

**VILLAGE OF MORRIN  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

**Virtual Meeting**

**Attendance**      OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR                      HAROLD JOHNSRUDE  
                         CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER              ANNETTE PLACHNER

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Official Administrator Johnsrude called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**C21-032**              Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude to approve the March 17, 2021 Council meeting agenda as presented. Carried

**3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

- The work to upgrade the VFD's for the water pumps has been awarded to Pronghorn in collaboration with MPE Engineering.
- Credit Card or Debit card payments in the water dispenser costs approx. \$45,000.
- Public Works recommended a coin opt with the option of upgrading to a pin pad in the future. Pre-paying is possible with a pin pad but only with physical monitoring.

**4. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Howard Helton – Camera results 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N., Status of Main Street Line

- Mr. Helton made reference to the lateral results from the camera inspection that was done which identifies problems with all the residents on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. which he stated concerns him directly.
- Mr. Helton questioned the age of the sewer laterals and water lines on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.
- The Village Sewer Main and Connection Policy was discussed.
- Official Administrator Johnsrude commented that he would mention these concerns to MPE Engineering and thanked Mr. Helton for his presentation.

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 Regular Council Meeting, February 17, 2021

**C21-033**              **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 17, 2021. Carried.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### 6.1 2019 Water Pump Assessment

- Council requested Administration at the January Council meeting for MPE Engineering to provide an estimate to assess the 2019 water plant equipment rehabilitation.
- Public Works responded to the request and did not have all the information at the time.

**C21-034**           **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude to defer the 2019 Water Pump Assessment to the April Council meeting. Carried.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

Because there were several bylaws to be considered during this meeting, Official Administrator Johnsrude provided an overview of the process and rationale to address and approve bylaws including bylaw amendments and giving all three readings in the same Council meeting.

### 7.1 Council Code of Conduct Bylaw #375

Official Administrator requested the CAO to present the Council Conduct Bylaw # 375.

**C21-035**           **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw #375 be given First reading. Carried.

**C21-036**           **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw #375 be given Second reading. Carried.

**C21-037**           **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw #375 be presented for Third reading. Carried Unanimously.

**C21-038**           **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw #375 be given Third and Final reading. Carried.

### 7.2 Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement Bylaw #376

The CAO presented the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement Bylaw #376 and described the process which requires First reading followed by advertising. The Agreement summary was provided:

- Term – 10 years from final passing of this bylaw.
- May be renewed for an additional 5 years.
- Authorizes to provide electric distribution service.
- Franchise fee paid to the Village – 3.5% at discretion of the Village.
- Franchise fee maximum is 20% at discretion of Village.
- Street light construction, maintenance, etc.

**C21-039**           **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement Bylaw #376 be given First reading. Carried.

7.3 Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw #377

The CAO presented the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw #377 as required by Section 556 of the MGA. The Bylaw categories include:

- Powers and duties
- Appointment by Council
- Misuse of power
- Appeals if necessary

- C21-040** **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw #377 be given First reading. Carried. Official Administrator Johnsrude noted that under Clause 5.1, Council is to appoint the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. The CAO is the only employee of Council; therefore, Clause 5.1 contravenes the Municipal Government Act.
- C21-041** **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude to amend Clause 5.1 of Bylaw #377 to 'The CAO of the Village of Morrin may from time to time appoint, designate or engage one (1) or more persons as Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Village of Morrin'. Carried.
- C21-042** **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw #377 be given Second reading. Carried.
- C21-043** **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw #377 be presented for Third reading. Carried Unanimously.
- C21-044** **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw #377 be given Third and Final reading. Carried.

7.4 Netago Municipal Access Agreement

The CAO presented the reason for the Netago Municipal Access Agreement to have access to the Village right of ways. The Agreement includes:

- Consent to use rights of way
- Conditions of consent and manner work
- Property rights
- Representations and warranties
- Emergencies
- Relocation
- Fees
- Term (20 years) and termination
- Insurance
- Indemnification
- Limitations if liability
- Dispute resolution

- C21-045** **Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude to authorize the CAO to enter into a Municipal Access Agreement with 508896 Alberta Ltd. C.O.B. Netago. Carried.

7.5 Morrin Campground

The CAO presented background information for this item.

- The Morrin Historical Park and Sod House Society is considering the development of a campground on Starland County property bordering the East side of the Village.

Official Administrator Johnsrude noted that a business plan including the proposed location and layout should be provided by the Society before the Village makes a decision. A meeting of all the stakeholders may be appropriate initially.

**C21-046**

**Motion:** Moved by Official Administrator Johnsrude that a meeting of the Village CAO and Official Administrator, Starland County representatives and the Morrin Historical Park and Sod House Society meet in April 2021 or later to discuss the proposed Morrin campground. Carried.

**8. REPORTS:**

8.1 CAO Report

The CAO had nothing further to report.

8.2 Official Administrator Report:

The Official Administrator had nothing further to report.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 Minister of Municipal Affairs

A letter of received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the implications of the 2021 Provincial Budget noting:

- 25% reductions in capital funding in 2022 and 2023.
- 2021 MSI Capital grant will be \$158,000.
- 2021 MSI Operating grant will be \$38,500 and will not be reduced in subsequent years.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**11. ADJOURMENT**

**C21-047**

**Motion:** Official Administrator Johnsrude adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Carried.

**OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR**

**CAO**