

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15TH , 2022 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

- Present:** Mayor Willett, Councillor's MacCumber, Pain, Smith, Payne, and CAO Rolfe. Also present Peter Cassarella with SouthGrow.
- Meeting:** Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Willett.
- Agenda:** Councillor Payne moved to accept the agenda with one addition. Carried unanimously
- Delegate:** Peter came to discuss a possibility of entering into a Solar Project with SouthGrow. Peter gave a presentation and fielded questions. Councillor MacCumber moved that the Village of Coutts give approval to proceed with the Solar Project, provided that SouthGrow meets the conditions discussed regarding quantifying benefits for the Village, residents, and the region. SouthGrow will follow all best practices set out, the Village will have right of 1st refusal on future agreements dealing with power costs, and the public will have a chance to be engaged during the process. Carried.
Peter left after his presentation.
- Minutes:** Councillor MacCumber moved to accept the October 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.
Councillor Payne moved to accept the October 2022 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Old Business:**
- CAO Report:** CAO Report is attached. Mayor Willett moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Handibus:** Purchase of the new electric bus in on target. Safety Fitness Certification is being worked on.
- New Road:** A semi slid off the road and made a mess. The county has fixed it the best they could for now.
- Paving
Sand Sealing
Sidewalks:** Sidewalks have been finished. The strip that needs paving along side of them may have to wait until spring.
- Public Order
Emergency
Commission:** Mayor Willett testified in Ottawa. It is all on line.
- Festival of
Lights:** Festival of Lights will be on December 22nd. Councillor Smith moved to pay for the best lights as in the past. 1st residential \$100, 2nd Residential \$75, 3rd Residential \$50, and best Business \$50. Carried unanimously.
- Strategic
Planning:** There will be a special strategic planning meeting on January 31st at 6:30.
- Financial
Statement:** Mayor Willett moved to accept the October 2022 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.
- Accounts
Payable:** Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.
- New Business**
- Budget 2023:** Councillor Smith moved to use the 2022 budget as the interim budget for 2023. Carried unanimously.

Christmas Party: The staff Christmas Party will be December 9th at 6:00pm. CAO Rolfe will organize.

Ambulance: Councillor Smith moved to write a letter from the Village regarding first response use and response time after an incident was had last week. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Willett: Attended the Mayors and Reeves Meeting
Attended an AB Muni Meeting
Testified in Ottawa

Councillor Smith: Attended the Chief Mountain Meeting

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

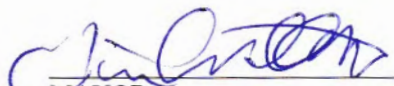
Councillor MacCumber: Attended the Milk River Watershed Meeting
Attended 2 Healthcare Retention Meetings

Councillor Pain: Attended the Handibus Meeting
Did 2 virtual library sessions
Attended the Cross Boundary Water information meeting

Correspondence: None at this time

Closed Session: Councillor MacCumber moved to go in closed session at 8:50 pm citing section 144 of the MGA RSA 2000 Chapter M-26 145 (b). Carried. Councillor MacCumber moved to come out of camera at 9:35pm. Carried

Adjourn: Councillor MacCumber moved to adjourn at 9:35 pm. Carried.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report November, 2022

1. 911 Webinars continue – None recently
2. Emergency Management New System is being rolled out; training has started.
3. Sidewalks are done, strip to be paved, probably in the spring now.
4. Culvert is in the new road, road sluffed when it was too wet, county has fixed.
5. Attended a Joint Water Commission in Milk River regarding a new study they are doing on the cross boundary agreement.
6. Helped organize and set up Remembrance Day
7. Attended the Handibus meeting, issues with the Safety Fitness Cert. to be ironed out.
8. Canada Day Grant applied for