

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD
TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017,
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

Mayor St. Pierre, Crs: T. Assaf, S. Oswald, L. Penny, D. Smith, R. Ulmer and R. Warehime

Officials: Martin Taylor, CAO, Kathy Vickery, Director of Corporate Services and Cheryl Callihoo, Director of Development & Legislative Services

Others: Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader and Mark Cappis, 97.9 The Range

ABSENT

INVOCATION

Pastor Reinhard Dittmer from the Mellowdale Christ Lutheran Church provided the invocation at 5:25 p.m. and moved to the Gallery at 5:28 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

091-17

Moved by Cr. Smith that the agenda be accepted with the following amendments:

- 7(c) County of Barrhead's Contribution to Recreational Services
- 8(a) Northern Alberta Mayor's Caucus Meeting
- 14(a) In-Camera – Labour

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 28, 2017 were reviewed.

092-17

Moved by Cr. Ulmer that the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 28, 2017 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RCMP DELEGATION

Mayor and Council welcomed Sergeant Bob Dodds of the RCMP at 5:31 p.m.

Sergeant Bob Dodds updated, reviewed and discussed with Council the RCMP statistics in the community. Overall the statistics were positive, however, drug activity (Fentanyl and Carfentanyl) are still a concern for every community.

Sergeant Dodds advised that the detachment is fully staffed but will be losing two members this spring. He also advised it is time for Council's input towards the Annual Performance Plan.

He advised that they will focus on speed and drug enforcement and will continue with off-road vehicle enforcement.

Council discussed and inquired about the helmet laws for off highway vehicles on public and private land. Sergeant Dodds will follow-up and provide Council with more information.

093-17

Moved by Cr. Oswald that Sergeant Dodds' RCMP report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXITED

Mayor and Council thanked Sergeant Bob Dodds for his presentation and he exited the Chambers at 5:54 p.m.

JAPANESE STUDENT DELEGATION

Mayor and Council welcomed the Japanese students to Barrhead at 5:54 p.m. Students presented gifts to Mayor St. Pierre and Council.

EXITED

The Japanese delegation exited the Chambers at 6:03 p.m.

**GYM EXPANSION AT THE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
CENTER**

The Fire Department is requesting approval to proceed with the cost of an expansion to the gym at the Emergency Response Center, the cost of the project being covered by the Grizzly Trail Fire and Rescue Association in the amount of \$25,000.00, was reviewed.

Cr. Assaf reviewed with Council and advised that this was discussed at the last Barrhead Fire Services Committee meeting and this would be done at no cost to the Town of Barrhead.

Council also discussed the possibility of the RCMP members using the gym once the expansion is completed and request that Administration look into this possibility.

094-17

Moved by Cr. Smith that Council allow the Barrhead Fire Services to proceed with the project, with the cost being covered by the Grizzly Trail Fire and Rescue Association in the amount of \$25,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNTY OF BARRHEAD'S
CONTRIBUTION TO
RECREATIONAL
SERVICES**

Mayor St. Pierre inquired if Town Administration had received any response from the County of Barrhead regarding the Recreational Services contribution for 2017.

Council was advised by Administration that the Town has not received a response from the County of Barrhead as to date.

**NORTHERN ALBERTA
MAYOR'S CAUCUS
MEETING**

Mayor St. Pierre provided a report to Council with regards to the Northern Alberta Mayor's Caucus meeting that he attended.

Mayor St. Pierre stated that Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs spoke at the meeting and that Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks spoke on the Carbon Tax. There were various speakers and presentations on Marijuana Legislation and Energy Markets. Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation spoke on his Government's reason for elimination of the Building Canada fund to Municipalities.

**AXIA
DELEGATION**

Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Jason O'Connor from Axia at 6:24 p.m.

Mr. Jason O'Connor discussed a proposal to bring Axia Fiber Optics to Barrhead at no cost to the community. The proposed broadband connection would be faster than larger cities.

Mr. O'Connor provided a verbal list of towns they currently work with and advised that his company is interested in investing in the Town of Barrhead. However, to succeed they need a 30% interest from the citizens in the community to bring Axia Fiber Optics to Barrhead.

Council discussed and will consider his proposal.

EXITED

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Jason O'Connor for his presentation and he exited the Chambers at 6:42 p.m.

095-17

Moved by Cr. Assaf to accept the Axia Fiber Optics presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESSED

096-17

Moved by Cr. Penny to recess the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONVENED

097-17 Moved by Cr. Assaf to reconvene the meeting at 7:08 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**POLICY 72-002, RECREATION
FACILITY/PROGRAM
RENTALS & RATES**

Policy 72-002, the Recreation Facility/Program Rentals & Rates Policy, was reviewed.

Martin Taylor, CAO reviewed the Facility/Program Rentals & Rates Policy with Council.

Mayor St. Pierre commended Shallon Touet, Director of Parks & Recreation, the Recreation Department staff and Martin Taylor, CAO on the research of the fees and rates.

Council suggested more research into city rates and that the rates and fees review continue.

098-17 Moved by Cr. Penny to accept the Policy 72-002, the Recreation Facility/Program Rentals & Rates, Section D – Aquatic Center Rental Fees and Procedures as information and review the proposed rates at the April 11, 2017, Council meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TORO
GROUNDMASTER 7210
MOWER**

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval to purchase a new Toro Groundmaster 7210 Mower prior to approval of the final 2017 capital budget, was reviewed.

Martin Taylor, CAO reviewed with Council.

099-17 Moved by Cr. Ulmer that Council authorize the purchase of the 2017 Toro Groundmaster 7210 in the amount of \$34,190.00, less the trade-in of the 2009 Toro for \$7,000.00, with the remaining \$27,190.00 funded from the Parks/Sportsground Capital Reserve.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS TO
COUNCIL**

The following Reports to Council as of March 14, 2017, were reviewed:

- Barrhead Agricultural Society
- CAO's Report and Department Head Report

100-17 Moved by Cr. Assaf that the following Report to Council as of February 28, 2017, be accepted as information:
• Barrhead Agricultural Society
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

101-17 Moved by Cr. Oswald that the CAO's Report and Department Head Report be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES TO
COUNCIL**

The following Minutes to Council were reviewed:

- Barrhead & District Social Housing Association, Organizational Meeting – November 29, 2016
- Barrhead & District Social Housing Association – November 29, 2016
- Barrhead & District Social Housing Association – January 24, 2017
- Barrhead Fire Services Committee – February 23, 2017
- Emergency Response Centre Building Committee – February 23, 2017
- Yellowhead Regional Library Board – November 7, 2016

102-17 Moved by Cr. Penny that the Minutes to Council be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

The following information item was reviewed:

- Alberta Powerline Project Update

103-17

Moved by Mayor St. Pierre that the information item be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor St. Pierre suggested that Administration send a letter to the organization congratulating them on receiving the contract to build the powerline and advise them that the Town of Barrhead will assist and work with them on the project.

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

The following information item was reviewed:

- Arnold Viersen, MP – Alberta Jobs Taskforce Report

104-17

Moved by Cr. Assaf that the information item be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FOR THE GOOD
OF COUNCIL**

Cr. Warehime thanked the Parks & Recreation staff for the excellent work on the weekend event – “Bowlon Colton”.

Cr. Ulmer thanked Cr. Oswald and the Twinning Committee for a job well done on the Twinning evening with the Japanese Delegation.

Cr. Penny thanked Public Works for a great job on snow removal in the back lanes.

IN-CAMERA

105-17

Moved by Cr. Smith that Council go in-camera at 7:48 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT-OF-CAMERA

106-17

Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council come out-of-camera at 8:06 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

107-17

Moved by Cr. Penny that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF BARRHEAD

Mayor, Gerry St. Pierre

CAO, Martin Taylor