

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
May 16, 2024

Call to Order Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Councillor Roy Krahulec, CAO Bernice Macyk in attendance at 3:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette enters at 4:15 p.m.

Foreman's Report
Foreman's Report Don Rosa provided a written Foreman's report to Council. (copy attached).
Res.95-2024 Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Foreman's report. Carried.

Delegations
No Delegations

Agenda Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Agenda
Res.96-2024 Carried.

Regular Meeting Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Minutes of the April 22,
Res.97-2024 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CN Lands Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau sends an
Offer to Purchase Offer to Purchase for the 19.62 Acs +/- CN Lands described as
Res.98-2024 Pt NW-9-59-19-W4th in the amount of \$800.00 per acre; and to find out the following information from CN prior to the purchase of the lands:

- Is there an existing Lease with Nutrien Ag. Solutions or any other Company;
- Who will complete and pay for the costs for the Transfer of Lands documents and document registration;
- Require detailed description of where the 99' right-of-way starts and how the existing side rail next to the main line fits in with the right-of-way;
- Offering a lower bid for lands because the property has not been cleaned up – concrete pads, garbage, weeds and grass cutting.

Carried.

Lakeland Catholic A letter dated April 26, 2024 was received from the Superintendent of
School Division the Lakeland Catholic School Division in regards to the current library building, library shared user agreement and baseball diamond for the new Holy Family School build.
Res.99-2024 Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the letter dated April 26, 2024 from Lakeland Catholic School Division for information purposes. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alberta Advantage Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau endorse a
Immigration Program letter of support for the Smoky Lake Region (Smoky Lake County, Town
Res.100-2024 of Smoky Lake, Village of Vilna and Village of Waskatenau) to become a Designated Community under the Rural Renewal Stream through the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program; and to approve the Smoky Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce to be the lead in submitting the Rural Renewal Community Designation application form and act as the Economic Development Organization who will lead and manage the project and represent the Community through the designation period of approximately three years to fulfill the responsibilities of a designated community which are:

- Identifying and working with community employers that have permanent (minimum of 12 months, full-time, non-seasonal) jobs that need to be filled;

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- Connecting with a settlement providing organizations to identify and plan for some of the settlement needs within the community;
- Developing additional criteria (optional) to recruit foreign nationals;
- This could include narrowing down the occupations that the community is interested in recruiting;
- Responding to foreign national inquiries which community is actively recruiting;
- Collaborating with employers on selecting and endorsing the foreign national;
- Developing and implementing a plan for welcoming and settling foreign national(s) to the community. Carried.

2024 Budget
Res.101-2024

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and the 3 year Operating Plan for 2025-2027. Carried.

5-Year Capital Plan
Res.102-2024

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Village of Waskatenau 5-Year Capital Plan as presented. Carried.

Public Participation
Plan – Budgets
Set Public Reporting
Date Res.103-2024

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Public Participation Plan for the 2024 Operating and Capital Budget; 3 year Operating Plan (2025-2027); 5 Year Capital Plan and to set the Public Participation Reporting Date for the Budgets to be June 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Millrate Bylaw
#705-2024
Res.104-2024

Mayor Richard Warren moves that Assent be given for the introduction of Bylaw #705-2024 to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property for the 2024 taxation year. Carried unanimously.

First Reading.
Res.105-2024
Second Reading
Res.106-2024
Consent
Res.107-2024
Third Reading
Res.108-2024

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Bylaw #705-2024 receive First Reading. Carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette that Bylaw #705-2024 receive Second Reading. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard Warren moves that Bylaw #705-2024 be presented at this meeting for Third Reading. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Richard Warren moves that Bylaw #705-2024 receive Third Reading and it be declared final passing and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer affixes the corporate seal of the Village. Carried unanimously.

Public Participation
Plan Bylaw #705-202
Set Public Reporting
Date Res.109-2024

Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Public Participation Plan for Bylaw #705-2024 and to set the Public Participation Reporting Date for Bylaw #705-2024 to be June 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

5111 – 49 Street
Res.110-2024

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau will not reduce the water utility bill for high water consumption due to a leaking toilet for the property at 5111 – 49 Street. Carried.

4909 – 53 Avenue
Sewer Line
Res.111-2024

Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau repair the sag in the sewer line at the property located at 4909 – 53 Avenue. Carried.

Councillor Roy Krahulec left the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Waste
Res.112-2024

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau does not have the staffing to be the managing partner of an Alberta Community Partnership grant for the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission. Carried.

2024 FCSS
Res.113-2024

Mayor Richard Warren moves to approve 2024 FCSS funding to the Smoky Lake County for the Junior Fire Fighter Summer Day Camp Program in the amount of \$2,000.00. Carried.

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Sidewalk Inspection Res.114-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Sidewalk Inspection report as presented by the Public Works Department for information purposes. Carried.
Electric Vehicle Chargers Cell Service SIM Card & Data Collection Res.115-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau approve that EVlution Charge install the Cell connectivity for the Village's Electric Vehicle chargers using the smart share function built into the chargers using only one SIM card for shared connectivity services; and approve to pay for one cell service for \$20 a month plus additional data for the second unit is needed, lowering the cost from \$40 to \$30 a month; and to obtain a cost estimate from EVlution Charge for the service call plus the labour to install and configure the cards prior to installation; and not to pursue the data collection information for the chargers at this time. Carried.
Reserve Accounts Res.116-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to set up a new Planning and Development Reserve Account and to transfer the funds in the amount of \$53,100.00 from the Bridge Reserve Account to the Planning and Development Reserve Account; and Transfer the amount of \$30,000.00 to the 2024 Operating budget from the Planning and Development Reserve, if needed. Carried.
Anne Chorney Public Library Res.117-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau appoint the following members to the Anne Chorney Public Library for a three year term: Jessica Olchoway Morgan Thomson Melaine Ollikka Farrah Ollikka Carried.
Regional Municipal Energy Manager Res.118-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau will not participate in a joint application to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre, as recommended at the Joint Municipalities Meeting held on April 29, 2024; with the regional partners in the Smoky Lake Region to employ a Smoky Lake Region Municipal Energy Manager. Carried.
Correspondence	Alberta Municipalities – Bill 20. Alberta Municipalities – 2024 municipal leaders caucus. Alberta Municipalities – Premier Smith clarify funding for municipalities. Smoky Lake RCMP – quarterly report. Alberta Health Services – water samples. Canadian Heritage – Canada Day grant. Smoky Lake County – fire restriction notice. Community Futures – lemonade day. Apex Utilities – Village GIS access. Alberta Health – health care challenges. Alberta Jobs and Economy – Smoky Lake region – Northern Alberta Development Bursary. Northeast Alberta Alliance for Growth and Opportunities – collective voice advocating for Highway 28. Alberta's Lakeland – membership and services.
Correspondence Res.119-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information. Carried.
Financial Statement Res.120-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves the April 30, 2024 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Smoky Lake Foundation	Mayor Richard Warren attended the Smoky Lake Foundation meeting on April 19, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monthly Manager meeting with lodges.▪ Waskatenau Manor to be inspected in the near future.▪ Reviewed affordable housing options.
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JMM

Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette and Councillor Roy Krahulec attended the Joint Municipality meeting on April 29, 2024.

- Smoky Lake RCMP report. The Smoky Lake RCMP may be engaging with Bylaw Officer in future.
- Métis Crossing update.
- Alberta Tourism revenue projections.
- School Trustee report.
- Municipal Energy Manager grant program.

Physicians & Healthcare

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Physicians & Healthcare Professionals meeting on April 30, 2024.

- Payment sharing on an invoice with Lac La Biche.
- Reviewed condition of furniture at Smoky Lake hospital.

Hwy 28/63 Water

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette attended the Hwy 28/63 Water meeting on May 8, 2024.

- Representative from Whitefish in attendance. Commission will proceed with the membership with Whitefish by the end of June.
- The Commission bylaw will be amended to add Whitefish.
- Bus Tour for Commission members for all the sites will be arranged.
- Waiting to hear back from the government regarding the application for the Water for Life grant.
- There may be an inspection of member municipalities' antenna towers in the near future.

Ukrainian Twinning

Mayor Richard Warren and Bernice Macyk attended the Ukrainian Twinning meeting on May 13, 2024.

- Meeting with Kosiv – update from Kosiv Mayor.
- Village of Vilna will continue to be a member of the Ukrainian Twinning Committee.
- Reviewed action list.
- School exchange program – currently working with HA Kostash school in Smoky Lake – exchange ideas to include videos, pen pal letters, and shoe box program, exchange traditions. Will follow up with other schools in the Smoky Lake region.
- Reviewed 2023 year-end financial report.
- There will be no budget requirement from the municipalities for year 2024.

Evergreen Waste

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on May 16, 2024.

- Looking for a member municipality to be the managing partner for the Alberta Community Partnership grant. The Commission is interested in submitting an application for a study for waste management.
- A Tender has gone out for an Auditor.
- Site report – hiring part-time staff.
- Alberta Environment approved the work for a new cell at the site.
- Metal recycling proposals for the regional site are being reviewed.

Waskatenau Creek Trail Study

There is a public engagement being held at the Waskatenau Senior Drop-In centre on May 22, 2024 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for the Waskatenau Creek Trail Study.

Res.121-2024

Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

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Accounts Res.122-2024	Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period April 19, 2024 to May 16, 2024. Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$75,113.52. Carried.
Meeting Date Res.123-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on June 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.
Adjournment Res.124-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Carried.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per: _____
MAYOR

Per: _____
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER