

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> , 2022 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

- Present: Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain (remotely via phone), Payne and CAO Rolfe  
Also Present Dena Slezina, Leonard McCulloch, Margaret O'Hara, Gail and Russel Mausley, Brenda Balson, Joanne Person, Colleen Bianchi, Dusten Bianchi, Kathy Kolesar, Cindy Clarke, Marvin Bohne, Carolyn & Keith Dangerfield, Bob Lisowski, Debbie Judd, Rob Liester, Nick Lippa, Chris Rollins, MLA Grant Hunter, 3 RCMP Members (Corporal Peters, Chief Superintendent Trevor Daroux, and S/Sgt Chris Zanidean)
- Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously
- Carolyn  
Dangerfield: Came to speak against the letter sent out by the Mayor, and comments about the protest.
- Kathy  
Kolesar: Came to speak against the same letter.
- MLA  
Hunter: MLA Hunter shared comments on the protest. He also talked about the pandemic and restrictions relaxing. He left at 7:50pm.
- Chief  
Superintendent  
Daroux: He shared comments about the protest and their role in it. Corporal Peters and Sargent Zanidean also explained and answered questions from the crowd.
- Various  
Community  
Members: Various members of the crowd voiced their opinions. They were not on the agenda, but allowed to speak.
- Note: At 8:30 PM, this discussion ended and the crowd left. A short break was had before resuming the meeting.  
Councillor Payne moved for a break at 8:30pm Carried.  
Councillor MacCumber moved to resume the meeting at 8:40pm. Carried.
- Minutes: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the January 2022 regular 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.
- EV Charging  
Station: Quotes are being gathered.
- Electric  
Vehicle  
Grant: No update
- Handibus: Grant received. Information still being gathered.
- Financial  
Statement: Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the January 2022 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts  
Payable: Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Bylaw 584

2022 Operating

Loan Bylaw:

Mayor Willett moved for first reading of Bylaw 584, the operating loan bylaw with ATB Financial for the fiscal 2022 year. Carried.

Councillor MacCumber moved for second reading of Bylaw 584. Carried.

Councillor Payne moved for permission for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Bylaw 584. Carried.

Mayor Willett moved for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Bylaw 584. Carried.

Ellert:

Ellert lease was discussed. Tabled.

Street

Lights:

Fortis will do an assessment to be sure we have enough street lighting. A quote will be obtained for this assessment.

Western

Canada Gateway

& Trade Corridor: Councillor MacCumber brought questions from the group. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.

Coutts

Library:

Councillor Payne moved to accept the following members to the Coutts Library Board, Michelle Ceasor, Pat Shearer, Darlene Wicks, Margaret O'Hara, Joanne Person, and Steve Pain (council rep). Carried unanimously.

Protest:

The protest was discussed and the handling by council related to roles. Planning for future events will take place.

Committee

Reports:

Councillor

Pain:

Attended AHS Intro

Attended the Chinook Arch Orientation

Attended the Library Meeting

Councillor

Payne:

Attended Ridge Country Housing Meeting

Attended FCSS Meeting

Councillor

MacCumber:

Attended the Quad Muni Healthcare Support Meeting

Attended the Western Gateway & Trade Corridor meeting

Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting

Mayor

Willett:

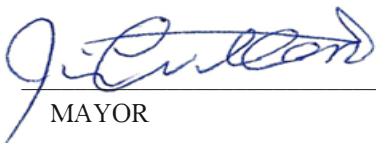
Attended the Mayors and Reeves

Attended a police follow up meeting

Correspondence: Letter from Fort MacLeod asking for a support letter

Closed Session: Not requested at this time.

Adjourn: Councillor MacCumber moved to adjourn at 9<sup>50</sup> pm.

  
MAYOR

  
CAO

## CAO Report Feb 8th, 2022

1. Covid-19 updates continue
2. 911 Webinars continue
3. Year end started
4. I was out sick from Jan 21-31<sup>st</sup>, so I got a bit behind. The newsletter went out today.
5. I've also been dealing with many calls about the protest. (good and bad).
6. The system had a glitch with the T4's, so I'll be running them soon.