

TOWN OF STRATHMORE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2020, 7:00 PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE

COUNCIL Pat Fule

Bob Sobol

Mayor Councillor

Lorraine Bauer (Virtual) Jason Montgomery Councillor

Melanie Corbiell (Virtual)
Denise Peterson

Councillor Deputy Mayor Councillor

Tari Cockx

Councillor

REGRETS

Jason Montgomery

Councillor

STAFF

James Thackray

CAO

Ryan Roycroft

Director, Infrastructure, Operations & Development

Services

Tracy Simpson
Jennifer Sawatzky

Director, Community & Protective Services Director, Strategic & Administrative Services

Debra Heemeryck

Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fule called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

2. <u>CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA</u>

Resolution No. 241.06.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council adopt the June 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:

Addition:

Item 3.2 - Item pertaining to FOIPP s. 24

Item 12.3 - Bylaw 20-14 Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

CARRIED

3. IN CAMERA

3.1 <u>Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24</u>

Resolution No. 242.05.20

Moved by Councillor Cockx

THAT Council move In Camera at to discuss Items Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(g) and FOIPP s. 24 at 6:08PM.

CARRIED

Councillor Peterson arrived at 6:11PM.

Resolution No. 243.05.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move out of Camera at 6:52PM.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION(S)/RECOGNITIONS

None.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u>

7.1 Adoption of the May 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution No. 244.06.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt the May 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

8. TABLED ITEM(S)

None.

9. <u>ITEMS/REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION</u>

9.1 Village of Acme Request - Assessment Review Board

Resolution No. 245.06.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council direct Administration to forward the request from the Village of Acme to all parties within the current Regional ARB Member Pool Agreement for consideration and if approved prepare an amendment to the Agreement to include the Village of Acme.

CARRIED

10. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

10.1 Reports from Councillors from Committees in Which They Sit

Councillor Bauer - Tourism

Councillor Bauer will be attending a meeting with Travel Alberta and Canadian Badlands and will be seeking Councils input prior to attending.

Councillor Peterson - Strathmore Overnight Shelter

Confirmation that the Strathmore Overnight Shelter has received a grant in the amount of \$23,000.00 to will be able to add staff and that will enable clients can stay during the day and will help with the COVID crisis. Shout out to Director, Elizabeth Karp and the volunteers.

Councillor Sobol - Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to Administration to supply staff members to take minutes of the meetings and they will no longer be required.

Councillor Corbiell - WADEMSA

Distributed report to Council.

Resolution No.

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council adopt the Committee reports for information.

CARRIED

11. <u>ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COUNCIL</u>

None.

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 20-04 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw - Secondary Suites

Resolution No. 246.06.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 20-04, as amended, being a Bylaw to add Secondary Suite regulations to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 247.06.20

Moved by Councillor Cockx

THAT Council give third reading to Bylaw No. 20-04, as amended, being a Bylaw to add Secondary Suite regulations to the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw No. 20-12 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

Resolution No. 248.06.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 20-12 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 249.06.20

Moved by Councillor Cockx

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 20-12 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 250.06.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give unanimous consent to a third and final reading of Bylaw 20-12 No. Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 251.06.20

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT Council give third and final reading to Bylaw No. 20-12 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

12.3 Bylaw No. 20-14 Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

Resolution No. 252.06.20

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 20-14 Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

OPPOSED:

Councillor Bauer

Councillor Cockx

CARRIED

Resolution No. 253.06.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 20-14 Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

OPPOSED:

Councillor Bauer

Councillor Cockx

CARRIED

Resolution No. 254.06.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give unanimous consent to a third and final reading of Bylaw No. 20-14 Council Procedural Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

OPPOSED:

Councillor Bauer

Councillor Cockx

DEFEATED

13. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

14. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Councillor Peterson

Thank you Mr. Mayor for granting me this opportunity to speak to the tragedy of George Floyd's death in Minnesota and to the calls for action here and across North America. The sad fact that we still need action to bring about equality and inclusion in our community is horrific.

As the mother and mother-in-law of 2 young black men, and as a person fortunate enough to work and learn among the Siksika for 30 years, and as a Grandmother of seven mixed-race children, I have countless testimonies to the profound ugliness of racism and exclusion in our community.

Our Mayor has continuously helped our community to embrace anti-racism and has bravely and publicly addressed the issue head-on in our community. Siksika and Strathmore Councils continue to work together on a strategy to eradicate racism here, and I am immensely grateful for that, but there is more work to be done.

I have heard that some in our community are anxious to address what is happening in North America in an "all lives matter' initiative. I urge you to please reconsider acting upon this most important time in our history using the 'all lives matter' slogan. I know as you do, that every life matters; we all embrace that ideal. But if Indigenous and Black lives and the lives of all other marginalized peoples are to be seen and treated as equals at all times, everywhere – then as a society striving to be inclusive we must recognize the need to speak out 'specifically' for these most vulnerable ones, whose lives have been marginalized and even taken, in our own community. Indigenous Lives Matter – the lives of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women

Matter - Black Lives Matter! I urge everyone who hasn't seen it, to watch the Ted Talk by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; hear her wisdom in recognizing 'The Danger of a Single Story. We need to know and understand the Black and Indigenous story.

Thank you again to our Mayor for his courage and to this Council who has followed his lead in addressing this issue. Please Protest! Put a spotlight on racism and intolerance and please invite us to join you.

Mayor Fule

Siksika Council has asked for a next step meeting and just wanted to check if Monday June 15, 2020 in the evening was acceptable and Mayor to follow up with an email.

Councillor Cockx

I wanted to speak out tonight because I think that the world has gone a little crazy and I want us all to step back and remember exactly what Councillor Peterson said all life matters. So year ago I was diagnosed with cancer, yes the dreaded c-word. As soon as you hear it you think immediately I'm going to die, your mind races, you lose all perspective, well I am still here and then within the next month I am hoping to get the all clear for one year diagnosis. Now I know that we all all going through a lot right now and it's not the same as cancer but we definitely have some similarities. I was off for 4 months, I am a contractor not an employee, this means that if I don't work I don't get paid. So I know first hand what it is like not to have a pay cheque for four months, it's really hard. I was lucky my husband continued to work and I have two daughters that also worked and two that stayed home to look after me. Life is not fair sometimes, it's cruel but this too we can survive. Strathmore is a small community, not as small as when I grew up but still small enough that we as a community should and can pull together, help our neighbours, be kind to one another and we too can survive the storm that will be coming for the following year. Whether you have a big family or a small one this community is a great place to live and we do need to come together and help one another.

15. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES</u>

15.1 Administrative Inquiry Response - Tax Rebate for AISH clients

Ms. Tracy Simpson reviewed response with Council.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 255.06.20

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adjourn the June 3, 2020 Regular Council Meeting at 8:01PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer