

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 (ZOOM)
Earla Wagar, CAO

ABSENT:

GALLERY:

- Marion Vinette (ZOOM)
- Cpl. Roxanne Genereaux, Smoky Lake RCMP
- James MacDonald, Executive Director, NLLS
- Vicky Lefebvre, NLLS Board Chair (ZOOM)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. AGENDA:

RES: 015-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Agenda be accepted as amended to include Item 6.h MSI Grant Agreement.

CARRIED

1. AGENDA

Additions/Changes

2. DELEGATION

- a. Cpl. Roxanne Genereaux, Smoky Lake RCMP
- b. James MacDonald, Executive Director, Northern Lights Library System

3. MINUTES

- a. Regular Council – January 12, 2022

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

- a. Mayor
- b. Deputy Mayor
- c. Councillor Report
- d. Administration Report

6. BUSINESS:

- a. Library Board Appointments
- b. Water meter reading adjustments
- c. Water Estimate Adjustment request
- d. 28/63 Build Out Study
- e. Go East of Edmonton membership
- f. Lakeland Travel membership
- g. Insurance Claim

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- a. Regional Emergency Management Bylaw (Draft)
- b. 26 63 Water Commission Bylaw (Draft)

2. DELEGATION

Cpl. Roxanne Genereaux, Acting Commander of the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment met with Council to present the 3rd quarter statistical report and discuss concerns and issues in the Village.

She reported that Crimes Against Persons dropped, Property Crimes increased and so did Other Criminal Code Crimes.

A general discussion was held regarding concerns and issues in the Village.

Cpl. Genereaux indicated that she would like to have some informal coffee-shop type conversations with the community.

The RCMP has launched a mobile app. It can be accessed through the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The platform provides the public access to Crime Reporting, Access to Crime Statistics, News, Mental Health Support and other information that allows the public to access the RCMP more easily.

James MacDonald, Executive Director, Northern Lights Library System met with Council to share the 2021 Value Statement highlighting the benefits of belonging to the NLLS. Not only does our Library lend out books, but it provides programs and support to help people learn.

He described the breakdown of the financial contributions from the municipalities, including purchasing books, providing technical support to the libraries, providing the services of a Librarian, as well as on-line programming.

3. MINUTES

a. Regular Council January 12, 2022

RES: 016-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 8th, 2021 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. REPORTS

a. Mayor Kunyk

• Evergreen Regional Waste

- Looking into purchasing a waste grinder that will reduce waste volume.
- Possibly offer a propane bottle refund program;
- Considering a plastics depot
- They are experiencing a serious problem with the flagrant disposal of "sharps".

- **RCMP Webinars**

- Information Sessions and discussions around the potential of the Province of Alberta setting up a Provincial Policing System and cancelling the Federal Contract for RCMP services.
- Based on the discussion it seems that 99% of the municipalities are not in favor of switching. There is a possible referendum coming later in the year.

- **Agricultural Society**

- The AGM saw a minor change in Executive. They have amended their bylaw to reduce the Board from 12 member to 9.
- The arena roof and chillers have been repaired, but there is an issue with the electrical services which were installed with aluminum wiring. This is prohibiting them getting property insurance. Currently they have liability insurance only. The arena is not operating. The curling rink is operating.
- The majority of the meeting covered the 2022 Boom Town Days and the Centennial Homecoming Celebration, the theme being “ VILNA CELEBRATES”.
 - Merchandizing,
 - Activities
 - Pool Hall Bar-B-Que
 - Village Council Breakfast (Sunday)
 - School Open House
 - Fireworks
 - Diner and Dance (Advance, on-line tickets only)
 - Beer Gardens
 - Food trucks
 - Parade

- **Vilna and District Municipal Library**

- The AGM showed new members and new Board Members
- The Library is introducing a series of new programs to attract and retain members of all ages and groups
- They provide a once-a-week library service to Good Fish Lake
- The Library through the federally sponsored AXIA system, has free wi-fi, available by using your library card. It seems there is also free wi-fi at the school and the outreach school through this program.

- **Electric Vehicle Charging Program**

- There is a grant program being looked at that could put EV chargers into each of our communities. The restrictions are related to the necessity to have the chargers on municipal properties and the availability of phase 3 power.

- A discussion was held around the Level of the charges that will be covered by this grant.

b. Deputy Mayor Thompson

- **Smoky Lake Foundation –**

- The Foundation is running smoothly, not experiencing any issues that require Board Direction.
- The CAO evaluation is scheduled for February 10th.

- **Ukrainian Twinning Committee –**

- The structuring of the Committee is complete.
- The Mayor of Kosiv attended the meeting (Virtually)
- He commented on the political unrest in the Country indicating that the activity is happening on the east side of the Country and Kosiv is in the southwest central part of the Country. He explained that they don't feel much of the pressure.
- A confirmation of their request for medical and fire protection equipment and gear was made.
- An ambulance and a sea-can of fire equipment and gear is being processed for shipping.

c. Councillor Miranda

- **RCDC**

- The CEDO is working with Vilna on a Business Support initiative, a Mainstreet Revitalization program, and promotion of our assets.
- A presentation from and a discussion with Doug Griffiths and Stuart Fullarton from 13 Ways Ltd. presented potential for having our shared services study incorporating community enhancement and viability in the region. They have asked for a face to face meeting with all of the Councils and administrations in the near future. A potential date is February 23rd at 5:30 in Smoky Lake. The venue has yet to be determined.
- Tourism is a high focus on the region
- A discussion was held around affordable housing. Housing needs to be considered at the same time as business attraction is considered. Housing will vary depending on the type of businesses being attracted.

d. CAO Report

Administration**Report to Council Meeting December 8, 2021****TAXES**

BALANCE Current Taxes December 31, 2021		(\$6,100.60)
	ARREARS	\$172,523.83
	<i>TOTAL TAXES OWING</i>	166,423.23
	<i>Interest & Penalties</i>	
	Less Village property (Tax Recovery)	(\$24,839.99)
		\$141,583.24

UTILITIES

- Still dealing with a few bumps along the way with the new meters.
- We are hoping to get the rest of the installed before too long.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Winters in Alberta are far too long. People tend to forget from one year to the next that it snows in Alberta during the winter and the snow has to be cleared, but all of that takes time.
- Our backhoe is in for repairs, but hopefully it won't be out of service for too long.
- We have an agreement in place to lease Paul's if we need it.

Water Reservoir No word yet on the grant application.

CENTENIAL PARK

- Not this grant either. There are all kinds of grant programs, but not very much money.
- We have a meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14th to get people organized.

GRANT PROJECTS

- The Regional Services Study project is well underway. Each of the municipalities have had an opportunity to meet with the consultants. The consultants met with all the CAO's a couple weeks ago, and they made a presentation to RCDC on Tuesday. They are hoping to MEET with all the elected officials and administration around the 24th of February.

YEAR END I haven't got the auditor scheduled for the year end audit.

RES: 017-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS**a. Library Board Appointments**

RES: 018-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that in accordance with Bylaw 567-21 and authorized through the Libraries Act of Alberta that Donna Orleski, Ashley Friebe, Ray Copeland and Eric Long be appointed as new members; and that Marion Vinette, and Don Romanko be re-appointed to the Vilna and District Municipal Library Board for three year terms, effective upon the passing of this resolution.

CARRIED

b. Water Meter Changes and Reading Adjustments

RES: 019-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that Council approves the account adjustments in the amount of \$1,638.70 made to correct irregular meter readings that were identified when the new remote water readings were installed.

CARRIED

c. Water Consumption Adjustment Request A/C 33

RES: 020-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that Administration be directed to offer Ms. Cherwiniuk of 5023 – 50 Street the option of having her estimated consumption reduced to reflect the average 2 person household consumption of 21.514 cubic meters per billing period, which will give her a 3.4664 cubic meter credit per billing period which would amount to a \$579.47 credit, or she can allow us to do a 2 year data collection study and adjust her bill at the end of the 2 years according to the data.

CARRIED

d. 28/63 Water Commission Long Term Build Out Study

RES: 021-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that Council accept the 28/63 Water Commission Long Term Build Out study as presented by Associated Engineering, with a note being made that the Village would like to see Bonnie Lake Campground included as a potential user in the future.

CARRIED

e. Go East of Edmonton Membership

RES: 022-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Membership to Go East of Edmonton Tourism Association be paid for the year of 2022.

CARRIED

f. Travel Lakeland Membership

RES: 023-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Village option not to purchase a membership in the Travel Lakeland Tourism Association for the 2022 year.

CARRIED

g. Sept. 15, 2021 Garbage Truck Incident Insurance Claim

RES: 024-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that the claim from GIGL Ltd. in the amount of \$550.57 to cover their costs incurred when our garbage truck caught a guy wire and brought the power and telephone service down, with the understanding that this amount will be credited against our deductible at such time as the final claims are settled.

CARRIED**h. MSI Grant Agreement**

RES: 025-22 Moved by Councillor Miranda that Council enter into an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of Alberta to formalize the MSI Grant Program for the years 2022 and 2023.

i. CARRIED**7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

a. Regional Emergency Management Bylaw (Discussion)

b. Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission Bylaw #008-2021(Review)

RES: 026-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Revision of Bylaw 008-2021 is an administrative responsibility, and once administration has addressed the concerns of the Board in a revision it should then be brought back to the Board for consideration or further amendments.

CARRIED**8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

a. Accounts paid: Dec.31/21 – Jan. 31, 2022	\$51,316.54
i. A/P Dec.31 – Jan 31, 2022 (14030-14039)	\$15,673.07
ii. EFT Dec.31 – Jan. 31, 2022 (2021117-2022003)	\$21,266.88
iii. EFT Payroll Jan.1 – Jan. 31, 2022	\$14,376..59

RES: 027-22 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Financial Report, as presented, be accepted for information.

CARRIED**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Farm Safety Centre, re: Donation Request
- b. Alberta Home Visitation Network Assn. – Newsletter
- c. Aspen View School – Newsletter
- d. Town of Gibbons, re: Provincial Legislation Concerns

RES: 028-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk that the Correspondence be accepted as presented.

CARRIED**10. MEETING SCHEDULE**

- a. February 8, 2022 – Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue – 10:00 a.m. ZOOM
- b. February 8, 2022 – RCDC – 2:00 p.m. ZOOM
- c. February 9, 2022 - Regular Council – 5:30 p.m. ZOOM

- d. February 14, 2022 MuniCorr – 10:00 ZOOM
- e. February 14, 2022 – Centennial Organizational Meeting – 5:30 office and ZOOM
- f. February 16, 2022 – Electric Vehicles presentation – 11:30 a.m. – ZOOM
- g. February 16, 2022 – Dr. Retention and Recruitment – 5:00 p.m. GO TO MEETING
- h. February 17, 2022 – Evergreen Regional Waste – 10:00 a.m. – ZOOM
- i. March 1, 2022 – Smoky Lake Foundation – 9:00 a.m. ZOOM
- j. March 4th, 2022 – NLLS – 10:00 ZOOM
- k. March 9, 2022 – Regular Council – 5:30 p.m. -
- l. March 14th, 2022 – MuniCorr – 10:00 a.m. ZOO

11. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 029-22 Moved by Mayor Kunyk the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9, 2022 be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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Earla Wagar, CAO