

NOV. 24, 2020

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FAIRVIEW ALBERTA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peggy Johnson	Reeve
Ray Skrepnek	Councillor
James Adams	Councillor
Phil Kolodychuk	Councillor
Bev Wieben	Councillor

REGRETS:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Fox	Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Ness	Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA

MOTION #20-544

Councillor Skrepnek

Moved that Council adopt the agenda for the November 24, 2020 regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

MINUTES - NOV. 10, 2020

MOTION #20-545

Councillor Adams

Moved that Council approve the November 10, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED.

FINANCE

No items.

STAFF REPORTS

DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURE AND PARKS REPORT

Director, Agriculture and Parks, Fred Sawchuk's report was provided to Council for review.

MOTION #20-546

Councillor Kolodychuk

Moved that Council receive the Director, Agriculture and Parks report as presented.

CARRIED.

CAO
REPORT

MOTION #20-547
Councillor Adams

Moved that Council receive the Chief Administrative Officer's report as presented.

CARRIED.

Kevin Morrison, Director, Public Works, joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

The Director, Public Works, Kevin Morrison's report was presented to Council.

MOTION #20-548
Councillor Skrepnek

Moved that Council receive the Director, Public Works report as presented.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR CONCERNS

Councillor Kolodychuk asked if snowplowing had been done in Ward 2. Kevin said it should be finished by the end of the day. Councillor Kolodychuk asked if we have enough staff to cover holidays. Kevin replied that we are short staffed, since two people have recently retired.

Reeve Johnson had a ratepayer request that we put a sign up near the corner where Range Road 51 has been realigned. Kevin said that there is one there now.

Kevin Morrison, Director, Public Works, left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISIONS

No items

COMMITTEE/ BOARD REPORTS

Councillors reported on the following Board/Committee meetings they attended:

Councillor Skrepnek reported on the following Committee/Board Meetings from November 10 to November 24, 2020:

- Nov 12 – joint meeting with Town of Fairview
- Nov 17 – joint meeting with MD of Peace
- Nov 19 – Fairview Library Board meeting

Councillor Adams reported on the following Committee/Board Meetings from November 10 to November 24, 2020:

- Nov 12 – joint meeting with Town of Fairview, via telephone
- Nov 13 – Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau meeting
- Nov 19 – Chamber of Commerce meeting

Councillor Kolodychuk reported on the following Committee/Board Meetings from November 10 to November 24, 2020:

- Nov 12 – Health Professional Enhancement Committee meeting, via telephone
- Nov 12 – joint meeting with Town of Fairview, via telephone

- Nov 13 – NPRL commission mtg
- Nov 17 – Health Professional Enhancement Committee meeting with doctors at hospital
- Nov 17 – joint meeting with MD of Peace

Kathleen Nakagawa and Betty Sewall of Fairview & Area Seniors Check-In Line Society joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

DELEGATION - FAIRVIEW & AREA SENIORS CHECK-IN LINE SOCIETY

Kathleen and Betty gave a presentation to Council about the services the Society provides.

The Fairview & Area Seniors Check-In Line Society has seen an increase in membership and increased usage of their services since the COVID-19 pandemic started. They ran monthly Community Kitchens providing lunch to seniors until March 2020, when the pandemic caused this to be shut down. Since September they have been doing monthly Pick-Up Kitchens. They have about 40 seniors in Fairview and 15-20 in Hines Creek that utilize this service.

Prior to the pandemic they held information sessions for seniors on topics such as Houseplant Tips and Healthy Eating for Seniors.

This year the Society received two UFA Community Volunteer grants for Fairview and Hines Creek.

Their volunteer hours are down due to the pandemic, but they will continue to promote seniors living at home and support their independence with the Check-In Line and advocacy.

Councillor Questions:

Reeve Johnson asked if the Check-In Line was a free service. Kathleen replied that it is. Betty said that the difference this makes in seniors' lives is amazing. Their staff and volunteers also take groceries and food to seniors. These services give seniors a feeling of community and connection; a feeling that they are not alone. Fairview FCSS has already said they will support them in 2021.

Betty went on to explain that the people they serve are "not iPhone people", that the value of a good old phone call is overwhelming. It lets them know that somebody cares that they are alive. It is a much-needed service and is very rewarding.

Councillor Wieben asked for details of the funding received through UFA Strong Futures for Rural Communities. Betty explained that they received two one-time-only grants of \$500.00 each, one for Fairview and one for Hines Creek.

Sandra asked if Fairview still has a Meals on Wheels program. Betty replied that they did, before the pandemic, but they used the Hospital to source food and since the pandemic started they can no longer get access.

The Community Kitchen program is not a replacement for Meals on Wheels, since they only provide lunch for seniors once a month.

Reeve Johnson asked how much a membership costs. Kathleen said that membership is \$2/ year and they also get donations from seniors at the Community Kitchen.

Sandra asked if the Society holds a volunteer appreciation event. Kathleen said they can't now, but maybe next year.

Kathleen Nakagawa and Betty Sewall left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Council broke at 10:22 a.m.

Council resumed at 10:25 a.m.

COMMITTEE/ BOARD REPORTS - CONTINUED

Councillor Wieben reported on the following Committee/Board Meetings from November 10 to November 24, 2020:

- Nov 12 – joint meeting with Town of Fairview
- Nov 17 – joint meeting with MD of Peace

Reeve Johnson reported on the following Committee/Board Meetings from November 10 to November 24, 2020:

- Nov 12 – virtual meeting with MLA Todd Loewen
- Nov 12 – joint meeting with Town of Fairview
- Nov 13 – VSI meeting
- Nov 17 – joint meeting with MD of Peace

Council broke at 11:10 a.m.
Council resumed at 11:13 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

PENDING REPORT

MOTION #20-549
Councillor Wieben

Moved that the November 10, 2020 Pending Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

FAIRVIEW FINE ARTS SOCIETY

MOTION #20-550
Councillor Wieben

Moved that Council receive the funding request for the Fairview Fine Arts Society 2021 Landscape Artist contest as information.

CARRIED

PEACE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION VIRTUAL JOINT MEETING 2021

MOTION #20-551
Councillor Skrepnek

Moved that all of Council will attend the virtual meeting with the Peace River School Division Board of Trustees on Feb. 3, 2021.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION DISCUSSION

MOTION #20-552
Councillor Kolodychuk

Moved that Council support the Fairview & Area Seniors Check In Line Society with a \$6500.00 donation for 2021.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council was presented with the following information for review:

12A – Northwest Species at Risk Committee – Draft Nov. 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

12B – Service Alberta, Minister Nate Glubish – Federal Universal Broadband Fund

12C – Northern Alberta Development Council – New Chair Announcement

MOTION #20-553

Councillor Adams

Moved that Council accept the information items as presented.

CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #20-554

Reeve Johnson

Moved that the November 24, 2020 Council Meeting be adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

CARRIED.



PEGGY JOHNSON



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