

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Council Present:

Mayor Blair Painter, Councillors: Vicki Kubik, Dave Filipuzzi, Doreen Glavin, Glen Girhiny, Lisa Sygutek and Dean Ward.

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Kristin Ivey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brian McCulloch, Director of Finance
Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Painter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:

Councillor Member Reports

- a) Tourism – Councillor Sygutek

Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motion

- c) Elected Officials Education Program Strategic Planning Course – Councillor Girhiny

01-2022-09-27: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

02-2022-09-27: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented without debate:

3.a

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of June 29, 2022

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of June 29, 2022 as information.

3.b

Minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission of July 27, 2022

THAT Council accept the Municipal Planning Commission of July 27, 2022 as information.

3.c

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Community Pool Society of August 17, 2022

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Community Pool Society of August 17, 2022 as information.

3.d

Val Allen - ORV Letter of Concern of July 25, 2022

THAT Council accept the Val Allen - ORV Letter of Concern of July 25, 2022 as information.

3.e

Town of Tofield - Victim Services Redesign Letter of Concern of August 23, 2022

THAT Council accept the Town of Tofield - Victim Services Redesign Letter of Concern of August 23, 2022 as information.

3.f

Minister Shandro's Response to the Town of Tofield - Victim Services Redesign Letter of Concern of August 26, 2022

THAT Council accept Minister Shandro's Response to the Town of Tofield - Victim Services Redesign Letter of Concern of August 26, 2022 as information.

3.g

Coleman Drop-In Centre Association - Budget Consideration Letter of August 26, 2022

THAT Council moves to include the requests for the Coleman Drop-In Centre Association in the 2023 budget deliberations.

3.h

Chinook Arch Regional Library System - Request for Motion Supporting the 2023-2026 Municipal Levy Schedule

THAT Council moves that the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass approves the Chinook Arch Library Board 2023-2026 Municipal Levy Schedule.

3.i

Asset Management Training

THAT Council approve Brian McCulloch, Director of Finance to attend the Asset Management Workshop Series being offered by Alberta Municipalities.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

03-2022-09-27: Councillor Girhiny moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 23, 2022 as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DELEGATIONS

None

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Bylaw 1129, 2022 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Re-designate Area 'A' and Area 'B', Plan 221 0634, and a portion of Block OT, Plan 1489JK, within SE¼ 3-8-4-W5M and containing ±0.92 ha (2.27 acres), from "No Land Use" to Comprehensive Mixed Use CM-1 District - First Reading

04-2022-09-27: Councillor Glavin moved first reading of Bylaw 1129, 2022 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Re-designate Area 'A' and Area 'B', Plan 221 0634, and a portion of Block OT, Plan 1489JK, within SE¼ 3-8-4-W5M and containing ±0.92 ha (2.27 acres), from "No Land Use" to Comprehensive Mixed-Use CM-1 District.

Carried

Bylaw 1131, 2022 - Municipal Reserve closure and removal of Municipal Reserve designation on that portion of Lot 51MR, Block 1, Plan 0812254 forming part of Lot 53, Block 1, Plan _____, containing 0.048 hectares (0.12 acres) more or less - First Reading

05-2022-09-27: Councillor Filipuzzi moved first reading of Bylaw 1131, 2022 - Municipal Reserve closure and removal of Municipal Reserve designation on that portion of Lot 51MR, Block 1, Plan 0812254 forming part of Lot 53, Block 1, Plan _____, containing 0.048 hectares (0.12 acres) more or less.

Carried

Policy Review - 1303-04 Council Remuneration Policy

06-2022-09-27: Mayor Painter moved to adopt Policy 1303-04 with the amendment of a half day meeting rate for 3 hours and less, set at \$150, and the full day meeting rate to be set at \$275; the monthly stipend for Councillors to be set at \$965 per month and the monthly stipend for the Mayor to be set at \$1350 per month.

Carried

Service Areas Update

07-2022-09-27: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to accept the Service Areas Update for information.

Carried

Pass Powderkeg School Pricing

08-2022-09-27: Councillor Ward moved that Council approves the school pricing as presented and to include this into Schedule H of the Fees, Rates and Charges during the next revision.

Carried

Ranchlands Mutual Aid Agreement

09-2022-09-27: Councillor Ward moved that Council approves the Ranchlands Mutual Aid Agreement.

Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council reports since the August 23, 2022 meeting of Council:

- Councillor Sygutek - Tourism
 - Councillor Sygutek advised that after consulting with Municipal Affairs, she would proceed with their recommendation for the following statement:
 - She made a comment at a Council meeting, and the reason she made the comment was because she believes that our community needs to create an environment that is tourist friendly. As a Councillor and representative of our citizens, she could have used more appropriate language to communicate the message.
- Councillor Filipuzzi
 - Attended the Alberta Municipalities convention
 - Had good conversations with other municipalities and a few provincial ministers
 - Interesting comments from the candidates running for the leadership of the UPC

- Premier Kenney gave a good speech
- Councillor Ward
 - Attended the Alberta Municipalities convention
 - Noted that the leader of the opposition mentioned that they would not spend the surplus, but would invest it, comes down to terminology
 - Indicated that the government leader spoke about the price of oil that day and that the surplus has disappeared and was now a deficit if that price was to hold
 - Jason Copping, Minister of Health was well spoken
 - Talked about a lot of issues in health care and is not inclined to throw money at the problem
 - Thanked the Municipality, Council, Administration and staff for the flowers sent to his wife, it was much appreciated.
- Councillor Glavin
 - Hosting the Ag Fieldman conference October 25th at the Crowsnest Golf Course
 - Expecting 75 to 100 agricultural fieldmen from the different zones

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Daina Lazzarotto – President of Chamber of Commerce
 - Wanted to provide some information from the business community in regard to Councillor Sygutek's recent comments regarding not being open on weekends and longer hours:
 - Staff shortages
 - Affordable housing
 - Lack of accommodations to operate tourist tours
 - Lack of customers
 - Not busy enough to be open
 - Need a day off
 - Lack of affordable commercial properties in suitable condition to operate a business
 - Provided an example in which affordable housing has been an issue for hiring employees at the golf course which prevented prospective employees from moving here and resulted in the kitchen being closed Mondays and Tuesdays
 - Looks forward to working with Council and the rest of the Chamber to strengthen the business community
- George Tuck
 - Inquired about staked out property at the bottom of the road allowance below his residence

- Indicated that his water and sewer both extend through that area, and that he was given permission by the Municipality to install the services there at his cost many years ago.
 - Councilor Ward advised that this will go to public hearing next week at the October 4th meeting and that Council could not hear additional information previous to that
- Cory Tourond
 - Disturbed by the article because the community is struggling to find its way. The community has to rely on the business community because of the lack of industry.
 - Mayor Painter intervened and advised that the commentary was not appropriate and concluded the public input on this topic.
- Don Harvey
 - Inquired about the intersection at 24th Avenue and 208th Street in Bellevue
 - Asked if the town could look at something to improve the traffic for obvious safety issues where the roads converge
 - Mayor Painter advised that Administration would look into this.

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

Bear Issues – Councillor Ward

10-2022-09-27: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Administration bring back the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw to consider raising fines for repeat offenders who violate the garbage bylaw; with the following friendly amendment from Councillor Ward: to bring back information that could affect the Community Standards Bylaw on the following changes:

- information on how other communities are addressing bear concerns through their bylaws
- obtain information from the landfill regarding bear bins and specialized trucks to handle them
- consideration of purchasing bear bins to sell to our residents at a reduced rate
- obtain recommendations from BearSmart
- urban chickens as an animal attractant

And that Administration write a letter to Environment and Parks regarding concerns in their change in policies and reduced funding provided to manage problem bears.

Carried

Hillcrest Lagoons – Mayor Painter

Mayor Painter asked for clarification on when the report will come back before Council with recommendations to resolve the odor problem at the Hillcrest Lagoons.

Elected Officials Education Program Strategic Planning Course – Councillor Girhiny

11-2022-09-27: Councillor Sygutek moved that Councillors Ward, Sygutek, Girhiny, Kubik and Filipuzzi be registered for the Elected Officials Educational Program Strategic Planning Course.

Carried

IN CAMERA

12-2022-09-27 : Councillor Girhiny moved that Council go In Camera for the purpose of discussion of the following confidential matters under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and to take a short break at 8:59 pm:

- a) Economic Interests of the Public Body - Land Purchase Application - FOIP Act Section 25
- b) Privileged Information - Dairy Road Letter - FOIP Act Section 27
- c) Privileged Information - Crowsnest Pass Pool - FOIP Act Section 27
- d) Economic Interests of the Public Body - MDM Lands - FOIP Act Section 25

Carried

Reconvene

Mayor Painter convened the In Camera meeting at 9:18 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, also in attendance to provide advice to Council.

13-2022-09-27: Councillor Girhiny moved that Council come out of In Camera at 10:30 pm.

Carried

14-2022-09-27: Councillor Ward moved that Council accept the offer from SHIFT REI Admin Ltd to purchase Area A, Plan 2210634 containing 0.84 acres, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the subject lands be consolidated with the title for Block H, Plan 731227 (CofT # 221161604) by Plan of Survey at the expense of the applicant
2. That all legal fees associated with this transaction are the responsibility of the applicant, including the legal fees of the Municipality if any.
3. That council grant the applicant 90 days to review site planning, highway access and zoning options.
4. That this transaction be completed by March 1, 2023
5. That construction of the site will commence within 2 years of the sales date or the Municipality may repurchase the parcel at 50% of the purchase price.

and;

That Council considers the offer from SHIFT REI Admin Ltd to purchase Area B, Plan 2210634 containing 1.41 acres, subject to the following conditions:

1. That all legal fees associated with this transaction are the responsibility of the applicant, including the legal fees of the Municipality if any.

2. That Council grant the applicant 90 days to review site planning, highway access and zoning options.
3. That this transaction be completed by March 1, 2023
4. That construction of the site will commence within 2 years of the sales date or the Municipality may repurchase the parcel at 50% of the purchase price.

Carried

15-2022-09-27: Councillor Sygutek moved that the Municipality will file a suit for defamation in regard to the Dairy Road Letter.

Carried


16-2022-09-27: Councillor Kubik moved that the Municipality gives notice to the Crowsnest Pass Community Pool Society to terminate the operating agreement.

Carried


ADJOURNMENT

17-2022-09-27 : Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm.

Carried



Blair Painter
Mayor



Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer