

MINUTES OF THE November 14th, 2023 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor MacCumber, Councillors Willett, Pain, Smith, Payne (virtual), and CAO Rolfe.

Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor MacCumber.

Agenda: Councillor Pain moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councillor Pain moved to accept the October 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Smith moved to accept the October 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Old Business:

CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor Payne moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.

Yards: CPO's will be back to do a final inspection.

Tax Sale The Tax Sale will go ahead on November 28, 2023.

MR Water Study: The study has now been modified to include an alternative of upgrading Milk River's plant.

Water Meters: Still working on.

Lethbridge Community Foundation: A grant will be applied for to update the library lighting to LED's.

Mower: The Recreation Board has agreed to pay \$5000 towards a new zero turn mower. The Village will pay the remainder.

Financial Statement: The October 2023 Financial Statement was presented and discussed. Councillor Willett moved to approve the October 2023 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable: The accounts payable was distributed and discussed.
Mayor MacCumber moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Ag Society
Infrastructure
Revitalization

Program: A new program has been announced for Ag Societies. They/we will apply for renovations to the entrance of the civic centre. Councillor Smith moved to partner with the AG Society to apply for a grant to renovate the entrance of the Civic Centre and Village Office. Carried.

Festival of
Lights:

Festival of Lights is December 18. Councillor Pain moved that the Village pay for the prizes for the light contest. \$100, \$75 and \$50 for residents, and \$50 for the best business. Carried.

Christmas
Closure:

Councillor Smith moved to have the office closed for Christmas from Dec 25 – Jan 2. Carried.

Website:

Councillor Willett will be stepping down from hosting the website in April, 2024. CAO Rolfe will work on getting quotes for a new company to build the website for us.

ANDVillage:

AndVillage is a consulting Co that is interested in helping with housing. This topic was tabled waiting for further information.

Canada Western

Gateway:

Mayor MacCumber moved that The Village of Coutts will pay \$500.00 membership towards Canada Western Gateway. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Councillor

Payne: Attended the Ridge Country Housing Meeting
Attended the FCSS Meeting

Councillor

Willett: Attended the Lethbridge EX plea for support meeting
Attended the SouthGrow water rights and licensing meeting
Attended the AAIP meeting about immigration
Attended the SouthGrow Executive Meeting
Attended a scholarship presentation for Agri Food

Councillor

Smith: Attended the CMRSA Meeting

Councillor

Pain: Attended the Rural transit Solutions Meeting
Attended the Handibus Meeting
Attended the Library meeting

Mayor

MacCumber: Attended the Housing Sub Committee Meeting
Attended a CAO Webinaire
Attended an AHS Dr update (x2)
Attended the Mayors and Reeves Meeting
Attended the Healthcare Retention Meeting
Attended the Western Canada Gateway Meeting

Correspondence: Received a thank you card from a resident that had a sewer back up.

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm.



MAYOR



CAO

CAO Report – November 14th 2023

1. Public Works: Doing some fall clean up. Servicing mowers etc. Getting ready for plowing.
2. Tax Sale Work is mostly done, advertising went out to the public today.
3. Attended a meeting with area CAO's and MPE Engineering regarding the water project. Details as an agenda item.
4. Attended the Handibus AGM, and regular meeting following it.
5. Remembrance Day
6. Insurance Renewal paperwork completed.
7. Did up 6 locum bags and had them dropped off at the clinic.