

**Town of Bow Island
Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council September 11, 2017**

Resolution #2017-09-01 to 2017-09-11

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council of the Town of Bow Island held in Council Chambers on September 11, 2017. A quorum of Council being present Mayor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor: Gordon Reynolds
Councillor: Alan Hyland
Bernice DeLeenheer
Kevin Davis
Rob Ficiur
Nan MacLean
Marjorie Moncrieff
Town Manager: Anna-Marie Bridge
Recording Secretary: Monique Kusters
Public Works Manager: William Lyons
Jamie Rieger, Commentator Reporter

2. Delegation

**a) Capital Power – Wil Danek – 6:30 p.m.
Re: Whitla Wind Project**

Representatives from Capital Power presented Council with information on the Whitla Wind Project. Capital Power is developing the project to support the RAP program.

Will Danek & Michael Sheehan departed the meeting at 6:50 pm

3. Agenda

2017-09-01

Moved by Councillor Davis “The agenda be approved as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

4. Minutes

a) Council Minutes – August 14, 2017

2017-09-02

Moved by Councillor MacLean “To accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 14, 2017 as presented.”

Carried Unanimously

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Town Manager Bridge informed Council due to the shorter distance for

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oiling the portion of 7th Avenue East Service Road in front of Hiebert Cabinets & Bow Island Lodge the cost will increase as it is more difficult to evenly spread the oil.

6. New Business

**a) Bylaw 2017:04
Re: Cemetery Bylaw**

Council to approve first and second reading of Bylaw 2017:04. The change is to use an outer box for urns as well as caskets. Council requested Town Manager Bridge to inquire as to the cost of the outer box for urns.

2017-09-03

Moved by Councillor Moncrieff "Bylaw 2017:04 be read a first time."

Carried Unanimously

**b) Bow Island and District Health Foundation
Re: Use of Town Property**

The Bow Island and District Health Foundation is planning a Paper Shredding Fundraiser on April 14, 2018 and are requesting to use the lot located at 102 7th Avenue West.

2017-09-04

Moved by Councillor MacLean "The Town allow the Bow Island & District Health Foundation use of the lot located at 102 7th Avenue West on April 14, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a fundraising event for the organization."

Carried Unanimously

**c) Fortis
Re: 2018 Franchise Fee**

The Town of Bow Island entered into a Franchise Agreement with Fortis in 2002. In the agreement the Town charges 7% on the Distribution & Transmission which Fortis collects from its customers. The fee has remained at 7% since 2002.

2017-09-05

Moved by Councillor Hyland "the Town of Bow Island increase the franchise fee to 8.5%."

Carried Unanimously

d) ATCO Gas

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Re: 2018 Franchise Fee

The Town of Bow Island entered into a Franchise Agreement with ATCO Gas in 2003. In the agreement the Town charges 10.5% on the Delivery Tariff Revenue which ATCO collects from its customers. The fee has remained at 10.5% since 2003.

2017-09-06

Moved by Councillor Moncrieff "The Town of Bow Island increase the franchise fee to 12%."

Carried Unanimously

**e) Palliser Economic Partnership
Re: Port of Wild Horse**

2017-09-07

Moved by Councillor Hyland the following resolution:

Whereas the "*The Port of Wild Horse - a Business Case for Service Improvements*" report, confirms the economic opportunities will be realized when the hours of operation are extended and electronic equipment installed at the Wild Horse Border crossing.

Whereas the Town of Bow Island is in full support of this initiative as this action will enable and increase the flow of commercial traffic, thus enhancing economic activity and growth of Southeast Alberta.

Whereas combined incremental costs for staff and equipment at the Port of Wild Horse would be approximately \$500,000, it is estimated that the benefit-cost ratio to the Government of Canada would be in excess of 2.0.

Whereas the Canada Border Services Agency, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada has committed \$2M to upgrade the border crossing.

Whereas the Town of Bow Island is an active partner with the Wild Horse Border Crossing Committee through its involvement with Palliser Economic Partnership, and likeminded organizations in the State of Montana.

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of Alberta designate the Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade as the key elected representative, supported by the Honourable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Honourable Brian Mason

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Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure, to advocate the following efforts to Canada Border Services Agency, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada:

1. Extend the Port of Wild Horse Border hours of operation to a minimum of 13 hours per day, 365 days per year.
2. Install the Electronic Data Interchange Equipment and System to facilitate processing of commercial traffic and process commercial traffic at the Port of Wild Horse 365 days per year.

Carried Unanimously

**f) Bow Island Recreation Society
Re: Answers to Questions**

Mayor Reynolds had contact with Chairman Ryan Thurston from the North Forty Mile Recreation Society. The Society is organizing fundraisers to invest in recreation focusing on programming and activities. Mayor Reynolds suggested to create a mission and vision statement for the Society.

**g) Ball Diamonds
Re: Dogs in ballpark**

Public Works changed the signage at the ballpark, so the not allowed dogs signs are applicable to the Ball Diamonds and the Soccer Pitch areas only. The other areas at the ballpark dogs are allowed.

7. Cheque Listing

a) August 11, 2017 – September 8, 2017

2017-09-08

Moved by Councillor MacLean "To accept the cheque listing from August 11, 2017 – September 8, 2017 as information."

Carried Unanimously

8) Correspondence Listing – September 11, 2017

The correspondence listing was accepted as information.

9. Reports

a) Council

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- Pleasant View Lodge** Councillor Hyland mentioned the Committee is waiting for the approval from the Alberta Government for additional funding to install a new sprinkler system.
- Capital Committee** Mayor Reynolds, Councillors DeLeenheer, MacLean & Hyland and Town Manager Bridge attended the Westview Crescent meeting. The project is progressing along and should be completed by the end of October, 2017. Once the project is completed we will be asking Council to set the price per front meter on the properties for them to be available for sale.
- Highway 3 Regional Water Services** Mayor Reynolds, Town Manager Bridge & Councillors Davis & Hyland attended the Highway 3 Regional Water Services Commission meeting in Taber.
- Safety Meeting** Councillor Davis updated Council on the safety meeting with Public Works Staff. An audit is scheduled for September 19 – September 22.
- Chamber of Commerce** Councillor Davis reported to Council on the Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Market in the Park was very successful this summer. The Strategic Plan will be discussed at the next meeting on October 4, 2017.
- Susan Andersen Library Board** Councillor Ficiur mentioned the Susan Andersen Library now has its own website. The Board is looking at more fundraisers for this fall/winter season.
- Tourism Map** Councillor Ficiur presented Council with a Southeast Alberta Regional Map. It is a guide to 18 Camping & Outdoor Attractions in Southeastern Alberta and Bow Island is presented with 3 sites.
- Crop Mapping** Councillor DeLeenheer mentioned the plans for a 2018 C40Crop App which stands for the County of Forty Mile Smart Mapping Identification Program. Crops growing along Highway 3 & Highway 879 will not be mapped by signage though by a phone App.
- Municipal Planning Commission** Councillor Ficiur & Town Manager Bridge attended the Municipal Planning Commission meeting on September 7th. Two development permit applications were discussed regarding signage at 810 4th Street East and 101 7th Avenue East.
- Recreation Board** Councillor DeLeenheer provided Council with a report on the Recreation Board meeting held September 5, 2017.
- Shortgrass Library** Councillor Moncrieff reported on Julie Friesen workshop at the

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Board Shortgrass Library Board meeting.

b) Town Manager

Swimming Pool Town Manager Bridge reported the swimming pool is closed for the season and Cannon Coatings will be spraying the urethane pool liner into the basin within the next couple of weeks. This will allow the pool to be open earlier in the season next year as we will not have to paint the basin.

Bow Island Printing Building The plumbing has been updated and we will be putting in the mechanical in the next couple of weeks. The electrical is being worked on currently. The roof has been replaced and the spray foam will be completed by hopefully the end of September. There will be a fence being placed and the snow fence will be removed.

Jamie Rieger and Monique Kusters departed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

10. In Camera

2017-09-09 Moved by Councillor MacLean “the meeting go In Camera at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Land.”

Carried Unanimously

2017-09-10 Moved by Councillor Davis “the meeting revert to regular Council at 8:15 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

10. Adjourn

2017-09-11 Moved by Councillor Ficiur “The meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.”

Carried Unanimously

MAYOR

TOWN MANAGER