

**Regular Meeting of Council for the
Village of Carmangay,
February 19, 2019
at the Carmangay Library
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CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order by Mayor Stacey Hovde at 6:30 p.m.

GUESTS Barry McFarland had a discussion regarding land and utility access. CAO Bergen will follow up with Mr. McFarland about his questions.

Sheila Smidt, spokesperson for the Carmangay Advocacy Group provided a verbal presentation to Council about Council and administration concerns and provided a written document. Ms. Smidt had previously provided information about the Carmangay Advocacy Group in her request to be a delegation to Council.

PRESENT Stacey Hovde, Mayor
JoAnne Juce, Deputy Mayor
Peggy Hovde, Councilor
Patrick Bergen, Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Joanne Juce to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the St. Patrick's Day Agenda.

Carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Peggy Hovde to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 22, 2019.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The Public Works Report was presented as detailed in the Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The CAO report was presented as detailed in the Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

CAO Patrick Bergen received correspondence from Sheila Smidt of the Carmangay Advocacy Group.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CAO Patrick Bergen provided the financial update as detailed in the Agenda.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce to accept the financial report as presented.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Council discussed adding a Four Way Stop Sign at the corner of Grand and Armstrong. Opinion of citizens will be polled via social media.
- b) Council discussed the issue of stray cats in the village. Initiating a Spay and Neuter Program was also discussed.
- c) Council discussed and reviewed the draft 2019 Final Operational Budget. Administration will bring the 2019 Final Operational Budget to the Council meeting for Council consideration.
- d) Council discussed the Action List Update.

REPORTS

a) ORRSC

No meeting.

b) MARQUIS

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce attended a Marquis Foundation meeting.

The Business Plan created by the Marquis Board and the CAO of PD Lodge in early November has been approved by the Province.

Rent increases have come into effect. Increases are very small, and in line with increased operating costs. There are several vacancies in the Lodge, and no waiting list. There is a waiting list for the Vulcan self-contained housing units, and vacancies in Carmangay and Lomond.

Basic refurbishment and maintenance is ongoing as self-contained units become vacant. Carman Manor has needed a lot of these repairs and upgrades in recent months.

A chef has been hired. The intent is to create a more pleasing environment for residents, by making the food more enjoyable and appealing while still being nutritious. It is also hoped that a professional in the kitchen will enhance staff satisfaction and retention.

Grant funds for repairs and maintenance for PD Lodge have been received and will be used throughout the next couple of years.

A number of policies were reviewed and modified, or simply approved.

Several residents have raised funds for a freestanding scooter shed to be built on the PD Lodge grounds. The Board applauds their initiative.

There has been a change by Liquor and Gaming Board to allow PD Lodge residents to consume their own alcoholic beverages in Lodge common areas, as well being able to entertain guests in those areas with same. Licenses are only required where liquor will be sold.

The Marquis Board made a motion that I get a feeling for public opinion on allowing individuals under 65 years of age to rent suites in Carman Manor. I was able to do this, and working with the CAO of PD Lodge, have approved both prospective tenants, with certain caveats. Both should be moving in on March 1.

The Seniors Facility Feasibility Group recently met with the consultants to review the business case, before the project is presented to the Province for grant funding. Turns out that the estimated cost of the project is \$27,000,000, including FF&E. Sample room layout options have been included. As before, the consultants feel that they have compiled an excellent business case, and that the province will look favorably on a new Seniors Facility in Vulcan, as long as there is some money in the coffers.

c) VULCAN DISTRICT SOLID WASTE

No meeting.

d) CARMANGAY AND DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce attended a Carmangay and District Library Board meeting.

The February meeting financial report included an adjustment to the budget to ensure that salaries, increased due to new minimum wage standards, are covered. The Library Manager gave her year-end/new year planning and programming report. The numbers were very impressive - active patrons up by 24% over the previous year, in person visits up by 18%, programs up by 18%; many new materials purchased to keep the Library current and relevant. Future plans are very exciting and include the potential to add to physical literacy. Doing this will require additional storage space (about 200 sq. ft.).

There was some disappointment that there will no Library/Community Centre expansion in the near future, but programming will continue as planned, in coordination with the Seniors' centre when more space is required for an event. Several staff and board members will attend the Southern Alberta Library Conference in early March.

The Agricultural Society has decided to open up the management of the Sports Day parade to other groups, and therefore invited the Library to submit a proposal for same. We were all surprised, since we thought Library involvement was a tradition that would go on for the foreseeable future. After discussion, the Library Board voted to decline the Ag. Society's offer this year, although we will still have a float in the parade and sponsor ice-cream treats and some form of entertainment on Sports Day.

The Board has initiated the first steps to create a Friends of the Carmangay Library Society. The first thing is to decide on a name that is both unique and representative of the Society's function. A naming contest is underway, until the end of February. The next step will be to do a name search with the chosen name, and then we will register the Society officially. At that point we will actively recruit members and meet to elect an executive. Our goal will primarily be to fund-raise

for the benefit of the Library and the growth of its programs. Since the Library has become the heartbeat of this community, we hope to see a very strong response.

e) FCSS

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce attended an FCSS meeting.

Minor renovations have been completed, enhancing the efficiency of FCSS and Food Bank services, and keeping staffing costs down. The new reception counter, for example, allows the reception person to more easily manage visitors and clients.

The new security system is now up and running, enhancing safety for both staff and clients, whether in the FCSS offices, the Food Bank areas, or down in the Youth Centre.

Programs continue to give support and information to various groups in our community, including some of the more vulnerable - Seniors, Children, and Youth. These programs include Pillars of Health, Caregivers Support, Suicide Prevention, Roots of Empathy, etc. There is also funding for a Rural Mental Health Program initiative.

There is a Youth In Action Grant sponsored by the Community Foundation - applicants must be under 25, creating projects that have a positive impact on their community.

The Food Bank has improved their efficiencies in their use of space and volunteers, enabling them to have a stress-free Christmas hamper season. Note that the need for hampers in Carmangay is quite strong.

There is now an Affordable Housing Society seeking to develop an affordable housing project in Vulcan. They will need to interact with the Marquis Board and others in order to move forward. Funding will not be easy to obtain, from what I can tell. The proposed projects will need to follow a lot of guidelines in order to get grants.

f) HALL BOARD

Councillor Peggy Hovde attended a Hall Board meeting, and reports that the Hall will be buying the old store.

Motion by Councillor Peggy Hovde to rescind the previous motion made August 31, 2018 which read "Motion made by Councillor Peggy Hovde to instruct staff to purchase land at Plan 570X Block 4, Lots 13, 14 and 15 for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Carried.

g) SOUTHGROW

No meeting.

h) TWIN VALLEY REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION

No meeting.

i) MAYORS AND REEVES OF SOUTHWEST ALBERTA

No meeting.

j) HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce attended a Historical Society meeting.

The Historical Society is looking forward to the Village work on the swale and the gravel surround at the Historical Firehall. The creation of a more suitable barrier-free slope at the west edge of the sidewalk at the Historical Church is another item we hope to see completed by the Village in spring.

Our next project will be the design, creation, and installation of a sign identifying the Historical Firehall and telling its story. We have received a grant from EDF for this. The Historical Society will apply at the Village office for a sign permit, describing the size, appearance, location and mounting methods for this sign. Financially, the Historical Society is in good shape, having received their grant for a portion of the Church roof repair, as well as casino funds. Some of this will be used to repay the loan from the Hall Board.

Other projects, such as adding historical signage to the Carmangay cemetery, have been deferred until spring.

The Historical Society has decided they are not interested in using the MLA building for any exhibits, although some historical items are currently stored there (on a temporary basis).

k) CHINOOK ARCH

No meeting.

L) TEEPEE RING COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce attended a Teepee Ring Committee meeting.

I have now been able to connect with the actual Aboriginal Heritage person who looks after the Southern Alberta region, Aaron Wilson. He was far more informative than the original contact I was given, but less willing to become involved in assisting. After having spoken with him, and gaining greater understanding, I've been able to send off info to the various First Nation contacts that would become involved, should they choose to do so. His information makes me feel more comfortable moving forward, but it is also clear that this will be a long drawn-out process, and that if we wish to engage with any First Nations Elders, we will need to come up with some kind of honorariums, as well as pouches of tobacco (Drum, by preference). Therefore, Council and Administration will need to discuss some sort of budget. Note that grants are available for some parts of this proposed project.

M) PEAKS TO PRAIRIE LAUNCH

Mayor Stacey Hovde attended a Peaks to Prairie Launch meeting, in which the committee reviewed implementing a car charging station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce to go in camera at 7:30 p.m.

Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce to move out of camera at 9:15 p.m.

Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor JoAnne Juce to direct staff to purchase the land and land improvements at 112 Carman Street, Legal Land Description Plan 570X, Block 3, Lots 11 to 13 for a sum not to exceed \$13,125 including GST and \$1,000 for legal and other costs for a total of \$14,125.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stacey Hovde adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting – March 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmangay Library

Mayor Stacey Hovde

Chief Administrative Officer
Patrick Bergen