



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO
HELD VIRTUALLY ON APRIL 12, 2021.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR Ron Wickson
COUNCILLORS Irvin Morey
Kevin Jones
Tom Rose
John Slomp
Doug Barlow

STAFF Amanda Davis – Chief Administrative Office

OTHER Sandra Stanway – Brooks Bulletin
Jolene Ledene Reimer – Delegate
Allison Berg – Developer
Moreah Scarletts – Mobile Home Park Owner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wickson called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

2. EXCUSED FROM MEETING

- None

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

TOB89/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MOREY** that the agenda is approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting of March 8, 2021

TOB90/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that council approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Adoption of minutes from the special meeting of March 15, 2021

TOB91/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that council approves the minutes of the special meeting held on March 15, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

4.3 Adoption of minutes from the special meeting of March 26, 2021

TOB92/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that council approves the minutes of the special meeting held on March 26, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

Mayor
10/05/21

CAO
10/05/21

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Public Hearing – Road Closure Bylaw 915/21

A public hearing was called to order at 6:31 p.m. to address Road Closure Bylaw 915/21.

There were no comments from the public.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

5.2 Jolene Ledene Reimer – Development Update

Reimer entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Reimer provided a market synopsis related to local real estate sales. Discussion ensued.

Reimer departed at 6:53 p.m.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Utility Rates Bylaw 916/21 – Proposed

A proposed Utility Rates Bylaw 916/21 was presented and discussed to address the water utility at the mobile home parks in Bassano.

TOB93/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MOREY** that council gives first reading to Utility Rates Bylaw 916/21.

CARRIED

TOB94/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR SLOMP** that council gives second reading to Utility Rates Bylaw 916/21.

CARRIED

TOB95/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that council has third reading to Utility Rates Bylaw 916/21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOB96/21 Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** that council gives third and final reading to Utility Rates Bylaw 916/21.

CARRIED

Rearrangement

Council elected to re-arrange the agenda to address business item 6.2 and 6.3 following the closed session discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Road Closure Bylaw 915/21 – Proposed

Road Closure Bylaw 915/21 was presented and discussed.

TOB97/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council gives first reading to Road Closure Bylaw 915/21 as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 Fire Services Bylaw 885/19 – Civic Address Violation

A letter was received from Rob Babiuk requesting that the civic address violation of \$75.00 issued in accordance with Fire Services Bylaw 885/19 be rescinded.

TOB98/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MOREY** that council declines the forgiveness for the civic address violation issued at 724 – 5th Avenue to Rob Babiuk for \$75.00 in accordance with Fire Services Bylaw 885/19 as property owners were engaged multiple times by the Town's bylaw enforcement team prior to the violation tag being issued.

CARRIED

7.3 Bassano Memorial Library – Volunteer Recruitment

Tanis Alexander sought her appointment as a volunteer on the Bassano Memorial Library board as endorsed by the executive.

TOB99/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that council approves the appointment of Tanis Alexander as a member of the Bassano Memorial Library board effective April 12, 2021 for a term of three years being April 12, 2024.

CARRIED

8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 – 8.6 Written board and committee reports were presented and discussed.

TOB100/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** to accept the Board and Committee reports as presented and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

CARRIED

9. CAO REPORTS

9.1 Operations Report

A written CAO report was provided for the period ending April 8, 2021.

Contracted Weed Sprayers

TOB101/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that the Town of Bassano appoints Donovan Kopp, Emma Van Steekelenburg, Lane Suchy, Erin Oliver, and Gina Berg as Weed Inspectors pursuant to Section 7 of the Weed Control Act per the terms of the agreement with the County of Newell.

CARRIED

Business Expansion

Discussion held regarding council's position related to the potential sale of 317 – 1st Avenue to allow for a business expansion.

TOB102/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR SLOMP** directing administration to investigate options for the removal of the old water tower at 317 – 1st Avenue to allow for a potential business expansion. Upon receiving options for removing the water tower council will assess whether it will decommission/remove that water tower to allow for site development.

CARRIED

9.2 Financial Statements

Financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2021 was presented.

9.3 Cheque Listings

Cheque listing for the month ending February 28, 2021 was presented.

9.4 FCSS Director Report

A FCSS Director Report for the period ending March 31, 2021 was presented.

9.5 CPO Report

A CPO report for the month ending March 31, 2021 was presented.

9.6 RCMP Report

- None

TOB103/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that the CAO report for the period ending April 8, 2021 is approved as presented and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Oldman River Regional Services Commission executive minutes of February 11, 2021 were reviewed.

10.2 Palliser Economic Partnership minutes of February 26, 2021 were reviewed.

10.3 Shortgrass Library System minutes of February 17, 2021 were reviewed.

10.4 A letter was provided from Taxervice regarding tax arrears recovery on land.

10.5 ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. provided an updated 2021 franchise fee distribution revenue forecast.

10.6 Newell Further Education Council's Regional Viability Report was reviewed.

TOB104/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** to accept the correspondence and to file the items as information.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION

Stanway and Berg departed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

TOB105/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** to enter a closed session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss land, legal, and personnel matters in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIP) Section 25 (1)(c)* with all persons excluded except town council and CAO Davis.

CARRIED

TOB106/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** to revert to a regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED

TOB107/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** to recess the meeting at 8:20 p.m. **CARRIED**

TOB108/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m. **CARRIED**

TOB109/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** to accept the information as presented and discussed related to dewatering of wet area for the Bassano Wastewater Upgrades and Irrigation System project. **CARRIED**

6.2 Tax Recovery – Fair Market Value Listing Update - 216 – 3rd Street

A fair market value listing was provided for 216 – 3rd Street with the town taking ownership through tax forfeiture.

TOB110/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council sets a list price of \$14,000 for Plan 3872T, Block 7, S50' of Lots 1-2 (216 – 3rd Street) and directs administration to begin advertising the property. **CARRIED**

6.3 Tax Recovery – Fair Market Value Listing Update - 225 – 3rd Street

A fair market value listing was provided for 225 – 3rd Street with the town taking ownership through tax forfeiture.

TOB111/21 Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** that council sets a list price of \$79,000 for Plan 3872T, Block 6, Lots 9-10 (225 – 3rd Street) and directs administration to begin advertising the property. **CARRIED**

TOB112/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that council extends the contractual agreement with 2052900 Alberta Ltd. whereas Amanda Davis shall provide Chief Administrative Officer services to the Town of Bassano until January 31, 2025. **CARRIED**

12. ADJOURNMENT

TOB113/21 Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of April 12, 2021 at 8:34 p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer