

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

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
Laurie Lowe, Recording Secretary
Bonnie Kawasaki, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amendments:

Consent Agenda

- a) CNP Food Bank - Coldest Night of the Year Sponsorship Request of January 11, 2024
Move to Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motion 10.a – Mayor Painter

Additions:

Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motion

- b) Burning Policy 10.b – Councillor Sygutek
- c) Ministerial meetings in Edmonton 10.c – Councillor Ward
- d) Lowering of the Flag Policy 10.d – Councillor Ward

01-2024-01-23: Councillor Glavin moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

02-2024-01-23: Councillor Girhiny moved to adopt the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of November 30, 2023 as presented.

Carried

03-2024-01-23: Councillor Ward moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 16, 2024 as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DELEGATIONS

Southwest Alberta Regional Search & Rescue Presentation - Andrew Fairhurst and Ryan Legroulx

Andrew Fairhurst and Ryan Legroulx of the Southwest Alberta Search and Rescue were in attendance to present Council with information on their program and their expansion into the Crowsnest Pass.

Dave Baines, NWP Coal - Update on the Regulatory Process for the NWP Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project

Dave Baines, NWP Coal - was in attendance to present an update on the Regulatory Process for the NWP Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project.

04-2024-01 -23 Councillor Sygutek moved that Council provide Dave Baines of NWP Coal a letter of support on behalf of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

Carried

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Bylaw 1173, 2023 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Rezone a portion of Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 1911496, within the SE16-8-4-W5M, from Non-Urban Area NUA-1 to Grouped Country Residential GCR-1 - First Reading

05-2024-01-23: Councillor Girhiny moved first reading of Bylaw 1173, 2023 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Rezone a portion of Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 1911496, within the SE16-8-4-W5M, from Non-Urban Area NUA-1 to Grouped Country Residential GCR-1.

Carried

Bylaw 1175, 2023 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Rezone the lands legally described as a portion of Lot 14, Block 19, Plan 101 1620 from Retail Commercial C-1 to Residential R-1 - First Reading

06-2024-01-23: Councillor Glavin moved first reading of Bylaw 1175, 2023 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Rezone the lands legally described as a portion of Lot 14, Block 19, Plan 101 1620 from Retail Commercial C-1 to Residential R-1.

Carried

Service Areas Update

07-2024-01-23: Councillor Kubik moved that Council accept the Service Areas Update for information.

Carried

Downtown Bellevue Revitalization Tender Results

08-2024-01-23: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council ratifies awarding the Downtown Bellevue Revitalization tender to East Butte Contracting and that Council moves to increase the project budget by an additional \$1,100,000.

Councillor Sygutek requested a recorded vote.

IN FAVOR: Councillors: Kubik, Filipuzzi, Glavin, Ward

OPPOSED: Mayor Painter, Councillors Sygutek, Girhiny

Carried

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention Attendees

09-2024-01-23: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council appoint Mayor Painter, Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, Councillor Glavin and Councillor Kubik to attend the RMA Convention in Edmonton from March 18 - 20, 2024.

Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Councillor Sygutek
 - Attended the Library AGM with Councillor Glavin.
 - Library memberships and programming have doubled from 2022 to 2023.
 - Library hot spot boxes (portable Wi-Fi hubs) and onsite internet are being used regularly.
 - Because the Wi-Fi hubs were purchased with a grant, the library board may need to secure alternate funding to continue providing this service to the community.

- Councillor Ward
 - Attended the NJHL hockey game on Saturday.
 - Attendance was disappointing due to multiple community events at the same time.
- Mayor Painter
 - Attended the RMA Little Bow Zone 1 meeting of January 19.
 - Attended by MLAs McIver, Hunter, Sigurdson, and Wright.
 - Mr. McIver, presented re: Local Government Funding Framework funding, reassessment of industrial property, reassessment of farmland.
 - Mr. Hunter, presented re: water, 75% of Canada’s irrigated land in Southern AB
 - Paul McLauchlin, RMA President, presented re: 4.5 % of Canada’s boreal forest burned in 2023.
 - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference is in Calgary June 6-9, 2024 – Council will consider attending and discuss at an upcoming council meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

CNP Food Bank - Coldest Night of the Year Sponsorship Request of January 11, 2024

10- 2024-01-23: Mayor Painter moved that Council support the Food bank as requested.

Defeated

11-2024-01-23: Mayor Painter moved that Council send a letter to the CNP Food Bank advising them that Council cannot waive fees and suggesting that the CNP Food Bank apply for funding through another source such as a Category 1 Grant, the Landfill Association or FCSS.

Carried

MCNP Burning Policy

12-2024 01 -23: Councillor Sygutek moved that Administration create a policy for open burns within the boundaries of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass.

Defeated

Mayor Painter directed that Administration restrict issuing multiple burn permits at one time, consider weather conditions when issuing permits, and schedule time between permits.

Ministerial Meeting in Edmonton

Mayor Painter advised that he and Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer are meeting on January 24th with Minister Loewen regarding acquiring Crown lands for future development, campgrounds, and the Atlas Road and on January 25th meeting with Deputy Minister Stewart regarding Highway 3 twinning issues affecting our Municipality.

Lowering of the Flag Policy

13-2024-01-23: Councillor Ward moved that Administration lower the building flags for five working days in respect of a retired two term councillor who recently passed.

Carried

14-2024-01-23: Councillor Ward moved that Administration review the policy on lowering of the flag.

Carried

IN CAMERA

15-2024-01-23: Councillor Sygutek 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 recess at 9:50 pm:

a) Economic Interests of the Public Body - Land Purchase Application - FOIP Act Section 25

Carried

Reconvene

Mayor Painter convened the In Camera meeting at 9:57 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer in attendance to provide advice to Council.

16-2024-01-23: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council come out of In Camera at 10:24 pm.

Carried

17-2024-01-23: Councillor Sygutek moved that council accept the offer from the owners of 2306-77th Street to purchase the adjacent lane to the south and west of their property, subject to conditions.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

18-2024-01-23: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm.
Carried



Blair Painter

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Mayor

Patrick Thomas

Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer