

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
February 15, 2024

Call to Order	Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councillor Roy Krahulec in attendance at 4:30 p.m. In Attendance: Jared Newman at 6:43 p.m.
Foreman's Report	<u>Foreman's Report</u> Don Rosa provided a written Foreman's report to Council. (copy attached).
Res.22-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Foreman's report. Carried.
Chris Down	<u>Delegations</u> Chris Down of Travel Alberta provided a slide presentation to Council with general discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rural Development emphasizes 20 Tourism zones. Northeast is the Lakelands.▪ Grant programs.▪ People are looking for purchasable experiences.▪ Visitor's experience – develop a plan.▪ Municipality's priorities.▪ Market ready products – promote local.
Clayton Didier	Clayton Didier – Branding can stimulate residents to engage in the region and community. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Identify municipal priorities: Iron Horse Trail staging area, local Ag. Tours with local products, new website with branding, Village walking tour, explore tourism opportunities.▪ Explore grant funding programs.▪ Complete projects in stages.
Res.23-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the verbal report by Chris Down and Clayton Didier for information purposes. Carried.
Agenda Res.24-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Agenda with the addition of Set Meeting Date with Clayton Didier and Obtain CN Lands Contact Information. Carried.
Regular Meeting Res.25-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Minutes of the January 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.
	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
Anne Chorney Public Library	The Village of Waskatenau received notification from the Lakeland Catholic School Division on January 24, 2024 acknowledging the shared Library space in the new Holy Family School for the Anne Chorney Public Library and the School Library. A joint use agreement for the Library space will need to be executed with the Village of Waskatenau.
Res.26-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the email notification for information purposes. Carried.
Fire & Rescue Res.27-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to send a letter to Alberta Municipalities to advocate for rural Fire Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase Provincial Fire Services Training Program funding for rural firefighter training;• The Canada Revenue Agency's current volunteer firefighter tax credit of \$3,000.00 is inadequate;• Businesses that employ volunteer firefighters do not receive a tax credit for doing so;• The Fire Underwriter's Survey assigns "Front Line" status to firefighting apparatus and equipment used in both urban and rural communities for 15 years;

- The former Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) for fire/emergency training and equipment is no longer available. Carried.

Tax Incentives for Firefighters Res.28-2024 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau will explore the consideration for a firefighter Municipal Tax rebate for residential property taxes up to a maximum value based on a minimum service hours per year. Carried.

Hwy 28/63 Water Services Commission Res.29-2024 The Village of Waskatenau received information from Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission in regards to a water plan shortage for Members referenced in their Bylaw #008-2022.

Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the information received from the Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission in regards to a water shortage plan for its Members. Carried.

Water Shortage Plan Res.30-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau develops a water shortage plan for our municipality. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Fire & Rescue Services Proposed Requisition Res.31-2024 Council reviewed the options proposed at the Inter-municipal Collaboration Committee meeting (ICC) on January 29, 2024 for a model to determine the regional requisition for each municipality based on a budget for regional Fire Services. The Committee passed a Motion at the meeting to adopt Option 1: Transitional Solutions proposed model: 60% equalized assessment, 20% population, 20% dwelling with two full-time fire fighters.

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt for information purposes. Carried.

Electric Vehicle Chargers Res.32-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves to approve the amount of \$25.00 per month towards the power costs for the use of the electric vehicle chargers at the Hall facility for Year 2024; and the Village of Waskatenau will review the monthly contribution on an annual basis. Carried.

Snow Removal Policy Res.33-2024 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to approve the Village of Waskatenau Policy Titled: Snow and Ice Removal. Carried.

Letter of Support Rhapsody Rural Health-care Heroes Res.34-2024 Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves the Village of Waskatenau provides a Letter of Support for the 2024 Rhapsody Rural Health-care Heroes Nomination for the Raubenheimer Medical Clinic in Smoky Lake and at the Vilna Medical Centre. Carried.

Police Study Grant Res.35-2024 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau participates in a joint application with the Smoky Lake County for the Alberta Indigenous Municipal Transition Police Grant and provides a Letter of Support with the application. Carried.

Physicians & Health Care Professionals 2024 Budget Res.36-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau approve the Year-2024 Budget for the Smoky Lake Region’s Physicians & Health Care Professional Committee, with Village of Waskatenau contribution in the amount of \$1,440.00 based on 6% of the total budget in the amount of \$24,000.00 as recommended at the Physicians & Health Care Professional Committee meeting held on February 7, 2024, with the following cost-sharing percentage funding formula: Carried.

Municipality	Percentage	Amount
Smoky Lake County	61%	\$ 14,640.00
Town of Smoky Lake	26%	\$ 6,240.00
Village of Vilna	7%	\$ 1,680.00
Village of Waskatenau	6%	\$ 1,440.00
Year-2024 Total Budget:	100%	\$ 24,000.00

Clayton Didier Res.37-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to set a Meeting Date with Clayton Didier on March 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss Branding Strategy ideas for the Village of Waskatenau and area. Carried.
CN Lands Res.38-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Administration locates contact information for CN Lands. Carried.
Correspondence	Lakeland Catholic School Division – new Superintendent of Schools. Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation – acknowledgement of Letter of Support Victoria Trail Ag. Society roof resurfacing. Local Government Fiscal Framework Webinar February 6, 2024. Go East – Smoky Lake Region advertisement. Bonnyville Regional Fire – 2024 dispatch services agreement. Smoky Lake RCMP – service calls for 2023 report. Smoky Lake RCMP – crime statistics quarter four report. Alberta Emergency Management – courses. Municipal Affairs – set meeting with Minister McIver – spring ABmunis. Alberta Health Services – Smoky Lake emergency department closures. RhPAP – High School sessions. Government of Alberta – engagement on improving police governance in Alberta. Highway 28/63 Water Services Commission – information on water ban in the Capital Region.
Correspondence Res.39-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information. Carried.
Financial Statement Res.40-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves the January 31, 2024 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Smoky Lake Foundation	Mayor Richard Warren attended the Smoky Lake Foundation Meeting on January 19, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reviewed Alberta Housing audit.▪ Main dishwasher needs to be repaired.▪ Rental rate review.▪ Licence update.▪ Looking for options for housing in the Smoky Lake region.
Ukrainian Twinning	Mayor Richard Warren and Bernice Macyk attended the Ukrainian Twinning Meeting on January 22, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Village of Vilna withdrawal from Committee.▪ Confirmation of funds sent to Kosiv from fundraiser.▪ Contract Renewal with Michelle Wright – Town of Smoky Lake taking over Committee management.▪ Terms of Reference – Bylaw to be reviewed and Memorandum of Understanding – Vilna withdrawal.▪ Education project update with Kosiv – started conversation with H.A. Kostash School and students in Kosiv for Pen Pals.▪ Will check with Holy Family School to see if they are interested in this project.
Intermunicipal Collaboration	Bernice Macyk attended the Intermunicipal Collaboration Meeting on January 29, 2024 for Regional Fire Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Updated Proposed Budget.▪ Motion to adopt Option 1: Transitional Solutions proposed model: 60% equalized assessment, 20% population, 20% dwelling with two full-time fire fighters for the proposed municipal requisition based on the proposed budget.▪ New Bylaw will have to be developed for Terms of Reference.▪ Establish Advisory Committee – structure.▪ Develop a 3-year budget with costs.▪ Two full-time fighters.▪ Equipment will always be serviced and in order.

- Motion passed to accept Levels of Service.
- Fire Department Equipment – ownership and inventory, value of equipment.
- Fire Halls – rental or purchase buildings.

Regional
Emergency Mgmt

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette and Bernice Macyk attended the Regional Emergency Management Meeting on January 29, 2024.

- Reviewed new draft Bylaw. Draft Bylaw will be sent to Ian Fox at Alberta Emergency Management for review.
- The Disaster Emergency Management Managers will be meeting with Ian Fox on February 28, 2024 for the annual review.

Joint Municipality

Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette, Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended the Joint Municipality Meeting on January 29, 2024.

- Report by Smoky Lake RCMP.
- Report by MLA Glen van Dijken.
- Presentation by Portage College – opportunities for partnerships.
- Aspen View Schools – Trustee report.
- Go East – regional advertisement.
- Frequency of Committee Meetings.
- Smoky Lake County update.

Physicians &
HealthCare

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Physicians & Healthcare Professional Meeting on February 7, 2024.

- Northern Alberta Development Council – extend boundaries for veterinary services incentives.
- Emergency Room closures – Difficulty getting Locums.
- New Doctor for Smoky Lake is completing practicum in Town of Manning.
- Public Awareness campaign – send letters to government for our emergency closure.
- RhPAP – Rhapsody Rural Health-care Heroes Nomination – Raubenheimer Medical Clinic.
- Smoky Lake region Student Health Care Engagement at Smoky Lake Complex on March 1, 2024 for Health Care Professionals.

Housing Ad-Hoc
Working

Bernice Macyk attended a Smoky Lake region Housing Ad-Hoc Administrators Working Committee Meeting on February 7, 2024.

- General Land-Use Bylaw review for Development – reduce Red Tape.
- Rental Housing – low inventory in region.
- Invite Developers to Committee meeting to see what they are looking for to develop in a community.
- Municipal land inventory.

Town Hall Meeting

The Smoky Lake RCMP hosted a Town Hall Meeting in Waskatenau on February 7, 2024.

- Mayor Richard Warren, Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended the meeting.
- Low attendance by the general public.

Evergreen Waste

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Evergreen Waste Meeting on February 15, 2024.

- New waste cell approval by Alberta Environment should be received by fall time.
- Beaver River – hauled 10 loads for a one week trial to Evergreen. Commission is looking to get Beaver River to haul on a permanent basis.
- Scale house flooring upgrade.
- Good return on scrap metal.
- Exploring grants for leachate removal at the regional site.

Municipal Audit Seniuk & Company will be coming in-person to the Village of Waskatenau to complete the remainder of the municipal audit started early February.

Res.41-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

Executive Session
No Executive Session

Accounts Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period January 19, 2024 to February 15, 2024.

Res.42-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$40,476.76. Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette abstains from the Ty-wire Invoice in the amount of \$315.00. Carried.

Res.43-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves that payment for the Ty-Wire invoice in the amount of \$315.00 be approved for payment. Seconded by Councillor Roy Krahulec. Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette abstains from the Ty-wire invoice.

Meeting Date Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on March 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Carried.
Res.44-2024

Adjournment Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.
Res.45-2024 Carried.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per: _____
MAYOR

Per: _____
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER