



Meeting Minutes

THOSE PRESENT:

Mayor Doerksen
Councillor Ballas (Call-In)
Councillor Dodds
Deputy Mayor Gammana
Councillor McGee
Councillor Wheeler
Annette Driessen, Acting CAO
Elvera Thomson, General Manager of Finance
Tom Thomson, Fire Chief
Shawna Law, Manager, Health and Safety
Lola Strand, FCSS Program Manager
Matt Ellis, Senior Planner

Owen Olynyk, Acting General Manager of Engineering
Nathan Palovcik, Manager of Information Services
Bree Motkoski, Executive Assistant
Sabine Landmark, Administrative Assistant
Acting S/Sgt. Erin Matthews, RCMP
Graham Long, Drayton Valley and District Free Press (Call-In)
Cathy Weetman, Drayton Valley Western Review (Call-In)
Members of the Public

ABSENT:

Councillor Peebles

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doerksen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.0 Additions to the Agenda

Following item was added to the Agenda:
5.3. Pride Month – June 2021

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION #092/21

Deputy Mayor Gammana moved to adopt the Agenda for the June 9, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council, as amended.

CARRIED

3.0 Corrections or Amendments:

3.1. May 12, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

There were no corrections or amendments to the May 12, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes.

4.0 Adoption of:

4.1. May 12, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

RESOLUTION #093/21

Councillor Wheeler moved to adopt the Minutes of the May 12, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Proclamations

5.1. National Indigenous History Month – June 2021 – and National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21, 2021

Mayor Doerksen proclaimed the month of June 2021 as National Indigenous History Month and June 21, 2021, as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Drayton Valley.

5.2. Recreation and Parks Month – June 2021

Mayor Doerksen proclaimed the month of June 2021 as Recreation and Parks Month in the Town of Drayton Valley.

5.3. Pride Month – June 2021

Mayor Doerksen proclaimed the month of June 2021 as Pride Month in the Town of Drayton Valley.

6.0 Delegations

6.1. Noble Growth Alberta Limited Partnership – Scott Huska

Mr. Huska advised Council that Noble Growth is now licensed for cultivation and medical growth. He introduced his staff to Council and reiterated his request for tax forgiveness.

6.2. Canada Day Committee – Lola Strand

Mrs. Strand, on behalf of the Canada Day Committee, informed Council about the activities planned for Canada Day celebration. Mrs. Roberts-Kowalchuk advised of the events scheduled for the RV Campground and Wiley West Campground.

Mrs. Strand concluded that Elevated Camping answered the Town's Request for Proposal to organize Canada Day. They will work closely together for the 2022 Canada Day planning.

6.3. Drayton Valley RCMP Stats – April 2021 – Acting S/Sgt. Erin Matthews

Acting S/Sgt. Matthews presented Council with the stats for the month of April 2021. She noted that the detachment has a number of new staff members.

Mayor Doerksen called a break at 9:57 a.m.

Mayor Doerksen reconvened the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

7.0 Decision Items

7.1. Appointment of Prohibited Noxious & Noxious Weed Inspectors for 2021 Season

RESOLUTION #094/21

Deputy Mayor Gammana moved that Council appoint the following individuals as Weed Inspectors for the Town of Drayton Valley for the 2021 season: Rhiannon Gressler, Weed Inspector, Brazeau County; Corbyn Pankonin, Assistant Ag. Fieldman, Brazeau County; Dale Holst, Public Works, Town of Drayton Valley; Joan Elworthy, Public Works/Parks, Town of Drayton Valley.

CARRIED

7.2. Board Member Appointments to Assessment Review Boards (ARB)

RESOLUTION #095/21

Councillor McGee moved that Council appoint Councillor Nancy Dodds, Ms. Christina Galavan, and Ms. Jacqueline Biollo as board members to the Local Assessment Review Board and Composite Assessment Review Board for the 2021 year, expiring on December 31,

2021; AND Council designate Ms. Christina Galavan as the chair of both the Local Assessment Review Board and Composite Assessment Review Board.

CARRIED

- 7.3. Appointment of Clerk to Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB)

RESOLUTION #096/21

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council appoint Ms. Leah Sadegian as ARB Clerk to the Assessment Review Boards for a one-year term expiring June 9, 2022.

CARRIED

- 7.4. Bike Index Registration Program

RESOLUTION #097/21

Councillor McGee moved that Council direct Administration to promote and advertise the Bike Index Registration Program.

CARRIED

- 7.5. Request to send letter to provincial elected officials on behalf of the Homelessness and Poverty Reduction Team

RESOLUTION #098/21

Councillor Dodds moved that Council direct Administration to compose and send a letter to provincial elected officials calling for more resources to address rural homelessness and housing issues.

CARRIED

- 7.6. Zero Fee Tuition Policy A-01-21

RESOLUTION #099/21

Councillor Dodds moved that Town Council approve the Zero Fee Tuition Policy A-01-21, as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Dodds declared apprehensional bias and Councillor Wheeler declared pecuniary interest with item 7.7. 2021 Property Tax Forgiveness Request – Noble Growth Alberta Limited Partnership and they exited the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

- 7.7. 2021 Property Tax Forgiveness Request – Noble Growth Alberta Limited Partnership

RESOLUTION #100/21

Councillor McGee moved that Council take from the table Resolution #012/21.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #012/21

Deputy Mayor Gammana moved that Council approve the forgiveness of municipal taxes for Tax Roll 70417600 for the 2021 year.

Councillor Ballas made a friendly amendment to approve 50% tax forgiveness.

Deputy Mayor Gammana declined the friendly amendment.

CARRIED

Councillor Dodds and Councillor Wheeler returned to the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

7.8. Urban Housing Program Inventory – Purchase of Duplex

RESOLUTION #101/21

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council defer this item back to Administration to get an appraisal done as well as come forward with a cost estimation for renovations.

CARRIED

Mayor Doerksen declared pecuniary interest with item 7.9. Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy and exited the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Deputy Mayor Gammata took over chairing the meeting.

7.9. Proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy

RESOLUTION #102/21

Councillor Wheeler moved that Council direct Administration to send the attached draft letter to Premier Kenney regarding the proposed Alberta Coal Restriction Policy.

CARRIED

Mayor Doerksen returned to the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened chairing the meeting.

Mayor Doerksen called a break at 11:14 a.m.

Mayor Doerksen reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Gammata exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

8.0 Department Reports

8.1. Planning and Development

Mr. Ellis provided an update of the activities in the Planning and Development department. The department is hosting a safety codes open house on June 15.

Deputy Mayor Gammata returned to the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

8.2. Engineering

Mr. Olynyk provided an update of the activities in the Public Works department and introduced Sonny Caguanguin as Civil Engineering Technologist and Landfill Manager.

8.3. Community Services and FCSS

Ms. Driessen provided an update from the Community Services department, noting the progress of the Aquatic Facility, installation of the disc golf course, and lease agreement with DV Minor Ball. She introduced Derek Starnes as Recreation and Omniplex Manager.

8.4. Emergency Services

Fire Chief Thomson advised that the cooler weather helped to reduce the fire hazard. The department will reconvene their training when COVID restrictions are eased and join the RCMP in organizing a ball hockey tournament. He advised that the CSRO and CPO connected regarding traffic enforcement.

8.5. Safety and Protective Services

Ms. Law provided an update from the Safety department.

8.6. Finance

Mrs. Thomson provided an update from the Finance department, advising the public of the opportunity to sign up for TIPP.

8.7. CAO/Administration

Ms. Driessen informed Council that she connected with WRSD regarding the new school; the marketing program with DVHTA/DVCF will proceed; the north entrance sign will be installed this summer. Ms. Driessen thanked Council for supporting the Animal Control Officer and CPO.

9.0 Council Reports

9.1. Councillor Wheeler

- Recreation Committee meeting
- Public Works Week
- Healthy Communities Coalition AGM
- Pembina Crisis Connection Society meeting

9.2. Councillor Ballas

- had nothing to report

9.3. Councillor Peebles

- was not present to provide a report

9.4. Councillor Dodds

- Northern Region Affordable Housing webinar
- Sustainability Committee meetings
- Education Committee meetings
- PACT Team meetings
- Pembina Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting
- Meeting with MLA Mark Smith
- Drayton Valley and District Chamber of Commerce meeting

9.5. Deputy Mayor Gammana

- Education Committee meetings
- Public Works Week
- Pembina Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting

9.6. Councillor McGee

- RYSE meeting

9.7. Mayor Doerksen

- commented on COVID-19 situation and vaccination
- commented on the impacts of residential schools

10.0 Information Items

10.1. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2021

10.2. Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes – April 22, 2021

10.3. STAR Catholic School Board Meeting Highlights – May 2021

10.4. Drayton Valley Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2021

10.5. Brazeau Foundation Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2021

10.6. Drayton Valley RCMP Stats – April 2021

RESOLUTION #103/21

Councillor McGee moved that Council accept the above items as information.

CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

Mayor Doerksen adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

MAYOR

ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED