

VILLAGE OF MORRIN
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance MAYOR: CHRIS HALL
DEPUTY MAYOR: LORRAINE MACARTHUR
COUNCILLOR: M'LISS EDWARDS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: ANNETTE PLACHNER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- C23-026** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur changed the agenda 8.1 Fire Agreement to 13 Closed Session. Carried
- C23-027** **Motion:** Councillor Edwards motioned to add to the agenda 9.3 Sunshine Lodge Approval to Borrow funds.
- C23-028** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- Hydraulic bins for garbage – truck retrofit done, hydraulics fixed and bin arriving tomorrow at the school.
 - Water leak has been detected on empty lot beside N Dragani and is leaking into his basement. Currently pumping daily. Hydrovac is arranged for next week.
 - Repairs needed to pavement in some areas where digging has occurred.
 - Bulk water dispenser upgraded enabling the Village to adjust value of water sold. Was selling at \$3.00 per cube now at \$4.00 per cube.
 - Street sweeping set for May 19 .
 - Sewer flushing set for May 8 with BB Enterprises in Beiseker.
 - Plans in motion to meet with Drumheller to coordinate street sweeping and perhaps flushing sewer lines on a contractual basis.
- C23-029** **Motion:** Mayor Hall motioned to accept Public Works report. Carried.

4. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 None

5 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.2 Regular meeting – March 15, 2023

- C23-0130** **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Carried

6 FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Ascend LLP – Audited Financial Report – Peter Stone CPA

Mr. Stone Auditor for the Village, presented the 2022 audited financial statements to Council. The audit showed a surplus of \$17,000 for 2022.

C23-031

Motion: Councillor Edwards motioned to accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statement as presented. Carried Unanimously.

7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

No report at this time

8 OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Campground development.

Council discussed the campground development. There are no funds available for this project at this time as the capital grants are for infrastructure projects only.

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Access road into the Village.

A discussion was held regarding the access road to the Village needing repair due to the contractors damage. Sunda – The contractors will be notified to repair the street and only have one side of the street for parking their vehicles as the street is very narrow with parking on both sides. Also the pink C can to be removed.

9.2 Old Library Building

A discussion was held regarding the library building when the Village library is moved into the new school. No final decision was made at this time.

9.3 District Foundation – Sunshine Lodge borrowing funds approval.

Councillor Edwards presented to Council a request from Sunshine Lodge for the Village to approve the borrowing of \$800,000. from the Government to development a walk way between Sunshine Lodge and Hillview Lodge.

C23-032

Motion: Councillor Edwards motioned that the Village approve Sunshine Lodge to borrow the sum of \$800,000. For the proposed walkway.
Carried. Deputy Mayor MacArthur opposed.

9.4 Village Vacant Lots.

Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that the Village hire Kelly Boyko – Home Town Realty to list the Village lots for sale. Carried.

10 COUNCIL REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on the Community Futures April 13, 2023

- Presentation from Travel Drumheller regarding their Development Plan. Alberta has funded \$10,000,000. for Rural Tourism in Alberta
- The monthly financial report was approved.

- Report from West Village Marketing re results from social media ads
- Reviewed terms of Board members, changes will be made

Deputy Mayor reported on the Morrin Library Board April 5, 2023

- Financial report showed \$13,659.70 in the bank
- Marigold advised there will be a provincial budget increase for libraries per capita.
- A monthly budget for the Library Manager was approved for \$260 for the remainder of the year.
- Change library hours to 10-4 Tuesday and 12-6 Thursday.
- Paint night at the arena was discussed, \$45.00 per person and one drink included
- A book sale table will be set up on Saturday May 20 same time as show and shine.

Mayor Hall reported on the Stettler Trade Show

- Discussions were held with various businesses at this time

11 COUNCIL INQUIRIES OR COMMENTS

12 CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

12.1 An E mail was received from resident John Stanley requesting the new Rates and Fees Bylaw be posted on the Village website. CAO stated that it would be put on the website, but all residents were informed of the utility increase as notices were sent out in every utility billing last month.

13. CLOSED SESSION - Revised Fire Agreement

C23-033 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Council proceed into closed Session at 8:04 p.m. Carried.

C23-034 Motion: Mayor Hall motioned that Council return to regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. Carried.

C23-035 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that a letter be forwarded to Starland County Council stating that Fire Fighting Service Fees were omitted from the revised agreement. The agreement should read that: Fire Fighting Fees will be administered by the Village of Morrin for all incidents requiring invoicing and collection of fees by the Village of Morrin for all Morrin Fire Department Fire calls. All fees will be directed to offset the operational expenses incurred by the Village of Morrin for the Morrin Fire Department. Starland Regional Fire meetings to be held three (3) times per calendar year.

Fire Hall Development Plan: The Village of Morrin cannot finance a new fire hall. Carried

14 . NEXT MEETING DATE – REGULAR COUNCIL MAY 17, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

C23-036 Motion: Mayor Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Carried.

MAYOR



CAO

