



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF BASSANO HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
October 15, 2013.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: Tom Rose
COUNCILLORS Ed Maurer
Bernard Gibeau
Ric Beddows
Doug Barlow
Kyle Marks

STAFF: Sabine Nasse, CAO

**OTHERS IN
ATTENDANCE:** Citizens (2)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. AGENDA

211/13
Agenda

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MAURER** that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Add: 5.7 Newell Foundation
5.8 Bassano Centennial Arena
5.9 Streets
5.10 Cold Storage Shed
5.11 Water Reservoirs
5.12 Newell Regional Services Corporation

MOTION CARRIED

3. MINUTES

212/13
Minutes

Moved by **MAYOR ROSE** that Council approve the minutes from the regular Council meeting of September 23, 2013 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DELEGATION – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Land Use Bylaw 845/13 – 3rd Reading

213/13
Land Use
Bylaw
845/13 3rd
and final
reading

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council give 3rd and final reading to Land Use Bylaw 845/13.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Remuneration for Election Officers

It was decided to pay the same rates as in the 2010 Elections.

214/13
Remuneration
rates

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that Council set remuneration for the 2013 Municipal Elections at the following rates:

Returning Officer	\$225.00
Deputy Returning Officer	\$200.00
Enumerators	\$ 75.00

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 Accounts Receivable – Write Off

215/13
Accounts
Receivable
Write-Off

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BEDDOWS** that Council write off invoice #20130267 in the amount of \$724.50.

MOTION CARRIED

5.4 Fortis Alberta 2014 Distribution Tariff Rate Filing

Fortis has submitted a letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting a change in rates for 2014. Fortis is proposing a 3.9% increase in street lighting. Discussion followed.

5.5 AMSC Enhanced Energy Program

To be tabled to a future Council meeting.

5.6 Draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan – Release for Feedback

The Government recently released a draft copy of the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. The document provides proposed information about future use of air quality, use of water, erosion, waste management, park management etc. The Government is seeking feedback on the document. Consultations will start in November and more information on locations will be communicated in the near future.

5.7 Newell Foundation

With the dissolution of the Village of Tilley the current board representative on the Newell Foundation Board stepped down. A discussion was held if the board should be reduced by one member or if the opening should be filled and if yes, which municipality should get the seat? The Ministerial Order needs to be changed in this respect as soon as possible.

216/13
Newell
Foundation
Board

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BEDDOWS** that Council is in favour of reducing the Newell Foundation Board by one member and not replacing the Representative for the Village of Tilley.

MOTION CARRIED

5.8 Bassano Arena

The Bassano Minor Hockey Association sent a letter to the Bassano and District Arena Board requesting that ice scheduling be streamlined through them. The Arena Board forwarded this letter to Council for review. After consideration Council agreed with the request. The Arena Board also informed Council that the kitchen is being leased out for the 2013/2014 season. Several concerns were raised regarding the leasing of the kitchen – conditions of lease agreement, liability insurance, replacement of equipment etc. A letter will be sent to the Board expressing Council's concerns and requesting clarification on questions as well as a copy of the last financial statement and a list of the Executive and Board of Directors.

A second letter was received from the Bassano and District Centennial Arena regarding the fire inspection that was conducted on August 27, 2013. The Arena Board requested that all costs related to the inspection be paid by the Town of Bassano. Councillor Gibeau met with Arena President Tom Armstrong and supported the request. Councillor Barlow stated that a fire inspection is important and should be conducted on a regular basis on all Town owned facilities.

A lengthy discussion followed. Council asked that a letter be sent to the Arena Board requesting them to provide a budget showing cost for repairs to the facility as well as items that can be addressed by Arena/Town staff. Once Council received and reviews the items requested, a meeting will be set up with the Arena Board to discuss items in question and a collaborative decision will be made at that point.

217/13

Bassano
Minor
Hockey

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council accept the letter of the Bassano and District Centennial Arena that all ice scheduling be completed through the Bassano Minor Hockey Association.

MOTION CARRIED

5.9 Streets - Intersection

Councillor Barlow expressed concerns regarding unsafe intersections due to obstructions of vegetation blocking sight lines. This topic was addressed in the new Land Use Bylaw. Administration will ensure that property owners be contacted whose properties are a concern and direct them to eliminate driving safety hazards as per the Bylaw. Discussion followed.

5.10 Cold Storage Shed

Councillor Barlow recommended that due to safety reasons lights and electrical outlets be installed in the Cold Storage Shed. Council agreed with the recommendation.

5.11 Water Reservoir

The motor on the pump that draws water from the canal into the raw water reservoirs burned out. Filling of the reservoirs ended on October 6, 2013. Administration provided information on replacement and rewinding cost of a motor. Council agreed to purchase a new motor.

Council Gibeau inquired on how much water is stored in the reservoirs. A report from the Water Treatment Plant Operator was provided to Administration stating levels of each reservoir. Based on an average water use over the past 5 years the Town will use approximately 52% of the water stored in the reservoirs.

5.12 Newell Regional Services Corporation

Councillor Gibeau advised that the regional water pipeline from the Village of Rosemary to the Town of Bassano has been pressure tested and leaks were repaired. An update was provided on the pipeline leaks between Highway 36 and the Village of Rosemary.

Councillor Gibeau reported that he was unaware that the Newell Regional Services Corporation is paying honorariums for attending board meetings. Therefore Councillor Gibeau will reimburse the Town of Bassano for honorarium amounts claimed in the past for attending the Corporations board meetings.

6. Board & Committee Reports

Mayor Rose – verbal/written report was provided:

- Newell 911
- Physician Recruitment

Councillor Barlow – verbal/written report was provided:

- Bassano and District Centennial Arena

Councillor Maurer – verbal/written report was provided:

- Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority

Councillor Marks – No report

Councillor Beddows – verbal/written report was provided:

- Newell Foundation

Councillor Gibeau – verbal report was provided:

- Newell Regional Services Corporation

218/13
Board &
Committee
Reports

Moved by **COUNCILLOR GIBEAU** that Board/Committee Reports be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CAO's Report

219/13
CAO's
Report

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BEDDOWS** that the CAO reports be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Financial Reports

220/13
Cheque
listing

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MARKS** that the cheque listing of October 15, 2013 be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED

221/13
Financial
Statement

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council approve the Financial Statement for the month ended September 30, 2013 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A recess was called by Councillor Beddows at 9.10 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 County of Newell

CPO Report September

10. IN CAMERA

Moved by **COUNCILLOR GIBEAU** that Council move into camera at 9:18 p.m. to discuss:

222/13
In Camera

10.1 Land and Legal Issues

MOTION CARRIED

223/13
Out of
Camera

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MAURER** that Council move out of camera at 9:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rose adjourned the regular Council meeting of October 15, 2013 at 9:32 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer