

**Town of Mundare  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2016**

**Present** Mayor C. Gargus Councillors, I. Talaga, J. Burghardt, F. Rosypal J. Kowal

**Staff** CAO Colin Zyla, Tim Eastwood, T. Warawa

**Call to Order** Mayor Gargus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**16/197** Talaga that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions:

- 7(e) Case Processing Centre Vegreville
- 7(f) Mundare Chicken Coop request

Carried

**Delegation**

**-(a) Jackie Osadchuk – Insurance**

Mrs Osadchuk wishes to discuss her insurance costs with the Town. Her house insurance has increased by \$ 100/month because of sewer backups that occurred at her home. She owns 5304 – 51 Avenue.

-In July of 2014, after a big rain storm, there was a sewer backup at the lift station. There were several homes on 51 Avenue and 52 Avenue that had backups including Mrs. Osadchuks. Several claims were received and our insurance company denied all claims as there was no negligence on the Towns part.

-the high level alarm at the sewer lift station did not go off

In June 2015, Mrs Osadchuk had another backup. The cause was a collapsed service line which was replaced. Another claim was made that our insurance denied as we were not negligent.

-no other insurance companies will provide her coverage because she had previous claims

Mrs Osadchuk is seeking restitution of \$1500.00 to help cover insurance costs.

Irene Talaga left meeting from 7:20 to 7:22 p.m.

**16/198** Rosypal that the request for compensation of \$ 1500.00 to offset insurance costs due to sewer back up claims be denied.

Carried

### **Outstanding Utility Bills**

Mrs Osadchuk has had renters in her property for two years.

The renters have failed to pay the water bill and the outstanding amounts have been transferred to taxes.

-The Town sends letters to notify landowners of outstanding utilities.

Mrs Osadchuk claims she never received any letters or phone calls

-Administration will provide photocopies of the letters to her.

Mrs Osadchuk requested a refund of the outstanding water charges transferred to taxes. She is pursuing legal action against the tenants.

**16/199**

Rosypal that discussion on refunding outstanding utilities amount be tabled to a future meeting to allow administration to gather information.

Carried

#### **(b) JR Lagace – Animal Control**

Mr Lagaces cat was caught by the Town animal control officer. It has been a couple of months and he keeps phoning her about his cat. He came into the office and the CAO talked to him. He was informed that he has pay the fines/license and boarding fees for the animal to be released.

The CAO will contact Amanda Antonchuk from Crazy Critter rescue and arrange for her to bring the cat to Town so JR can pay his fines.

#### **(c) Sylvia Macdonald – Animal Concerns**

Sylvia MacDoanld was in to express concern about the property at 5132 and 5140 – 51 Avenue.

-both properties have numerous cats on their property

-the people at 5140 -51 avenue are disposing of their cat feces in the trees along their property line.

-there could be up to 10 cats in the house

-there is also water being pumped out of the house towards the backalley that is very foul smelling

-the neighbor at 5132- 51 Avenue has numerous cats and they are let out to wander all day long.

The CAO will contact the Public Health Inspector and the SPCA to investigate the situation.

**(a) Tim Eastwood – Public Works Foreman**

Tim Eastwood presented his report.

**16/200** Kowal that the Public Works report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Minutes**

**(a) Regular Meeting of Council – October 4, 2016**

**16/201** Talaga that the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 4, 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Business**

**(b) Regular Meeting of Council – October 18, 2016**

**16/202** Kowal that the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 18, 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried

**(b) Monthly Summary – September 2016**

**16/203** Rosypal that the Monthly Summary for September 2016 be accepted as information

Carried

**(c) National Hall 5228 – 50 Street**

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Association owns the empty lots, 5228-50 Street next to the hall.

The CAO recommended cancellation of taxes on the property.

**16/204** Burghardt that the 2016 taxes of \$ 1266.56 for 5228 – 50 Street be cancelled.

Carried

**Business**

**(a) Old Business**

- boards notified of appointments
- letter sent to Toros construction regarding lot sales agreement extension
- council must give permission to record a meeting
- lagoon

- got the four anaerobic cells cleaned
- the weather has made cleaning the two big cells impossible-will be done in spring
- working on an easement agreement for the surrounding landowner.

**(b) Vegreville Christmas Lightup Parade**

A parade float entry form for Friday November 25 was received.

- Charlie Gargus will take the float to Vegreville Christmas light up Parade

**(c) Recreational Vehicles**

The CAO presented a copy of a letter regarding recreational trailers parked on the street and on empty lots that will be distributed to all residents in Town for their feedback.

- Councillor Talaga spoke to the Bylaw Officers from Sherwood Park and Vegreville to see what their views are on Recreational Vehicle Parking.

- Councillor Burghardt commented that Whitetail Crossing has a lot of trailers parked on it looking like a RV park.

The letter will be amended and will be sent out.

**(d) Plan 1082HW, Block 0T**

The Town has a 20 X 20 road right of way on 5111 – 54 Avenue that the Town closed off several years ago, it is fenced off by the current owner of 5111 – 54 Avenue.

There is no need for a right of way. The CAO recommended selling the property to the owner of 5111 – 54 Avenue.

**16/205**

Talaga that the Town transfer Plan 1082HW, Block OT, linc number 0011686318, to the owner of 5111 - 54 Avenue for \$ 1.

Carried

**(e) Case Processing Centre – Vegreville**

Notification was received that the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville will be closing.

- Some Mundare Residents are employed there.

The Mayor will be sending a letter to the Federal Government voicing concerns

about the the economic impact that decision will make in Vegreville and the surrounding communities.

**(f) Kalyna Quilters**

A request was received from Kalyna Quilters requesting a donation as they are purchasing 2600 pairs of socks for the homeless.

**16/206** Talaga that the Town donate \$ 100 to the Kalyna Quilters group to help purchase socks for the homeless.

Carried

**Staff and Council Reports**

**Charlie Gargus**

- attended annual general meeting for Community Adult Learning Council
  - provided statistics of people using program
- attending AUMA conference
  - mentioned that there are alternative options to paving roads
- expressed concerns from one of the grass cutting contractors at Whitetail
  - sump pumps are pumping onto neighboring empty lots making it wet
  - people are emptying their flower pots onto empty lots making it difficult to cut
  - gravel is being dumped onto empty lots
- took the float to the Andrew Garlic Festival
- helped Bob Gratton set up the Halloween Maze
- commented that there are no definite boundaries for the food bank
  - items received for the food bank will be split between Lamont and Vegreville.

**Frank Rosypal**

- nothing to report

**Irene Talaga**

- attended Andrew Garlic Festival
- decorated the Town float for the Garlic Festival
- Volunteered at the Halloween Maze
- attended Communities in Bloom meeting
  - planting 150 red and white tulips for Canada Birthday
- decorated for Halloween in front of Administration Building
- congratulated Jaime Burghardt on helping organize the Halloween Dance

**Jaime Burghardt**

- attended Mundare School SAC meeting
  - the SAC Committee has a casino on December 4, monies could be used towards a new bus
- attended Parks Society meeting
- helped organize Parks Society Halloween Dance

**Jason Kowal**

- attended Digital Web Symposium in La la Biche
- met with Sylvia Zacharkiw to get acquainted with the Covenant Health Board
  - submitted application to join the Board

**Colin Zyla**

- met with Kevin from Go East Alberta re: Tourism
- attended session at AUMA on medical marijuana facilities
- met with individual about micro servicing

**Adjournment**

Mayor Gargus adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer