Don Nelson reviewed the year-to-date crime statistics and regional trends.

5. Minutes

2023-186

5.1 Adoption of Minutes – June 7, 2023

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 7, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed and discussed.

6. Financial Items

2023-187

6.1 Accounts Payable - #20230539 - #20230578

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That accounts payable cheque No. 20230539 to cheque No. 20230578 be approved.

Carried

2023-188

6.2 Bank Reconciliation: May 2023

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

That the Bank Reconciliation for May 2023 be approved.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2023-189

7.1 Policy AR03-23: Investment Policy

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To approve Policy AR03-23: Investment Policy, thereby repealing Policy AR03-20: Investment Policy.

Carried

2023-190

7.2 Policy AR07-23: Budget and Financial Controls Policy Amendment

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

To approve Policy AR07-23: Budget and Financial Controls Policy as amended.

Carried

7.3 Bylaw 537-23: Amendment to Bylaw 531-22

2023-191

7.3.1 Bylaw 537-23: Underground Service and Road Crossing Bylaw - Second Reading

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 537-23: Underground Service and Road Crossing Bylaw.

Carried

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7.3.2 Bylaw 537-23: Underground Service and Road Crossing Bylaw - Third Reading

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To provide Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 537-23: Underground Service and Road Crossing Bylaw thereby amending Bylaw 531-22.

Carried

2023-193 7.4 **Bylaw 538-23: Borrowing Bylaw Line of Credit and Credit Card**

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To give First Reading to Bylaw 538-23: Borrowing Bylaw Line of Credit and Credit Card.

Carried

2023-194 7.5 **Pool Update**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To accept the pool update report as information.

Carried

2023-195 7.6 **CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund**

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

To approve that Administration to proceed with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Accelerator Fund application for the Stonecraft Homes, forcemain project, and seniors housing assigned to the Capital Budget for 2024.

Carried

2023-196 7.7 **Columbarium Discussion - Brought Forward**

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

To direct Administration to converse with Raymond for costing details on their columbarium, and to table the Columbarium discussion item to a future Council meeting.

Carried

2023-197 7.8 **Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention**

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

Thank Councillor Bohn and Mayor Lewington for volunteering to attend the Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention September 27 - 29, 2023; and further, Councils directs Administration to reach out to Minister McIver's office to schedule a meeting.

Carried

2023-198 7.9 **Community Centre for MP's Town Hall Meeting**

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

To support the endorsement of the idea for a regional elected officials meeting offered by the Honourable Glen Motz, Member of Parliament, and suggest the All Council Meeting scheduled for February 25, 2024 would be a date for the meeting.

Carried

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Participated in and somehow survived the Calgary Fire Fighter Stair Climb on June 11th. Great team effort and fundraising results.
- Attended the joint meeting of Mayors and Reeves of SW Alberta and SE Alberta in Taber on Friday, June 16th. Resolving Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) and Police Funding Model (PFM) are top priorities for Alberta Municipalities.
- Hosted the Eco-Solar Tour in Stirling as part of the Lethbridge event on Saturday, June 17. Stirling provided 3 sites - ground mount, pool, and community centre as part of the program. Ridge Utilities was a sponsor of the Calgary and Lethbridge events.
- Attended the Board meeting of Ridge Utilities on Monday, June 19th.

Deputy Mayor Nilsson:

- Michelsen Farmstead
 - marketing/advertising for weddings, tours, etc.
- Ridge Country Housing (RCH)
 - Amber Galant
 - Application for seniors housing in Stirling

Councillor Bikman:

- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Service Commission (CMRSWSC)
 - regionalization conversation?
 - develop a recycling program?

Councillor Bohn:

- Tourism and Economic Development Committee
 - Strengths and Weaknesses
 - focus on local business owners (live in Stirling, work elsewhere) - strength
 - Limited commercial and housing sector - weakness
 - ways to accomplish some recreational goals (e.g. privately owned but for public use)
 - Commercially-zoned store-front facade

Councillor Foss:

- Cemetery Society

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 CMRSWSC**10.2 ORRSC****10.3 Let's Create the Power to Change the Way We Produce Power**

10.4 Stirling Wind Project

10.5 FCSS

10.6 Mayors and Reeves

2023-201

11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To highlight the following from this Council Meeting for immediate public release:

- Improved crime stats (Property Crimes down) =
- Tourism and Economic Development Committee initial updates on Community strengths/weaknesses
- Settler Days coming up (July 13-15)

Carried

12. Closed Session: Section 17 Third Party Personal Privacy and Section 25 Disclosure Harmful to the Economic Interests of a public body, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2023-202

12.1 Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 17 and Section 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 8:31 p.m.

CAO Donselaar and Municipal Clerk Lightfoot left the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Carried

12.2 ATB Agency Status

12.3 CAO Review

2023-203

12.4 Motion to Come out of Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To come out of Closed Session at 9:50 p.m.

Carried

2023-204

12.5 Motion from Closed Session Councillor Bohn

To approve the CAO Review and corresponding compensation recommendation, and further move that Council direct Mayor Lewington to deliver the review with the CAO.

Carried

2023-205


13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bikman


That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 5th day of July 2023.



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar