

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
February 16, 2017

Call to Order Mayor Casey Caron called the meeting to order with Councillor Karen Melanson, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec was unable to attend the meeting due to work.
 Delegation: Eli Krahulec – World Financial Group

Delegations

Krahulec, Eli Eli Krahulec from World Financial Group attended meeting to discuss potential future investment with WFG. He advised they are still researching if a municipality can invest with IA Clarington type company. Village Administration sent a letter to Brownlee LPP requesting a legal opinion for investments.

Foreman’s Report

Foreman’s Report Res.23-2017 Don Rosa provided a written report to Council (copy attached). Mayor Casey Caron moves to accept the Foreman’s Report. Carried.

Agenda Res.24/2017 Councillor Karen Melanson moves to adopt the Agenda with the addition of the Water Commission update & Library meeting. Carried.

Regular Meeting Res.25-2017 Councillor Karen Melanson moves to adopt the Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STIP Grant Administration submitted the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant application for the Local Road Bridge (50 Avenue) Project for a total project cost in the amount of \$275,000.00 by the application deadline date of February 3, 2017.

Utility Right-of-Way 5220 – 48 Street Brownlee LPP provided the Village of Waskatenau with a legal opinion on registering a utility-right-of-way on a property and an estimate of their legal costs. The right-of way should be described by way of a URW plan prepared by a surveyor or metes and bounds description, rather than described by way of a diagram (registered by a caveat). Council directed Administration to obtain a cost from a land surveyor and invite the property owners to the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Budget Res.26-2017 Mayor Casey Caron moves to adopt the 2016 Operating and Capital budget as interim budget for 2017. Carried.

Assessment Services 2017 ARB Res.27-2017 Councillor Karen Melanson moves that be it resolved that in keeping with Bylaw #626/2010, Council of the Village of Waskatenau hereby appoint those individuals listed in Schedule A for a term ending December 31, 2017, as members of the Assessment Review Board that may from time to time be required to hear assessment related complaints as permitted in the Municipal Government Act, RSA. 2000, C.M-26. Carried.

Schedule A:

1. Bennett, Judy	8. Knowles, Richard
2. Chartrand, Darlene	9. Normandeau, Guy
3. Chauvet, Paul	10. Ralph, Ray
4. Dennett, Jack	11. Ross, Diane
5. Graff, Russell	
6. Groszko, Tina	
7. Hennig, Stew	

The Northern Lights Library Board approved the 2017 budget with no levy increases for municipalities and/or their Library Boards. The Village of Waskatenau 2017 levy is \$1,292.85.

Councillor Karen Melanson moves to apply for the 2017 Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) for one employee for the period May – August 31, 2017 through the Alberta Government STEP program. Carried.

What will the Village of Waskatenau do to celebrate or commemorates the 150th anniversary of Confederation in Canada. Should we expand our Canada Day celebration or celebrate with another community event. Should the Village develop a legacy project. Further discussions at future Council meetings.

Mayor Casey Caron advised the Water Commission currently has a surplus of funds mainly due to the St. Paul County paying a fee to the Water Commission to tie into our water line. The Board members discussed the option of distributing a portion of the surplus back to the Commission members or leave the surplus in the Commission for future repairs if needed. No decision was made to date by the Commission. Village of Waskatenau Council wanted to see the funds distributed back to the members.

Mayor Casey Caron moves the January 31, 2017 Financial Statement presented at this meeting be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

Town of Vegreville – thank you for Letter of Support.
Alberta Health – water sample results.
AltaGas Utilities – consent to dig test holes for pipe.
Smoky Lake County – Transfer Site attendant regional meeting.
Smoky Lake County – agenda J.M.M. February 6, 2017 & minutes September 26, 2016.
Smoky Lake County – Fire News bulletin.
AUMA – invitation to mayor's caucus.
Smoky Lake Fire & Rescue Committee – agenda January 20, 2017 & minutes September 9, 2016.
Smoky Lake County – EOC training.
Evergreen Waste – agenda February 9, 2017 & minutes December 7, 2016.
RCDC Committee – agenda February 15, 2017 & minutes December 12, 2016.
Hwy 28/63 Water – agenda February 10, 2017 & minutes December 15, 2016.
N.L.L.S. – 2017 municipal levy.
Local to Global – Camrose conference.

Councillor Karen Melanson moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Bernice Macyk and Don Rosa attended the Smoky Lake Region Fire and Rescue Committee meeting on January 20, 2017.

- Reviewed draft policies: Firefighter Fitness Evaluation Policy and Firefighter Recruitment Policy (new policies).
- Reviewed Regional Fire & Rescue 2017 Strategic Priorities Chart.

No Council or Administration attended the J.M.M. on February 6, 2017.

Councillor Karen Melanson attended the FSLW meeting on February 7, 2017.

- Program update.

Evergreen Waste	No Council attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on February 9, 2017.
Hwy 28/63 Water	Mayor Casey Caron attended the Hwy 28/63 Water meeting on February 10, 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Manager's report.➤ Action List review.➤ Operations report.➤ Policy review.➤ Financial report.➤ Engineer's report.➤ Epcor water rate change effective January 1, 2017 – no change to Commission water rate.➤ Whitefish request to tie into regional water line.
Smoky Lake Foundation	Councillor Karen Melanson attended the Smoky Lake Foundation meeting on February 15, 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ One of the houses the Foundation owns was sold. The Foundation owns houses under the Rural & Native Housing Program – three houses remaining under the Foundation ownership.➤ An inspector provided training to staff for the new sprinkler system in Vilna.➤ An outside inspector for the fire discipline must complete the building inspections for the Foundation as the local fire departments are not trained for fire inspections.➤ Members of the Board will be attending the ASHA Convention.➤ Village internal general discussions on Seniors slip and fall. The Village will look at education and buddy system tools for seniors in our community.
RCDC	Councillor Karen Melanson and Bernice Macyk attended the RCDC meeting on February 15, 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CEDO report.➤ Regional Utube Video exploration.➤ Review Action List summary 2016.➤ Regional Strategic Plan review.➤ Alberta Community Partnership – project(s) exploration.➤ Financial Report – motion made to reduce the municipal portion for 2017 from 2016 surplus funds.➤ Round table discussions.
2016 Audit	The Village of Waskatenau year-end audit will be February 21 – 22, 2017.
Anne Chorney Library	Councillor Karen Melanson attended the Library Board meeting on January 30, 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Library will be keeping their new staff.➤ Paint night fundraiser March 5, 2017.
Committee Meeting Res.31-2017	Councillor Karen Melanson moves to adopt all the Committee meeting reports presented at this meeting. Carried.
Accounts Res.32-2017	Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period January 20, 2017 to February 16, 2017 & portion of December 31, 2016. Mayor Casey Caron moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$53,231.18. Carried.
Meeting Date Res.33-2017	Councillor Karen Melanson moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on March 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Carried.
Adjournment Res.34-2017	Mayor Casey Caron moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Carried.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per: _____
MAYOR

Per: _____
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER