

TOWN OF TWO HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Town of Two Hills held May 28, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Two Hills Town Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor L. L. Ewanishan, Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan, Councillor M. Tarkowski, Councillor G. Saskiw, Interim C.A.O. G. Buchanan, Executive Secretary A. Clark, C.F.O. S. Lupul, Accounts Clerk D. Boutin, Acting Public Works Foreman M. Tupechka, and 4 members in the public gallery including a reporter.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor L. L. Ewanishan called the Regular Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2019-164 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan to accept the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

Town of Two Hills Taskforce

Wendy Darda, spokesperson, reported on the actions of the Task Force.

On October 23, 2018 Council passed a motion to strike up a taskforce to conduct a review of salaries, remuneration, honorariums and expenses for Council and Staff of the Town. The Taskforce was made up of six residents and they held 6 meetings before coming to their conclusion. The taskforce gathered information from surrounding municipalities of the same size and economic stature. From the information they received and evaluated they found that the Town staff wages are on the low end of the salary gird as well as Council compensation should be adjusted to maintain pre-tax compensation levels.

2019-165 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan to accept the Taskforce report as presented.

CARRIED

2019-166 **MOVED** by Mayor L. L. Ewanishan to have administration review the budget for staff wage increases.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

2019-167 **MOVED** by Councillor G. Saskiw to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019 with correction of Arena kitchen to Rec Centre kitchen.

CARRIED

2019-168 **MOVED** by Councillor M. Tarkowski accept the Committee of the Whole minutes of May 24, 2019.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Public Works Report

The Public Works Foreman's Report was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by Acting Public Works Foreman M. Tupechka. Council asked about the tree planting plan and where Public Works needs Council assistance; Councilors are to prepare list of where they think tree planting will be most useful.

2019-169 **MOVED** by Mayor M. Tarkowski that the Public Works report be acknowledged as presented and incorporated into the minutes.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer Report

The Chief Administrative Officer's report was provided to Council in advance for their review. Council asked about the date to which Co-op is indicating they will be open; they are hoping to be ready for October.

2019-170 **MOVED** by Mayor L. L. Ewanishan to help fund the Grow Arena Group project up to 300,000.

CARRIED

2019-171 **MOVED** Councillor M. Tarkowski that the Chief Administrative Officer report be acknowledged as presented and incorporated into the minutes.

CARRIED

Chief Financial Officer Report

The Chief Financial Officer's report was provided to Council in advance for their review.

2019-172 **MOVED** Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan that the Chief Financial Officer report be acknowledged as presented and incorporated into the minutes.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 June Municipal Leaders' Caucus

Registration is now open for AUMA's Summer 2019 Municipal Leaders' Caucus! This year, we have changed the format of our summer Caucus to help reduce your travel time and allow us to visit more communities. Caucus will therefore consist of a one-day program.

2019-173 Moved by Mayor L. L. Ewanishan that Deputy Mayor Sorochan and Councillors Saskiw and Tarkowski attend.

CARRIED

2019 June By-Election Update

Advertisements for the June 10 By-Election have been placed in the St. Paul Journal (May 28 and June 4), Hi-Way 16 News and the Vegreville Newsadvertiser (May 29 and June 5). A request was made for an advance poll and one has been scheduled for June 6. The advertisements include information on the advance poll.

2019-174 **MOVED** by Councillor G. Saskiw that Council authorizes an advance poll to be held in the Town Office from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 6, 2019.

CARRIED

Development Fees

A review of the Town's current development charges shows that the fees have not been updated in at least 11 years, if not longer. Simple ongoing annual inflation has eaten into the value of the fees currently charged. Also, a review of surrounding comparable urban municipalities shows that some of the Town's current fees are below comparable average values.

2019-175 **MOVED** by Mayor L. L. Ewanishan that Council adopt the revised schedule for development fees to commence on January 1, 2020.

CARRIED

Alberta Health Services Municipal Forum

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2019-176 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan to register Mayor Ewanishan and Councillor Tarkowski to attend.

CARRIED

Information Technology Services Contract

Our current Information Services support provider contract ends May 31, 2019. The current provider will no longer be able to provide IT services to the Town. A tender for IT services was prepared and distributed. One response has been received by the tender deadline.

2019-177 **MOVED** by Councillor G. Saskiw that Council awards the Information Services contract to the bidder and for administration to prepare the necessary contract.

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CARRIED

Joint Municipality Meeting

The County and Town of Two Hills and the Village of Myrnam had a meeting set for June 3rd 2019 but the County and Village are now unable to attend.

2019-179 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan to differ the meeting of June 3rd to later fall 2019.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

2019-180 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan to have Councillor Saskiw to speak on behalf of the Town on the Two Hills Canada Day Celebration.

CARRIED

2019-181 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor E. Sorochan that the Correspondence be acknowledged as presented and filed.

CARRIED

2019-182 **MOVED** by Mayor L. L. Ewanishan that Two Hills declare June 2-8 2019 Seniors week.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS

2019-183 **MOVED** by Councillor G. Saskiw to accept and incorporate the Council Reports as presented into the minutes.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: With all items on the agenda having been addressed Mayor L. L. Ewanishan adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:57 P.M.

LEONARD EWANISHAN, MAYOR

GARY BUCHANAN, INTERIM C.A.O.