

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



July 29, 2024, 12:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
4917 49 Avenue
Bonnyville, Alberta

PRESENT: Mayor Elisa Brosseau, Councillor Brian McEvoy, Councillor David Sharun, Councillor Phil Kushnir, Councillor Byron Johnson, Councillor Neil Langridge

REGRETS: Councillor Kayla Blanchette

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Rogers - Chief Administrative Officer, Lorna Wagner - Records Management Clerk, Bryon Mickelson, System Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 12:00 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. 232

Moved by: Councillor David Sharun

THAT the agenda for the July 29, 2024 Special Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS

4.a IT Infrastructure Upgrade

Administration presented the Information and Technology Infrastructure Upgrade Project for 2024 to Council. Bill Rogers stated that considering current concerns regarding Cyber Security attack events occurring in other Municipalities, Administration is requesting approval from Council to accelerate the planned IT Infrastructure Upgrades scheduled for 2025, to this year. This project will move the Town away from conventional practices and

be in line with current server design and future production needs, as well as improve disaster and recovery capabilities and cyber security protection is an ever-increasing hostile environment.

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$200,000.00. Past capital budgets included transfers to reserves to complete this project and the reserve account has accumulated \$150,000.00 as of 2024.

Administration is suggesting that Council approve up to \$250,000.00 to complete this project in 2024 with funding to come from the Capital Administration Reserve in the amount of \$150,000.00 and the General Capital Reserve in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Administration is also suggesting that the 2025 and 2026 Capital Budget include an amount of \$50,000.00 to replenish the General Capital Reserve and the 2025 to 2034 Capital Budget to include a reserve transfer for a similar project to be completed in 10 years to ensure the Town is up to date with the latest technology hardware.

Councillor Byron Johnson stated that the 10 year Capital Budget is not sufficient due to potential changes in technology and other factors that may come about.

Administration indicated that the capital budget is able to accommodate any upgrades that will be needed and that IT will be tasked with identifying and assessing any new needs and that Administration will increase the budget if needed.

Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 233

Moved by: Councillor David Sharun

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 to be allocated from the Administration Capital Reserve and the General Capital Reserve to complete the Information and Technology Infrastructure Upgrade Project in 2024.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 234

Moved by: Councillor Phil Kushnir

THAT the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 12:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer