



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
4917 49 Avenue
Bonnyville, Alberta

- PRESENT:** Mayor Elisa Brosseau, Councillor Kayla Blanchette, Councillor Brian McEvoy, Councillor David Sharun, Councillor Phil Kushnir, Councillor Byron Johnson, Councillor Neil Langridge
- STAFF:** Bill Rogers - Chief Administrative Officer, Jeannine Chornohos - Finance Director, Joe Kopala - Director of Planning and Development, Dan Heney – General Manager of Planning and Community Services, Tracy Ghostkeeper - Executive Assistant, Bryon Michelson – IT Technician
- GUESTS:** Ryan Chornohos, Steve Tomm and Kory Stanley with Big Smoke Bonnyville Rick Janvier and Emmy Plante with Treaty 1-11 Gathering Residents - Florence Remesz, Bea Yuill, Shelley Dutertre and Terri Murphy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Brosseau read the following land acknowledgement: As we gather, we are reminded that the Town of Bonnyville is situated on Treaty 6 land, that is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is the traditional homeland and home to First Nations and Métis People today. We respect the histories, languages and cultures of First Nations, Métis and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion No. 224

Moved by: Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT the agenda for the July 9, 2024 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.a Council Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2024

Motion No. 225

Moved by: Councillor David Sharun

THAT the minutes of the June 25, 2024 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.a Big Smoke Bonnyville - Ryan Chornohos, Steven Tomm, Kory Stanley

Ryan Chornohos, Steven Tomm and Kory Stanely from Big Smoke Bonnyville gave Council an update on the BBQ event and that they would like to make this event even bigger and eventually join the KCBS (Kansas City BBQ Society), which is a global organization. They indicated that they would like this event to be a stand-alone event in the future, with corporate sponsors, however, this year they are asking the Town to sponsor as this is the first year they are organizing the event after taking over from the Town of Bonnyville.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Ryan Steven and Kory for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

5.b Treaty 1 - 11 - Presentation - Rick Janvier

Rick Janvier, Cold Lake First Nation and Emmy Plante, Driftpile First Nation, presented Council with information on the upcoming Treaty 1-11 event taking place on August 26th to 30th at the Cold Lake First Nations English Bay Treaty Grounds.

Rick explained that this is a significant educational conference that aims to celebrate and strengthen the cultural ties and shared history among the Indigenous people of the Treaty 1-11 nations. the Treaty 1-11 Gathering will feature a series of engaging activities, traditional ceremonies, and discussions that highlight the current state of Treaty Rights. This collaborative effort between Cold Lake First Nations and Beaver Lake Cree Nation underscores a commitment to fostering unity, understanding and solidarity among other Indigenous communities. He stated that they expect 1000 to 3000 attendees plus 300 to 500 event staff, volunteers and vendors.

Emmy Plante stated that the event organizers reviewed the estimated costs of hosting the event and highlighted that some expenses related to the presentation have increased due to higher delivery charges.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Brosseau thanked Rick and Emmy for their presentation at 6:38 p.m.

6. MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION -July 5, 2024 - See Separate Agenda

See Separate Minutes

Motion No. 226

Moved by: Councillor Kayla Blanchette

THAT Council adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and enter into a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

Time: 6:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion No. 227

Moved by: Councillor Kayla Blanchette

THAT Council adjourn the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting and enter into the Regular Council Meeting.

Time: 6:49 p.m.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS

7.a Cancellation of the July 16th Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

The Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday each month. As the July 23rd and August 13th Council meeting have been cancelled as per the Council Procedural Bylaw to allow for summer break, Administration is suggesting Council cancel the July 16th Governance and Priorities Committee meeting and resume Committee meetings on August 20th to review items that will be included on the August 27th Council agenda.

Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 228

Moved by: Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT Council cancel the July 16th, 2024, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting and resume Committee meetings on August 20th, 2024, if needed, at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

7.b Big Smoke Bonnyville - Funding Request

On the June 11, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, a Donation Request was received from Ryan Chornohos of Big Smoke Bonnyville and was presented to Council at which more information and a detailed budget was requested. Administration received a New Donation Request from Big Smoke Bonnyville requesting a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help assist with the costs of hosting the Bonnyville BBQ Competition being held on September 14-16, 2024. This is the 3rd Annual BBQ Competition being held in conjunction with the Bonnyville Ag Society Fall Fair. This event has grown in popularity since its inception in 2022.

Previously, for the past two years, the Town of Bonnyville hosted the BBQ Bash event in conjunction with the Fall Fair which was a well-attended event. The Town of Bonnyville had a net budget expense of \$5,500.00 and in 2023 offered sponsorship opportunities to local businesses; only one business sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.00 came in. It was decided after last year to turn this event over to the experts in this field as they have the experience and network to grow this event and ensure its success. To date, Big Smoke has raised \$2,000 in sponsorship funds (\$1,000 from 2 businesses).

Motion No. 229

Moved by: Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT Council approves a donation to Big Smoke Bonnyville in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the 3rd Annual BBQ Competition.

CARRIED

7.c Cold Lake First Nations Treaty 1-11 Gathering Funding Request

Administration received a Donation Request from Cold Lake First Nations requesting sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 - \$50,000 to help cover the costs associated with organizing the Treaty 1-11 Gathering One-time event being held from August 26 – 30, 2024 at the Cold Lake First Nations English Bay Treaty Grounds near Cold Lake, AB.

The Premium Sponsorship opportunities vary from the Eagle Sponsor for \$50,000.00 for the Beaver Sponsor or the Nation Sponsor for \$1,000.00. There will be 1,000 – 3,000 participants at this event and they are expecting 10,000 people coming to the Lakeland area requiring accommodation, meals, etc. This event is being hosted by Cold Lake First Nations and Beaver Lake Cree Nation.

Motion No. 230

Moved by: Councillor David Sharun

THAT Council approves a BBQ Lunch Sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Cold Lake First Nations for the Treaty 1-11 Gathering being held on August 26-30, 2024.

CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Byron Johnson attended the Canada Day Festivities, the BRFA (Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority) Station 1 Tour, the Lakeland Filipino Heritage Day and the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.

Councillor Neil Langridge attended the Canada Day Festivities, the BRFA Station 1 Tour and the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.

Councillor David Sharun attended a Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation Board meeting, the Canada Day Festivities, the BRFA Station 1 Tour, the Filipino Heritage Day Celebration and the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.

Mayor Elisa Brosseau attended the ABMA (Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association) Bilingual Signage meeting, the Canada Day Festivities, the BRFA Station 1 Tour, the Filipino Heritage Day Celebration and the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.

Councillor Kayla Brosseau attended a Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation Board meeting, the Canada Day Festivities, the BRFA Station 1 Tour, an FCSSAA (Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta) Board meeting, the Filipino Heritage Day Celebration, the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction and a Bonnyville Wellness Coalition meeting.

Councillor Brian McEvoy attended the Canada Day Festivities, the BRFA Station 1 Tour, the Filipino Heritage Day Celebration and the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.

Councillor Phil Kushnir attended an AB HUB meeting, a NAAGGO (Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities), a LICA (Lakeland Industry & Community Association) Board meeting, the Canada Day Festivities, a NE Muni-Corr Ltd meeting, the Filipino Heritage Day Celebration, another NE Muni-Corr Ltd meeting and the Virtual meeting with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.a 2025 Budget Timeline

Administration presented the 2025 Budget Timeline to Council for information.

9.b Email - Bonnyville Pontiacs National Junior “A” Championship bids for 2025.

Administration received a letter from the Bonnyville Pontiacs to advise Council that their bid to host the National Junior “A” championship in 2025 was not successful.

Council accepted this letter for information.

9.c Business Licensing Report – April to June 2024

Administration presented Council the Business Licensing Report for April to June 2024.

Council accepted this report for information.

9.d Strategic Plan Update – 2024 Second Quarter

Administration presented Council with the Strategic Plan Update and actions for the 2024 calendar year by Priority Focus Areas.

Council accepted this update for information.

9.e Appendix A - Council Receptions and Public Relations to June 28, 2024

10. QUESTIONS

Councillor Blanchette asked for an update on the Census that is currently being conducted.

Tracy Ghostkeeper, Executive Assistant stated that we are currently 69.25% complete, just over 34% online completion, which is lower than we were hoping for this Census. Current population count is 4875 and in 2017 we had 6422. Enumerators are still out enumerating and we are hopeful we will get the last 930 residents counted before the deadline.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 231

Moved by: Councillor Kayla Blanchette

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 7:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Minutes read and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer