

**TOWN OF MILK RIVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 12th, 2016**



The regular meeting of the council of the Town of Milk River was held in council chambers in the municipal office on Monday, September 12th, 2016, commencing at 5:00 pm.

Attendance

Mayor, D. Hawco
Councillor, M. McCanna
Councillor, S. Liebelt
Councillor, P. Losey
Councillor, D. Cody

Chief Administrative Officer, R. Leuzinger, Public Works Foreman S. Beliveau, Planner B. Brunner and Intern D. Christensen.

Call to Order

Mayor Hawco called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Additions to Agenda

Res. No. 2016-09-01

MOVED by Councillor McCanna that the agenda be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

**Bylaw No. 996 – LUB
Amendment**

Res. No. 2016-09-02

MOVED by Councillor Liebelt to approve first reading of Bylaw 996 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment and to open the public hearing at 5:05pm for this Bylaw Amendment.

CARRIED

Public Hearing

Planner B. Brunner provided a background of the process that has been utilized so far and provided an explanation of what a direct control district is.

- Vic Haddad asked how many tax dollars the development would bring in.
- Tom Butler asked about how much water would be used by the new development, if approved
- Mrs. Meijers asked about the costs of treating water and how much water would be used
- Elaine Horgus asked about the impacts on the community
- Jean Buchanan has concerns of the type of workers and about resulting diseases
- Krista Reich asked about the number of employees with Joe Sheldrake mentioning that they expect 10 in the first year and 15 – 20 in the next year
- Lisa Wright asked for clarity about the number of employees
- Mark Meijers asked about the type of jobs and why the building is being placed in Town and not out of Town
- Theresa Thompson asked about Canadian producers for

comparison

- Valerie Miller asked if a federal approval of recreational marijuana usage would affect the business
- Ruth Crapo mentioned it should not be located close to the schools and within Town limits
- Brad Hoytos says it is a benefit if they can provide employment and that it is close to available infrastructure
- Rob Hoytos mentioned he is happy to see a new business wanting to come to Town
- John McCanna is pro-business and is happy they have possibly chosen Milk River
- Bernice Wright is curious about banking and the impact of a bank not financing a private business
- Wendy Brown asked about the proximity of the development to the nearest residential property and the perception the Town will receive as a result of having a medical marijuana facility in Town
- Vic Haddad asked whether we are the only community they are considering
- Tom Taylor asked if the Council only votes on this or if it is a community vote
- Matthew Cody spoke how he is a user of medicinal marijuana for his PTSD and the positive impact it has on his daily life
- Marietta Thielen mentioned she came for information and asked why GLAC was interested in Milk River. Joe responded with a forward thinking Council, security with the RCMP in the municipality, highway access, a hospital and a warm welcome
- Liz Doenz asked about whether crime would increase as a result
- Shirley Hawco mentioned she was pro-business and happy with potential progress
- Jim Willett mentioned that people need attend Council meetings and that they are not secretive meetings
- Jessie Prunkle and Kathy McCarthy mentioned they are pro-business and happy with potential progress
- Brian Young and his partner asked about the process if this zoning was approved and that she has epilepsy so this would help her with her condition
- Mark Thompson mentioned that the Fire Department has no issues with this and that he pro-business and that there is good potential for an alternative employment option for the Town

Mayor Hawco asked about whether anyone else had any information to share and closed the public hearing at 6:08pm with no additional comments being made. Planner B. Brunner left the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Losey to take a recess @ 6:09pm.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Cody to resume the meeting @ 6:15pm.

CARRIED

Delegations

Larry Liebelt made a presentation about a proposed project that would see the Milk River Kinsmen, the Riverside Golf Society and the Town partner in further developing a wetland on the golf course that would assist the golf course with a stable irrigation infrastructure and assist the Town with dealing with storm water drainage. This project would collect the drainage to be used by the golf course for watering the course.

Corporal Stewart Gemmill introduced himself and Constable Cody Baker to Council and provided some local information about how the detachment is operating.

Public Works Foreman S. Beliveau left the meeting @ 6:45pm.

Jerry Crappo and Mark Meijers spoke to Council about the Centennial Days fireworks and the issues that arose while they were trying to get the fireworks set up.

Serge Mankow asked Council to allow him to receive a credit on his property taxes for 2016 because he consolidated the titles on his properties.

Approval of Minutes
Res. No. 2016-09-03

MOVED by Councillor Liebelt that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 11, 2016, be approved, with one revision for a spelling error.

CARRIED

Accounts Payable
Res. No. 2016-09-04

MOVED by Councillor Losey to accept accounts payable #20160477-#20160694, excepting #20160679. Mayor Hawco abstained from voting on #20160679.

CARRIED

Administration Reports
Res. No. 2016-09-05

MOVED by Councillor Cody to accept the Administration reports as information, as presented.

CARRIED

New Business
Bylaw No. 996 – LUB Amendment
Res. No. 2016-09-06
Res. No. 2016-09-07

MOVED by Councillor Losey to approve second reading of Bylaw 996 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment, as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Cody for unanimous consent to consider third and final reading of Bylaw 996 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Res. No. 2016-09-08

MOVED by Councillor Liebelt to approve third and final reading of Bylaw 996 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment, as presented.

CARRIED

Financial Policy
Res. No. 2016-09-09

MOVED by Councillor McCanna to table the Purchasing Policy until the October 2016 Council meeting.

CARRIED

Golf Course Wetland Project

Res. No. 2016-09-10

MOVED by Councillor Losey to approve a partnership with the Milk River Kinsmen and the Riverside Golf Course to enhance and develop the wetlands on the golf course and the Town will contribute \$20,000 towards the engineering portion of the project.

CARRIED

Town Office – Flat Roof Replacement

Res. No. 2016-09-11

MOVED by Councillor McCanna to approve replacing the flat roof portion of the Town Hall with a budget of \$20,000.

CARRIED

Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) – Write Off

Res. No. 2016-09-12

MOVED by Councillor Losey to approve writing off the outstanding property taxes of \$129.99 on Tax Roll #1008000; \$127.13 on Tax Roll #1009000; and \$124.62 on Tax Roll #1010000.

CARRIED

Alberta Parks – Letter of Support

Res. No. 2016-09-13

MOVED by Councillor Cody to provide Alberta Parks a letter of support from the Town for their application to the World Heritage Centre for attempting to designate Writing on Stone Provincial Park as a World Heritage Site.

CARRIED

Property Tax Credit Request

Res. No. 2016-09-14

MOVED by Councillor Cody to approve the request to provide a taxation credit of 2 years for Roll #2408000.

DEFEATED

Correspondence

Res. No. 2016-09-15

MOVED by Councillor McCanna to accept the correspondence as information, as presented.

CARRIED

Public Works Foreman S. Beliveau returned to the meeting at 7:50pm.

Councillor Reports

Councillor McCanna

- Dr. Recruitment meeting
- Golf Society meeting

Councillor Liebelt

- Businessmen's meeting
- Transboundary Water and Weeds tour
- Municipal Government Act review meeting

Councillor Losey

- Centennial Meeting
- Transboundary Water and Weeds tour

Councillor Cody

- Municipal Government Act review meeting
- Chinook Arch Regional Library Board meeting
- Transboundary Water and Weeds tour
- Library Board meeting

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hawco reported on the following:

- Municipal Government Act review meeting
- Transboundary Water and Weeds tour
- Seniors meeting
- Christmas hamper drive discussions

Public Works Foreman S. Beliveau and Intern D. Christensen left the meeting at 8:15pm.

MOVED by Councillor Cody to recess the meeting @ 8:15pm. CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Cody to resume the meeting @ 8:20pm. CARRIED

Res. No. 2016-09-16 MOVED by Councillor McCanna to go in camera at 8:22pm, as per section #24 of FOIPP. CARRIED

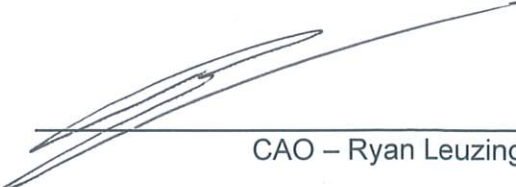
Res. No. 2016-09-17 MOVED by Councillor Cody to come out of the in camera session at 9:12pm. CARRIED

Adjournment
Res. No. 2016-09-18 MOVED by Councillor McCanna to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm. CARRIED

These minutes approved this 11th day of October, 2016.



Mayor – David Hawco



CAO – Ryan Leuzinger