

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

- ATTENDEES:** Deputy Mayor Blair, Councilors Wilcox, Green, Allan, Ratz and Gil, CAO Carl McDonnell, Director of Corporate Services Shannon Allison, and Executive Assistant Brenda Coles
- ABSENT:** L. Colby
- CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Mayor Blair called the meeting of October 15, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m.
- ADDED ITEMS:** Letter for the Commuter Bus Service from Carstairs to Calgary (Correspondence 11.c)
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
- Motion 330/19 Motion by Councilor Gil to accept the agenda of October 15, 2019, as amended. **CARRIED**
- ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
- Motion 331/19 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council minutes of September 23, 2019, as presented. **CARRIED**
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Nil
- DELEGATIONS:** Nil
- BYLAWS & POLICIES:** Nil
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- 1. Weed Control Issue – Russ Sackett**
- CAO McDonnell presented the issue to Council that the property owner did not have a rental agreement in place earlier this year and they now have a multi-year agreement. The farmer does not want to remove the weeds with his equipment prior to being able to take the crops off his fields first as they do not want to spread or contaminate their crops. Unfortunately a time line is not available as they are waiting on Mother Nature and now with the frost, spraying the weeds in the spring is more likely the better plan.
- Motion 332/19 Motion by Councilor Allan to authorize administration to reply by letter to Mr. Sackett regarding the Weed Control issue and where the situation is currently standing. **CARRIED**
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 1. Legislative & Emergency Services Committee**
- Councilor Gil had no report at this time.
- Next meeting is to be determined following the Council Organizational meeting.
- 2. Strategic Planning & Corporate Affairs Committee**
- Councilor Allan gave an oral report on the September 23, 2019 meeting; minutes are attached.
- Next meeting is on Monday, October 28, 2019.
- 3. Policy & Governance Committee**
- Councilor Wilcox gave an oral report on the October 15, 2019 meeting.
- Next meeting is to be determined following the Council Organizational meeting.
- 4. External Relations Committee**
- Councilor Allan had no report at this time.
- Next meeting is on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Councilor Blair would like to discuss this date further.
- 5. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission**
- Councilor Green gave an oral report on the September 23, 2019 meeting. Minutes of July 22, 2019 meeting are attached.

6. Mountain View Regional Water Commission

- Councilor Blair gave an oral report on the October 9, 2019 meeting.
- Next meeting to be determined.

7. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

- CAO McDonnell gave an oral report regarding the requisition for next year; the Town received a draft requisition of 1.9 million; a break out is not available at this time and the Town has been given their ninety days' notice.

8. Municipal Area Partnership

- No report at this time.

9. Carstairs Community Development & Economic Partnership (CCD&EP)

- Councilor Ratz gave an oral report on the October 3, 2019 meeting.
- Next meeting is to be determined.

10. Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)

- Councilor Ratz no report at this time.
- Next meeting is held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Motion 334/19

Motion by Councilor Ratz moved to accept all committee reports as information.

CARRIED**COUNCILOR REPORTS:****Councilor Ratz**

- Attended the AUMA Convention and Trade Show on September 25, 26, and 27, 2019, during which Carstairs members met with the R.C.M.P.
- Attended the Joint Council Dinner with Didsbury at Carstairs on October 2, 2019.
- Attended the Inter-municipal Collaboration Committee meeting and the Carstairs Heritage Festival meeting on October 10, 2019.
- Attended Policy and Governance Committee meeting and Golf Course Tour on October 15, 2019.

Councilor Wilcox

- Attended Policy and Governance Committee meeting on October 15, 2019.
- Attended the AUMA Convention and Trade Show on September 25, 26, and 27, 2019, during which Carstairs members met with the R.C.M.P.
- Attended the Joint Council Dinner with Didsbury at Carstairs on October 2, 2019.
- Attended Policy and Governance Committee meeting and Golf Course Tour on October 15, 2019.

Councilor Allan

- Attended the Joint Council Dinner with Didsbury at Carstairs on October 2, 2019.
- Attended the Inter-municipal Collaboration Committee meeting on October 10, 2019.
- Attended Policy and Governance Committee meeting and Golf Course Tour on October 15, 2019.

Councilor Green

- Attended the Library Budget meeting on September 27, 2019.
- Attended the Pumpkin Fest on September 28, 2019.
- Attended the Joint Council Dinner with Didsbury at Carstairs on October 2, 2019.
- Attended the Speaker Session with MLA Nathan Cooper on October 3, 2019. MLA Cooper recently returned from a conference in South Africa and talked about his role as a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- Attended the Alberta Trustee meeting on October 5, 2019.
- Attended the Executive Board meeting in Lacombe on October 10, 2019.

Councilor Gil

- Attended AUMA Trade Show on September 26, 2019.

- Attended the Pumpkin Fest and Craft Lesson on September 28, 2019.
- Attended the Joint Council Dinner with Didsbury at Carstairs on October 2, 2019.
- Attended Policy and Governance Committee meeting and Golf Course Tour on October 15, 2019.

Councilor Blair

- Attended by phone the Inter-municipal Collaboration Committee meeting on October 10, 2019.
- Attended the AUMA Convention and Trade Show on September 25, 26, and 27, 2019, during which Carstairs members met with the R.C.M.P.
- Councilor Blair commented it was very nice to be present and observe CAO McDonnell receive recognition for the Dedicated CAO Award. He congratulated him on behalf of Council and Staff stating that it reflects well on CAO McDonnell and the Town of Carstairs; many pictures were taken of the ceremony and a video.
- As well Councilor Blair met with the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs and was in discussions regarding the increase in requisition amounts. The importance of knowledge in the individuals placed on boards, and commissions have concerning the operations involved and with running them.
- Attended Mountain View Regional Water Commission meeting on October 9, 2019.
- Attended the Golf Course Tour on October 15, 2019.

Mayor Colby

- No report at this time.

Motion 335/19

Motion by Councilor Green to accept all Councilor reports as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Indicators for Town of Carstairs.
 - How Alberta Municipal Affairs put together thirteen indicators to measure the performance of Villages, Towns and Municipalities. The Town of Carstairs has been informed that it did not trigger any of the thirteen indicators and is deemed not at risk and is not on the Ministry’s List. Councilor Blair delivered kudos to the Town of Carstairs Administrative Staff and Council.
2. Mountain View Gazette – Readers’ Choice Awards
 - Carstairs Gazebo took Silver for first kiss.
3. Commuter Bus – Nicole Clark
 - Council gave direction to Administration to follow up with First Student Canada to inquire if they have plans to extend the seating waiting list, or do they have a threshold to add seats prior to providing a larger coach line.

Motion 336/19

Motion by Councilor Green to accept all Correspondence as information.

CARRIED

CAO’S REPORT:

1. Thank you to Council and staff for the nomination for CAO.

COUNCILOR CONCERNS: - Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

1. Blair Kelsberg, Carriage Lanes Re: Speed Zone Change on Range Road 14
 - The Town received a reply from AB Transportation on October 11, 2019 that the numbers taken do not meet the requirements to drop the speed limit on Highway 580 to drop it to 50 km. AB Transportation provided no explanation or reason as to their decision.
 - Administration was directed to follow up with Alberta Transportation on what is the criterion required to drop the speed and to talk to Bylaw regarding having more of a police presence.

2. Charlie Van Arnham concern with signage on property in Stonebridge.

- The signage wording is offensive and inappropriate for view by a children’s bus stop.
- CAO McDonnell stated that Bylaw has been to the residence and has asked the owner of the property to remove the sign; they have until Wednesday morning to comply or the sign will be removed.
- The Town will be looking at revising its Land Use Bylaw to cover the inappropriate use of profanity on signage.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

Section 197 of the MGA states that Councils and Council Committees must conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP)* (s. 16 to 29)

Motion 337/19

Motion by Councilor Allan that Council closes the meeting to the public at 7:39 p.m. to discuss item 1.

CARRIED

Motion 338/19

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to come out of the closed meeting session at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 339/19

Motion by Councilor Green to adjourn the meeting of October 15, 2019, at 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Rick Blair, Deputy Mayor

Carl McDonnell, CAO