

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

ATTENDEES: Mayor Colby, Councilors Allan, Ball, Fricke, Ratz, Roberts & Wilcox, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison, CAO Rick Blair, & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Nil

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colby called the meeting of Monday, April 24, 2023, to order at 7:01 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion 150/23 Motion by Councilor Allan to adopt the Regular Council agenda of April 24, 2023, as presented. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion 151/23 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council minutes of April 11, 2023, as presented. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Waste Service Agreement-Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission
CAO Blair spoke to the revised agreement. The proposed changes include discontinuing the unmanned recycling centres. This in no way affects the blue-bin program in place.

Motion 152/23 Motion by Councilor Fricke to ratify the Waste Service Agreement with Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission and the Town of Carstairs as presented. **CARRIED**

DELEGATIONS: Nil

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

1. Bylaw No. 2041 Tax Rate Bylaw 2023
S. Allison spoke to the Tax Rate Bylaw.

Motion 153/23 Motion by Councilor Ball to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2041 Tax Rate Bylaw 2023 as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 154/23 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give second reading of Bylaw No. 2041 Tax Rate Bylaw 2023 as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 155/23 Motion by Councilor Fricke to move to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2041 Tax Rate Bylaw 2023 as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion 156/23 Motion by Councilor Allan to give third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2041 Tax Rate Bylaw 2023 as presented. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Operating Budget 2023
R. Blair and S. Allison spoke to the 2023 Operating Budget. No questions or concerns were brought forward.

Motion 157/23 Motion by Councilor Ball to approve the Operating Budget for 2023 as presented. **CARRIED**

2. MVC Fire Sub-Agreement
R. Blair spoke to the revised agreement. Negotiations went well with Mountain View County.

Motion 158/23 Motion by Councilor Roberts to ratify the Fire Sub-Agreement agreement between Mountain View County and the Town of Carstairs as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Government Grant
L. Colby spoke to the Government grant that was applied for in



2019. The Government grant of \$2.6 million, is to be put towards a new water reservoir and pump station.

Motion 159/23

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept the Government Grant for a new water reservoir and pump station as information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Legislative & Emergency Services Committee

- Councilor Ball gave a verbal report of the meeting that occurred on April 18, 2023. Highlighting the Bylaws vs Revisions agenda item. Next meeting May 16, 2023.

2. Strategic Planning & Corporate Affairs Committee

- Next meeting May 23, 2023.

3. Policy & Governance Committee

- Councilor Fricke gave a verbal report of the meeting that occurred on April 20, 2023. Next meeting May 18, 2023.

4. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission

- Councilor Wilcox gave a verbal report of the meeting that occurred today April 24, 2023. Audit came up with no findings. Next meeting July 24, 2023.

5. Mountain View Regional Water Commission

- Mayor Colby gave a verbal report of the meeting that occurred on April 12, 2023.

6. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

- Next Meeting May 4, 2023.

7. Municipal Area Partnership

- CAO Blair gave a verbal report of the meeting that occurred on April 13, 2023.

Motion 160/23

Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept all Committee Reports as information.

CARRIED

COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Allan

- April 18, 2023 attended Legislative & Emergency Services Committee meeting.
- Nothing else to report at this time.

Councilor Ball

- April 18, 2023 attended Legislative & Emergency Services Committee meeting.
- April 24, 2023 attended Budget meeting prior to Council.
- Nothing else to report at this time.

Councilor Fricke

- April 18, 2023 attended the Volunteer appreciation evening, very well attended.
- April 20, 2023 attended Policy & Governance Committee meeting.
- April 22, 2023 attended the Carstairs Pickleball fundraising tournament, very well attended with 60% of participants being local.
- April 22, 2023 attended the Moms and Tots sale at the community hall, lots of vendors and a great turn out.
- April 24, 2023 attended Budget meeting prior to Council.

Councilor Ratz

- April 18, 2023 attended Legislative & Emergency Services Committee meeting.
- April 24, 2023 attended Budget meeting prior to Council.

Councilor Roberts

- April 12, 2023 attended Mountain View Regional Water Commission Meeting.
- April 18, 2023 attended the Volunteer appreciation evening.
- April 19, 2023 attended the Carstairs Nature Space Committee meeting.
- April 20, 2023 attended Policy & Governance Committee meeting.

Councilor Wilcox

- Wanted to note that from April 13-16, 2023 local dance schools competed and won multiple medals and scholarships. Well done.
- April 18, 2023 attended the Volunteer appreciation evening.

- April 20, 2023 attended Policy & Governance Committee meeting.
- April 19, 2023 attended Mountain View Moccasin house meeting, the group expressed their gratitude for funding they received.
- April 20, 2023 attended the Parkland Regional Library meeting.
- April 22, 2023 attended the Carstairs Pickleball fundraising tournament.
- April 22, 2023 attended the Moms and Tots salé at the community hall.
- April 24, 2023 attended Mountain View Regional Waste commission meeting.
- April 24, 2023 attended Budget meeting prior to Council.

Mayor Colby

- April 12, 2023 attended Mountain View Regional Water Commission Meeting.
- April 21, 2023 received government grant from MLA Nathan Cooper.
- April 24, 2023 attended Budget meeting prior to Council.

Motion 161/23

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept all Councilor Reports as information.

CARRIED**CORRESPONDENCE:****1. Letter of Request-Carstairs Elks**

Council reviewed the letter provided requesting the use of the ball diamonds for the weekend of May 26, 27, 28. The Carstairs Elks would like to organize a ball tournament to raise funds for local Minor sports.

Motion 162/23

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to grant the request to use the ball diamonds for the weekend of May 26, 27, and 28 to the Carstairs Elks for a tournament benefitting local Minor sports.

CARRIED**CAO'S REPORT:**

- April 12, 2023 met with Mandalay commercial site developers.
- April 12, 2023 met with TCE and the Water commission.
- April 13, 2023 attended MAP meeting.
- April 17, 2023 met with S. Allison and A. Phillips to discuss staffing and updates to Golf Course policies.
- Accounting system negotiations.
- April 18, 2023 met with Mountain View County to discuss current growth, land use and maintenance of roadways.
- April 18, 2023 negotiations with benefit programs.
- April 19, 2023 met with Carstairs Elks regarding contract termination.
- April 20, 2023 met with CIMA regarding water model in Kitstone.
- April 21, 2023 met with MLA Nathan Cooper presenting the Government grant for a new water reservoir and pump station.
- Meeting tomorrow with company that will be cleaning out the lagoon.
- Meeting with CP Rail on Thursday.
- Meeting with Kitstone on Thursday regarding water infrastructure needs.
- Thank you to Shannon and her staff for the hard work put into the development of the operating budget.

Motion 163/23

Motion by Councilor Allan to accept CAO's Report as information.

CARRIED**COUNCILOR CONCERNS: Nil****PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:****1. Graham Thurber**

A resident of Carstairs wrote a letter requesting the use of the Northwest corner of the arena parking lot to park vehicles while the owners were at a proposed farm college located 3 km outside of town.

Councilor Fricke wondered why attendants of the college would not be able to park on location. G. Thurber answered that they want to preserve the land for farming as much as possible.

Councilor Wilcox asked how many classes would be happening for the projected 4 month course. G. Thurber said that the course would run for 4 months each summer with classes 5 per day. The proposed College is set to open in June 2024 with the towns permission it would be named Carstairs College. "Better hay for better horses for better people. Polite people".

Councilor Ball confirmed that the letter is asking to allow the parking to happen for 10 years.

Councilor Ratz didn't have any questions currently but is curious to see the impacts on insurance.

CAO R. Blair stated that administration would have to consult both the Operational Services Department and the Community Services Department to determine if the option is viable.

Motion 164/23

Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept Public Question period as information.

CARRIED

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

CLOSED MEETING:

Section 107 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 20).

Nil

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 165/23

Motion by Councilor Ball to adjourn the meeting of April 24, 2023, at 7: 52 p.m.

CARRIED



Lance Colby, Mayor



Rick Blair, CAO