

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
January 18, 2024

Call to Order Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette, Councillor Roy Krahulec, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
In Attendance: Jared Newman at 7:18 p.m.

Foreman's Report
Don Rosa provided a written Foreman's report to Council.
(copy attached).
Res.1-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Foreman's report.
Carried.

Delegations
Clayton Didier general discussions with Council as follows:

- Update on Pine Creek Retreat. Electric bikes will be offered at the Retreat for visitors.
- Would like to do something with Waskatenau to attract the visitors to the area.
- Look at future Branding and Strategic Planning – complete exercise with Village at no cost as first stage discovery process.
- Tourism – economic drive for area.
- Currently working with Travel Alberta & Travel Lakeland.
- Opportunity for grant funding with Travel Alberta – project based. Invite Travel Alberta Chris Downs to future meeting
- Staging Area, Iron Horse Trail, Campground, Walking Tour, Gateway to Everything.
- Bears Ear Reserve – assets with Pine Creek Retreat.
- Living side-by-side – Métis, Indigenous, Waskatenau Area.

Res.2-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the verbal report by Clayton Didier for information purposes. Carried.

Agenda Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Agenda with the
Res.3-2024 addition of set a new meeting date with Clayton Didier. Carried.

Regular Meeting Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Minutes of the December
Res.4-2024 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Annexation Council discussed the following items in regards to the proposed
Annexation with the Smoky Lake County:

- Property Assessment
- Apex Utilities Franchise Agreement
- Letter to Highway 28/63 Water Commission – water usage.
- Proposed Tax comparisons

Res.5-2024 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to contact the Smoky Lake County to request a joint Village of Waskatenau/County meeting date for the purpose to discuss annexation. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Amend MSI Capital Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to amend the cost expenses for the
Grant Costs for Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital grant project Titled:
Project Recreation and Community Facility Rehabilitation as follows:
Res.6-2024 Arena - \$91,639.25
Curling Rink - \$12,298.00
Community Centre - \$10,102.58
Ball Diamond - \$7,546.00 Carried.

Amend Video Mayor Richard Warren moves to amend the Village of Waskatenau
Surveillance Policy Policy Titled: Video Surveillance in Public Areas.
In Public Areas Carried.
Res.7-2024

Smoky Lake Region Committee Meetings Res.8-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau is flexible for the dates and times of the Smoky Lake Region Committee meetings except for the 3 rd Thursday of each month for the Village of Waskatenau Council meetings at 4:30 p.m. Carried.
Fire Hall Building Res.9-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to get a cost estimate to build an overhang protection for the man door at the Waskatenau Fire Hall. Carried.
Minister of Environment Res.10-2024	A letter was received from the Minister of Environment Hon. Rebecca Schulz stating that Alberta is currently in a significant drought as several water basins in 2023 reached critical drought conditions due to low rainfall and high temperatures. The Minister is asking municipalities to review their water usage plan for 2024. Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau send a letter to the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission to inquire if they have a water shortage plan for the Member municipalities if water availability decreases in the Province. Carried.
Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Motion Res.11-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau table the Item: Resolution to Alberta Municipalities for: Funding for Training; Firefighter Tax Credit' Fire Fighting Equipment insurance; JEPP grant until more information is obtained from the Smoky Lake County. Carried.
Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Motion Res.12-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau table the Item: Explore and consider Municipal Property Tax Incentives for Fire Firefighters in the Smoky Lake Region until the next Regular Council meeting. Carried.
2024 Budget Meeting Res.13-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to set the 2024 Budget meeting date for February 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.
Meeting with Clayton Didier Res.14-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to set a meeting date with Clayton Didier on February 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. for a "Discovery" meeting for Branding ideas for the Village and Waskatenau area. Carried.
Correspondence	Munis 101 Elected Officials Education Program Course. Alberta Emergency Management – DEM annual meeting. Alberta Emergency Management – training, office update, DEM meeting and annual Review. Engagement on police governance in Alberta. Highway 28/63 Water – no change in the water rate for 2024. Municipal Affairs – grant project approvals for Alberta Community Partnership Program applications. Municipal Affairs – Local Government Fiscal Framework program. Alberta Health Services – Smoky Lake emergency department closure dates. Smoky Lake RCMP – media release arrests.
Correspondence Res.15-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information. Carried.
Financial Statement Res.16-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves the December 31, 2023 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Smoky Lake Foundation	Mayor Richard Warren attended the Smoky Lake Foundation meeting on December 15, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Security cameras have been installed at Pine Creek Manor.▪ Minister of Health is doing information sessions around the Province on Seniors Care.▪ Staff parking.▪ Flagpoles to be changed at each site.▪ Commercial dishwasher approved for Lodge.▪ Homeland provided an overview of operations.
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- Evergreen Waste Mayor Richard Warren attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on January 18, 2024. He did not attend the meeting on December 21, 2023.
- Commission Manager has met with Beaver River to discuss hauling waste to Evergreen.
 - Construction of a new waste cell in 2024.
 - A shredder is coming to the regional site in March.
 - Extended Producer Responsibility meeting will be held in February for information.
- Fire & Rescue
Transitional Solutions Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended the Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue Services meeting on January 9, 2024 with Transitional Solutions Inc.
- TSI Solutions will be creating a Master Plan for the Smoky Lake Region Fire Services as the Phase 3 of the regional grant project.
 - Levels of Services was reviewed and Core Services.
 - TSI survey with Councillors was reviewed.
 - Front Line Pumper will be located in the Town of Smoky Lake.
 - Possible future full time Firefighters at Fire Hall. May need housing for the full time fire fighters.
 - Shortage of Volunteers.
 - Motion at meeting for municipalities to advocate for: funding for training; firefighter tax credit, insurance for trucks and equipment; municipal tax incentives for firefighters and Business owners with their respective Associations.
- Ad-Hoc Working
Committee Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette and Bernice Macyk attended the Ad-Hoc Working Committee for Housing Opportunities meeting on January 16, 2024.
- Reviewed Needs & Demand Assessment Report – Smoky Lake Region dated February 2023.
 - Discussed Town of Smoky Lake initiatives on selling Town owned lots in manufactured housing district and other lots.
 - Region needs to reach out to Developers – see what other Towns are doing.
 - Need more rentals for incoming Professionals.
 - Discussion on allowing Tiny Homes. Also need for more townhouses and duplexes.
 - Explore potential tax incentives.
 - Align Bylaws in the region. Administration to review the Land Use Bylaws.
 - Invite local Real Estate agent to future meeting.
- Res.17-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.
- Executive Session**
No Executive Session
- Accounts Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period December 15, 2023 to January 18, 2024.
- Res.18-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$211,618.57. Carried.
- Res.19-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that payment for the Ty-Wire invoice in the amount of \$353.51 be approved for payment. Seconded by Mayor Richard Warren. Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette abstains from the Ty-wire invoice.
- Meeting Date
Res.20-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on February 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.
- Adjournment
Res.21-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per: _____
MAYOR

Per: _____
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER