

**TOWN OF WOLSELEY
MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of Council of the Town of Wolseley, in the Province of Saskatchewan was held in the lower level at the Town Hall/Opera House located at 510 Varennes Street on August 19, 2020 at 7:00PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerald Hill (GH)
Councillor Ken Drever (KD)
Councillor Ron Lyke (RL)

Councillor Randy Quintyn (RQ)
Councillor Chris McBride (CM)
CAO Candice Quintyn (CQ)

ABSENT:

Councillor Tim Taylor (TT)

Councillor Jacquie Jacobs-Marshall (JJM)

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor GH called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

AGENDA

288/20

RQ/RL that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

289/20

CM/KD to hear Dennis Fjestad and Jim Wolff regarding COVID-19 letter from a group of concerned citizens @ 7:01PM.

CARRIED

- Dennis Fjestad discusses that a group of people have been meeting to discuss issues. Locally, COVID-19 is a concern. Dennis introduces the United Church Minister, Jim Wolff to Council as he will be the designated spokesman for the presentation.
- Jim discusses that the group is increasingly concerned about fall upon us, with schools re-opening. The group has sent correspondence to provincial and health authorities expressing their concerns, and have now come to Council to express these concerns at a local level.
- Every community has a disaster plan, in hopes we never have to use them. Group is asking Council to derive a plan for protocols so it's clear. The group fears the community has become complacent as we haven't had any cases of COVID-19 locally.
- Communications: do we have a plan if there is an outbreak? Do we have proactive measures? Lack of information is evident, for example, the Swinging Bridge sees a lot of out-of-province visitors. Perhaps a sign reminding those using the Swinging Bridge to practice social distancing.
- Health Department concerns: currently, the Wolseley Hospital is not open, no one knows what's going on; there have been no public announcements.
- Greater risk of transmission with schools back in the fall, and there are a lot of vulnerable people in the community. Communication is key.
- The group of concerned citizens is willing to work with Council. The group is looking for leadership, direction and good communication.
- Jim will provide Administrator with his written presentation.
- Councillor RQ discussed the updates about hospital and how they have to resolve staffing issues before Wolseley Hospital reopens. Some concerns the group has are out of the local municipal jurisdiction, but locally we can help any way we can. The presentation won't go ignored, Councillor RQ encourages the group to keep writing their concerns to provincial and health authorities.
- Councillor CM asks for suggestions on how we can improve our communication to get information out to the public. The Town has updated information online, although not everyone has online capabilities. The sign downtown was another suggestion.
- Councillor KD discusses that the province made it clear that this pandemic is a provincial concern, and municipalities are limited to what we can do.
- Mayor GH discusses we can't go against provincial regulations. We must follow provincial guidelines. People must do whatever it is they need to do in order to make themselves feel safe. The Town will try and do better with communications.

Delegation leaves at 7:27PM.

MINUTES

290/20 KD/RQ that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 5, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**ACCOUNTS**

291/20 CM/KD that the Horizon Credit Union general accounts for ratification, cheque #'s 20112 to 20119 totaling \$9,175.98 be ratified.

CARRIED

292/20 RQ/RL that the Horizon Credit Union general accounts for approval, cheque #'s 20120 to 20145 totaling \$25,556.43 be approved.

CARRIED

293/20 RL/CM that the Statement of Financial Activities for the period ending July 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

1. Bank Reconciliations for Horizon Credit Union and TD Canada Trust: Administrator prepared and presented the Bank Reconciliation and notes for the period ending July 31, 2020 for both the Horizon Credit Union and TD Canada Trust general operating accounts.

294/20 CM/RQ that the Bank Reconciliation and notes for the period ending July 31, 2020 for the Horizon Credit Union general operating account be approved as presented.

CARRIED

295/20 KD/RL that the Bank Reconciliation and notes for the period ending July 31, 2020 for the TD Canada Trust general operating account be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Utilities Update: The utility bill payments for 2020 Q2 were due July 31, 2020. Payment Reminder Notices were sent out August 12, 2020. Total on account (yet to be collected) is approximately \$16,000. The next utility billing is 2020 Q3 for the period July 1 to September 30, 2020. Utility Bills for Q3 will be sent out prior to the end of September, due October 31, 2020.

As per previous Council Meeting, the Final Notice for Disconnection has been sent via Registered Mail and Posted at the commercial location of Utility Roll 554. Disconnection is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 if payment or payment arrangements have not been made on or prior to August 31, 2020.

3. Orders to Remedy: As per Council Resolution at a previous meeting, the following Orders to Remedy (“OTR”) were sent via Registered Mail before noon on Thursday, August 13th. The deadline for remedying the properties is August 31st. Properties marked with (*) below have also had the OTR posted at the location due to being vacant.

- 107-109 Elm Street;
- 501 Willow Street*;
- 206 Pine Street; and
- 120 Front Street/100 Gordon Street*.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FORUM

RL - Beach: sand was needed at the SplashPark, and a tracked unit was required to spread it around. Serbu came with two loads of sand, and gave a \$500 discount due to sand being for SplashPark. Councillor RL spread the sand and there should be enough there now. There is a little extra sand that could perhaps be used at the Lions Parks; Councillor RL will follow-up with this.

KD - Sportsplex: Financials presented to Council for 2019/20 Season. The financials balance and show a profitable season.

296/20 KD/CM to accept the Wolseley & District Sportsplex Financials for 2019/20 Season as presented.

CARRIED

- Minor Hockey: there are rules about forming teams, no games are scheduled yet. It will be a 50-person league with 30 on the ice at a time; 3-4 teams at the most. Minor Hockey prefers not to have in-person registrations, rather if forms could be dropped picked up from Town Office.
- Sportsplex Board hasn't met yet. There are a whole lot of questions to be answered. Canteen? Dressing Rooms? Showers? There are challenges for raising revenue. The Town may have to look at subsidizing a portion of operating costs. A letter may be forthcoming from the Sportsplex Board to both Town and RM Councils.
- Curling Club can go ahead with their season with the COVID rules.
- Accessibility Project: tin is supposed to be in at the end of the week. Security lights were part of the initial quote.

- RQ - Fire Meeting was held on Monday evening with low attendance due to harvest. Fire Department will be ordering some foam for fire suppression. It is approximately \$150.00/pail and can get this locally. Two pails will be ordered and another two may be ordered at a later date.
- Councillor RQ inquires with Council about issuing a Fire Burn Ban until further notice.

297/20 RQ/KD to issue a Fire Burn Ban for the Town of Wolseley, effective immediately and until further notice.

CARRIED

- CM - Public Works: concrete pads have been poured for the generator project at the Water Treatment Plant and the Wells. The propane tanks have been sourced from Federated Co-op as they came in at lower price.
- A new hydrant and valve was installed on Sherbrooke Street North, which replaced a leaking hydrant.
 - Eleven out of twenty-five Dutch Elm Disease infected trees have been removed to date.
 - Paving will take place beginning of September.
 - Councillor CM inquires about putting the old Zamboni up for sale. After discussion, the conclusion was to keep the old Zamboni until the tractor shed is rebuilt to suit the larger Olympia ice resurface machine.
 - Town Foreman had Baran Sewer & Drain use his camera in the storm sewer on Sherbrooke Street to see if we can locate the leak that has been an ongoing issue. The video is saved to a thumb drive and can be viewed any time. Town Foreman is thinking of getting Acme in to hydrovac in the alley to see if the leak can be located. May jet that storm sewer out in the fall.
 - Golf Club: Councillor CM presented copies of receipts for expenses that the Golf Club incurred for the new tee-off boxes created and new trees planted at the Golf Course. Councillor CM recommends that the Town reimburse them for these expenses as their season has been compromised for fundraising due to COVID, and the Town has budget for the Golf Course to support the Golf Club.

298/20 CM/RQ to reimburse the Wolseley Golf Club for expenses incurred for new tee-off boxes and trees for a total of \$1,285.93.

CARRIED

- Happy Ad Sign & Design continues to work on the Golf Club sign. Councillor CM will check in with Marty on progress.

- GH - Mayor GH will coordinate when electrical rough-in will take place as Lakeside Home is doing some cement work near same area in the near future, and perhaps we can organize everything at the same time.
- The Gull Wing Bench has been ordered and should be here in the next couple of weeks. We will get Public Works to pour a cement pad for its placement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Animal Control Bylaw Review: The bylaw is still under review with legal, and we can expect to receive a draft copy in the next 7-10 days.
2. Town Hall – Boiler Pump & Flag Updates: Nothing further to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jeff Gooliaf, KBM Resources Group re: Dutch Elm Disease Survey (“DED”) #2
Results: The second DED survey took place in the afternoon of August 7, 2020 and unfortunately a fair number of both beetle and root transmission DED cases were detected (17 trees in total). Some of them were infected and completely killed in the past 6 weeks. The dry summer in our region has put a lot of pressure on the trees and has helped spread DED. Authorization forms have been signed for applicable trees. Joel Kempfer will be contacted for assistance with the larger trees. In 2020, a total of 25 trees were found with DED within the Town of Wolseley.

COMMUNICATIONS**IN CAMERA**

- 299/20** KD/CM to go In Camera at 8:13PM pursuant to Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following:
- Staff Planning

Parties present: Mayor GH, Councillors RQ, RL, KD, CM; and CAO CQ.

CARRIED

- 300/20** CM/RQ to go out of In Camera at 8:39PM.

CARRIED

- 301/20** KD/RL to continue staff planning.

CARRIED**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Regular Meeting of Council – Wednesday September 02, 2020 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall/Opera House (lower level).

ADJOURNMENT

- 302/20** KD that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40PM.

CARRIED*Gerald Hill*_____
Mayor*Candice Quintyn*_____
Administrator