

Minutes for the Town of Beaverlodge Protective Services Meeting

Thursday June 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers, 400-10 Street, Beaverlodge, AB

ATTENDANCE:

Hugh Graw - Chair

Cal Mosher – Councillor

Jeff Johnston – Chief Administrative Officer

Mark Morrical – Bylaw Enforcement

Mike Millar – RCMP

Stan Metcalfe – Fire Chief

Recording Secretary – Nichole Young, Legislative Services

1.0 Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

#011-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the agenda be accepted with the addition of item 6.4 RCMP Radio Access.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

#012-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the minutes from the April 15, 2021 Protective Services Committee Meeting be accepted as presented.

4.0 Delegations

- Constable Mike Millar provided updates resulting from the new impaired driving legislation that was enacted in 2018. This legislation allows RCMP to instigate a stop without needing a reasonable suspicion to do so. Officers have the option of issuing impaired infractions under Provincial statutes as opposed to Federal. This saves a lot of time for the officers and the court system. Federally issued charges are a criminal charge and are still used when warranted but the fines and suspensions under the Provincial penalties are fairly equal. There is currently still no roadside testing for drugs. Mike is the only detection expert in the area and gets called often.

5.0 Old Business

- None

6.0 New Business

6.1 Fire Pits

- Currently there is no Bylaw in place to regulate Fire Pits there is just a guidance pamphlet that the Fire Department issues. Stan is looking at putting together a 'burning bylaw' which would deal with all sorts of outdoor fire issues like fire pits, open fireplaces, pizza ovens as well as fuel types. There would need to be public education prior to implementation.

#013-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the Protective Services Committee accepts this for information.

6.2 Update regarding speed on 7th Ave West & 7th Street West

- Bylaw Officer Mark Morrical has patrolled the area twice a week for the last 2 months and has observed 162 vehicles with a low speed of 13 km/hr and a high speed of 58 km/hr. Will continue to monitor speed in the area. Also noted that the calcium for dust control has worked very well.

#014-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the Protective Services Committee accepts this report for information.

6.3 Firehall Maintenance – The question was raised about maintenance on the existing firehall while the new firehall is being planned. Fire Chief Stan Metcalfe stated that only routine maintenance is being done at this point.

#015-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the Protective Services Committee accepts this for information.

6.4 RCMP Radio Access – Bylaw Officer Mark Morrical spoke about the RCMP Radio Talk group Access. The pilot project is over with great success but due to a lack of technical support within the RCMP there will be no new additions to the program at this time. Mark brought a letter from the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers showing support for the program. Mark spoke about the lack of access to the RCMP and that he is very often alone in the field. EMS, Fire and Peace Officers don't have access and therefore must communicate with the RCMP the same way everyone else does and there should be better access.

#016-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the Protective Services Committee brings forward this issue to council for their discussion.

7.0 Staff Reports

7.1 Enforcement Report/Update

- Mark went through his report.

7.2 Fire Report/Update

- Stan spoke about the grant they received for a new vehicle extraction tool which is compatible with our climate.

7.3 RCMP Report/Update

- Mike spoke about the staffing changes at the detachment – incoming CST Wagner from depot, CST Illey and CST Hayington as well the second position for Corporal has been posted. The position for Horse Lake has been approved and the band already wants to pay for a second one.

#017-2021-06-25 Councillor Cal Mosher

CARRIED: That the Committee accepts all the reports for information.

8.0 Adjournment - Chair Hugh Graw adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

9.0 Next Meeting – September 23, 2021 @ 5pm.

Chair, Hugh Graw

CAO, Jeff Johnston