

**VILLAGE OF MORRIN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, September 20, 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**

**C23-075 Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. Carried.

**3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Report

- Lagoon pumper ready for use, waiting for propane. Pumping will commence on October 1, 2023
- Repaired water leak at new school site. No maps showing service. Service was dead ended from main line. Will be removed at a later date.
- Service valves for old school will need to be removed and/or repaired as they are not operational.
- Water supply disruption and need for water hauling Sept 2 – 4, 2023.
- Waiting for a quote on a gate for the lagoon.
- Looking for information/repair of lagoon suction line.
- Had Chamco service the pumps and requested an efficiency report to evaluate their condition.

**C23-076 Motion:** Mayo Hall motioned to accept the Public Works report. Carried.

**4. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 Kendra Scott – K-9 Agility Park Proposal – Tennis Court**

Kendra Scott did a presentation on a Dog Agility Park to use the Village's Old Tennis Court. It was discussed that She must obtain insurance and sign a waiver to release the Village of any liabilities that may occur. Kendra is 14 years old. Teresa Scott – Kendra's mother was also suppose to attend the meeting and do the presentation.

**5 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 Regular meeting – August 16, 2023

5.2 Special meeting – August 29, 2023

- C23-077**      **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to approve both the Regular meeting and Special meeting minutes. Carried.

## **6 FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **6.1 August 31, 2023**

- C23-078**      **Motion:** Councillor Edwards motioned to accept the Financial report as presented. Carried.

## **7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

7.1 CAO reported to Council that the office was working with Bell Canada and Apex Utilities to insure that all the necessary documents were in place for the renewal of the Lease agreement and Franchise Agreement which both are very entailed.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **9 NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Bell Canada – Lease Agreement**

CAO reported to Council that the new agreement between Bell Canada and the Is for a Five (5) year term – to October 14, 2028. The lease rent is \$ 3,613.48 per year.

- C23-079**      **Motion:** Mayor Hall motioned that the Lease for Bell Canada be accepted as presented for a 5 year term. Carried Unanimously.

### **9.2 Apex Utilities – Franchise Agreement Renewal.**

CAO informed Council that the new Franchise Agreement was for 12% Franchise Fee paid to the Village on a monthly basis of consumption by Apex Utilities.

Bylaw - Apex Franchise Renewal

- C23-080**      Bylaw # 393 received First reading on a motion of Councillor Edwards. Carried

- C23-081**      Bylaw # 393 received second reading on a motion of Deputy Mayor MacArthur. Carried.

- C23-082**      Mayor Hall motioned that Bylaw # 393 receive Third and Final reading. Carried Unanimously.

- C23-083**      Bylaw # 393 received Third and final reading and passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 on a motion of Councillor Edwards. Carried.

9.3 – Fire Chief – Darcy Davidson – request for 2 sets of Turn-out gear.  
Fire Chief – Darcy Davidson informed Council that the Morrin fire Department are in need of additional Turn-out gear for the sum of \$ 8,269.80.

**C23-084 Motion:** Councillor Edwards motioned that CAO contact Starland County for a Cost share of 75% as per the Fire Agreement. Carried.

## 10 COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Edwards reported on the Drumheller District Foundation meeting held at The Starland County Office. All council attended the meeting regarding the Government Grant held by the Foundation for development.

Mayor Hall noted that he had a meeting with West Co-op – Home Developer for Stater Homes to be developed in the Village.

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on a meeting with Drumheller Solid Waste Assoc.

- Year end financials were postponed to next month
- Discussed drone imagery for slope analysis by the committee
- Landfill Managers report
- Discussion regarding the cardboard recycle issues and new litter screens at the dump.

Report on Community Futures meeting

- Monthly financial statement approved.
- Current lending rate is 8% for new clients.
- Presentation from Phyllis Maki of Community Futures Network Alberta
- Lorraine MacArthur was appointed to be on Loan Review Committee
- Vista Accounting were voted to continue as auditor.

## 11 COUNCIL INQUIRIES OR COMMENTS

None

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

None

## 13. CLOSED SESSION – SENSITIVE

**C23-085 Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned for Council to enter into Closed Session At 7:55 P.M. Carried.

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**C23-086 Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to return to the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m. Carried.

**C23-087 Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that CAO forward a letter to Starland County requesting information why the Peace Office is no longer able to do patrols in The Village. Carried.

**14. NEXT MEETING DATE – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2023 @ 7:00  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO FOLLOW**

**15 ADJOURMENT**

**C23-088 Motion:** Mayor Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M. Carried.

**MAYOR**

**CAO**