

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL
 CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE
 5135 – 50TH STREET, VILNA AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Leroy Kunyk
 Deputy Mayor Thompson
 Councillor Paul Miranda (Virtual)
 Earla Wagar, CAO

ABSENT:

GALLERY:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1. AGENDA:

RES: 146-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Agenda be accepted with the addition of item 6.g: RCDC 2023 Budget & Municipal Contributions and 6.h CAO vacation – Jan 4 – 16, 2022
CARRIED

1. AGENDA	
Additions/Changes	
2. DELEGATION	
3. MINUTES	
a. Regular Council Meeting – November 9, 2022	
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
5. REPORTS	
a. Mayor	
b. Deputy Mayor	
c. Councillor Report	
d. Administration Report	
6. BUSINESS:	
a. Sale of Tax Recovery Property	
b. Ukrainian Twinning Budget	
c. Highway 28/63 Policy	
d. Seniors Bus	
e. Employee Benefit Program	
f. 2023 Budget	
7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES	
8. FINANCIAL REPORT	
a. Accounts paid Nov 1-30, 2022	\$68,710.67
i. A/P Nov 1-30, 2022 (14183-14189)	\$37,160.50
ii. EFT Nov 1-30, 2022 (2022092-2022099)	\$15,279.18
iii. EFT Payroll November, 2022	\$16,254.99

2. DELEGATIONS:

3. MINUTES

a) Regular Council November 9, 2022

RES: 147-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Minutes of the November 9th, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

a) Mayor Kunyk

NE MuniCorr Ltd. – November 14, 2022

- AGM Riverland Orientation scheduled for June 12, 2023
- Golf Tournament August 14, 2023
- Negotiations with PrairieCan to replace trees planted by water commission.

Joint Municipalities – November 14th, 2022

- Crime reduction Ideas

- Mental Health Officer has started in St. Paul.
- Smoky Lake Heritage Board presentation on recording the area's history.
- Motion required for a carbon emission study.

Citizen's On Patrol – November 16, 2022

- Discussion on fentanyl, availability of detox kits and training.
This training is now included with the CPR Training
- Formal collaboration with Smoky Lake Pumpkin Growers Association.

Evergreen Nov 17th, 2022

- Organizational Meeting
- Discussion of increased truck loads from surrounding communities,
- Deliberation on renting or purchasing a waste shredder, compactor, and
- Future business Plan.

Vilna & District Municipal Library – November 17, 2022

- Support for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child
- Approval of funds for increased marketing and publicity.

RCDC Nov 23 2022

- Interest in our area from Invest Alberta
- Discussion of Alberta Rural Business Hub
- 13 Ways Study was tasked with service sharing, and future progression lies with the Village
- Discussion of future funding for Go East and Travel Alberta Tourism programs.
- Diversification of tourism activities all year round, rather than concentration solely on summer
- Cross Country Skiing loop development near Metis Crossing
- Invitation to Join Vilna with our Unstoppable Conversations seminars.
- The St. Paul region has sent 11 ambulances to Ukraine
- Ag. Societies have send \$7,700.00 to Ukraine.

Northern Lights Library System November 25, 2022

- Challenge to all municipalities to get all elected officials library cards.
- Intentions to visit and involve indigenous communities, and creation of an Indigenous Advisory Group.
- Adventure week Christmas break reading program.

Unstoppable Conversations – December 8th & 10th

- Mindset of volunteers, community organizations, and residents on progression, evolution, or activities within our community.
- Communication methods, blind spots in organizing.

b) Deputy Mayor Thompson**Ukrainian Twinning – November 22, 2022**

- The Gala scheduled for November 18th has been postponed. The outbreak of Covid and RSV flu has deterred the attendance.
- The Silent Auction was completed.
- The current fund raising is for winter clothes.

NE MuniCorr Ltd. – November 14, 2022

- Discussions on the 2023 Schedule

Smoky Lake Senior Foundation – November 18, 2022

- Discussions on staff training
- Discussions on audits and inspections.

c) Councillor Miranda

HUB November 30, 2022

- Presentation from ATCO discussed co-generation and some supporting grants.
- MCSnet gave a presentation on their fibre-optic resources and the Gigair program.

d) Administration Report

BALANCE Current Taxes November 30 2022	\$60,562.41
ARREARS	\$89,247.57
<u>TOTAL TAXES OWING</u>	<u>\$149,809.98</u>
<u>Interest & Penalties</u>	<u>34,275.60</u>
Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	<u>(\$24,839.99)</u>
	<u>\$159,245.59</u>

TAX SALE

- The Tax Recovery Sale by closed tender was a success. We sold 6 of the 8 properties. The 2 properties that were left are the 2 vacant lots across from Side Street. One is serviced and one isn't.
- Notices were sent out to everyone who has an outstanding balance on their taxes. I have estimated that we should receive about 24,000.00 in current taxes prior to year-end. If this calculation is correct we should have collected 90.2% of the current taxes, which puts us back in the good books with Municipal Affairs.

PUBLIC WORKS

- We have changed the water valve in the fire hall from a 3 inch valve to a 2 inch valve. This will extend the time it takes for them to fill a truck from 5 minutes to about 7 minutes, but it will reduce the potential of causing a water break in front of the fire hall.
- We have about 10 driveways that Public Works is clearing this year.
- Dale is taking the Water Wastewater course. We have been dependent on the County Operators and have been operating under Dave Franchuk's license, but Dave's license expires at the end of December. So, rather than use another County License, Dale has offered to take the course.
- For all those people who complain that we don't clean the streets well enough, there's a reason. The compacted snow creates an insulated barrier and reduces the chances of having a frozen water line. The way the temperatures are dipping this winter, we're all sitting with crossed fingers.

WATER RESERVOIR

- The chlorine levels seem to be stable.

UNSTOPPABLE CONVERSATIONS

- We've had 2 sessions with Vik Maraj including the staff from Bashaw. These sessions included the Town of Stettler as well as our regional partners. I think that having more communities created a more diverse range of ideas.
- Next sessions - December 20 & 22.

RES: 148-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

a) Payment Extension for Tax Recovery Property Roll #119

RES: 149-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that a payment extension be granted until January 31, 2023 to Ray Copeland to pay the balance owing, \$3,750.50, on the property he was successful in bidding on in the Closed Tender Sale, and should the full payment not be made by this time he will be funded his deposit and the property will be offered for sale again.

CARRIED

b) Ukrainian Twinning Committee 2023 Budget

RES: 150-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Village of Vilna approve the provision of funding in the amount of \$625.00 to the Ukrainian Twinning Committee's Managing Partner: Town of Smoky Lake, for the Village's contribution to the Committee's

Year-2023 budget in the total amount of \$5,000.00, using the following municipal funding formula in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference:

Smoky Lake County at 50% in the amount of \$2,500.00,
 Town of Smoky Lake at 25% in the amount of \$1,250.00,
 Village of Vilna at 12.5% in the amount not to exceed \$625.00,
 Village of Waskatenau at 12.5% in the amount not to exceed \$625.00.

CARRIED

c) Highway 28/63 Policy Statement

RES: 151-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that that the Village of Vilna acknowledge and approve the proposed Policy #003.004 to establish protocol for effective, timely communication to the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Members and Customers, regarding water rate changes, with the notification shall be provided via email to the CAO or Band Manager of

Smoky Lake County
 Town of Smoky Lake
 Village of Waskatenau
 Village of Vilna
 Thorhild County
 County of St. Paul
 Whitefish Lake First Nation #128

- 1.1.1 within five (5) business days, upon receipt of notice from Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission (CRNWSC)
 1.1.2 within five (5) business days after any new Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission Water Rate Bylaw is given third and final reading. .

CARRIED

d) Seniors Bus

RES: 152-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda in consideration that the Seniors Bus is not able to be repaired to the level required to meet the Alberta Transportation Highway regulations, Administration by authorized to accept the offer from Nick Praharencka of not less than \$3,000.00.

CARRIED

e) Employee Benefit Program

RES: 153-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson the Employee Benefit proposal by Manulife in the monthly rate of \$1,509.00 as negotiated, be approved and shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

CARRIED

f) Village 2023 Capital and Operating Budget

RES: 154-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the draft 2023 Capital and Operating Budgets be approved as presented.

CARRIED

g) RCDC 2023 Budget

RES: 155-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Council of the Village of Vilna approve the proposed 2023 budget for Regional Community Development Committee in the amount of \$115,600.00, including municipal contributions with the total amounts allocated as follows:

- Smoky Lake County at 65% in the amount of \$78,030.00,
- Town of Smoky Lake at 27% in the amount of \$31,212.00, and
- Village of Vilna at 5.9% in the amount of \$6,358.00.

CARRIED

h) January 2023 Schedule

RES: 156-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Village Office be closed from January 4th to 15th inclusive to allow the CAO time off for a vacation, and further the January 2023 Council meeting be moved to January 18th.

CARRIED

i) Employee Benefit Proposals

RES: 157-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that Administration be directed to proceed with an application with Manulife for Group Health Benefits, unless there are issues that come up prior to the finalizing of the agreement.

CARRIED

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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RES: 158-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Financial Reports, as presented for November, 2022, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

9. MEETING SCHEDULE

- a. December 12, 2022 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m.
- b. December 14, 2022 – ABMunis – Villages East – 3:00 p.m. Teams
- c. December 14, 2022 - Regular Council – 5:30 p.m.
- d. December 15, 2022 – Evergreen Waste – 10:00 a.m.
- e. December 16, 2022 – Smoky Lake Foundation –
- f. December 19, 2022 – Highway 28/63 12:00 lunch & meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- g. December 20, 2022 – Unstoppable Conversations – 9:00 a.m. ZOOM
- h. December 20, 2022 – Ukrainian Twinning 9:00 a.m.
- i. December 20, 2022 – RCDC – 1:00 ZOOM
- j. December 22, 2022 – Unstoppable Conversations – 9:00 a.m. ZOOM
- k. January 9, 2023 – MuniCorr – 10:00
- l. January 11, 2022 – Regular Council 5:30.

RES: 159-22 Moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor Thompson that the meeting schedule, as presented, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 1160-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 14, 2022 be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Leroy Kunyk

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Earla Wagar, CAO