

# TOWN OF ALAMEDA

Minutes of the regular meeting of council held in the Alameda Town Office, Alameda, SK, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Tim Freitag, Beth Demchuk, Ken Best, Jennifer Cobham, Dwayne Henderson, Doug Walls and Administrator Lynne Hewitt

**ABSENT:** Wade Duncan

## **MINUTES:**

165/16 Motion Best/Demchuk that the minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting shall be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS:**

166/16 Motion Cobham/Demchuk that cheques #3877-3901 in the amount of \$64,853.40 and other payments of \$20,267.94 and the statement of receipts and payments for November 2016 be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **DELEGATION:**

Dean Copeland and Trent Dorrance attended the meeting on behalf of the Rec. Board. They currently have \$254,000 in the Rec. Board account and plan to put \$225,000 towards loan and the balance will be used for general operating expenses. The Rec. Board is finalizing plans to complete renovations to the rink. The projected cost of the project is \$625,000. \$400,000 of this will be funded with a loan from Prairie Pride Credit Union.

They have looked at building overtop of the current cement but the companies that complete renovations such as this will not guarantee their work if this is what the Rec. Board wants to do. This option would only save \$100,000. The movement on the current cement is not bad at the moment. The boards are moving 5-8 inches per year. The cement that is used for this type of project is a specific mix.

The current fundraisers such as the Fish Derby, Trip of the Month and Ladies Night will continue and help to meet the yearly loan amount. The loan will be for 20 years. Other fundraising ideas include advertising on the new boards and a farm land fund raiser. Trent Dorrance mentioned that the rink has gained approximately \$32,000 net income per year in the past number of years.

The Rec. Board will be holding a public meeting in 2017. The Rec. Board wanted to talk to town council to see what support would be received before they went to the public.

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The project would start as soon as the ice show is over. Cement and lines would be ready to go by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The expected project completion is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The contractor that has been picked is the same as the one completing the Carnduff rink renovation.

## OLD BUSINESS:

167/16 Motion Demchuk/Best that Bylaw 7-17 a bylaw to establish a Code of Ethics bylaw for the Town of Alameda shall be introduced and read a first time.

**CARRIED**

168/16 Motion Cobham/Walls that Bylaw 7-16 shall be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

169/16 Motion Best/Henderson that Bylaw 7-16 shall be given three readings at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

170/16 Motion Best/Henderson that Bylaw 7-16 shall be given third reading and signed and sealed.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Freitag read a letter from James Trobert that was sent to Craig Cameron regarding the status of his lot. In the letter Craig Cameron has been given until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to provide some kind of documentation that he plans to construct a house on the property shortly. Should he not do this the Town of Alameda will proceed with using the transfers back to the Town. Doug Walls raised a concern from a taxpayer that perhaps the town was being unfair and picking only on Craig Cameron as far as when he can build and what he can build. It was mentioned by several other councillors that Craig Cameron has had almost three years to fulfill a contract whereas all other people that have purchased from the town have fulfilled the contract in the one year time requirement. It will now be up to Craig to provide some kind of documentation to the Town.

The digital sign has been delivered and it is at the town shop. It will be installed when the electrician is available and weather is warmer. There will be a balance owing on the sign over and above what Alameda Small Business Loans donated.

All the benefit forms for eligible councillors have been returned with the exception of Wade Duncan. The eligibility period is 31 days at which time members of council cannot be eligible for any kind of benefits without providing medical information.

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## NEW BUSINESS:

171/16 Motion Cobham/Henderson that the Town of Alameda is in favour of co-signing a loan for the Alameda Recreation Board provided that a majority of the tax payers from the Town of Alameda at a public meeting vote in favour of the renovation project.

**CARRIED**

Money has been received from the Department of Highways in the amount of \$27,500 for the connector road. Administrator Hewitt suggested that the money be put into a term specifically allocated for the project in 2017.

172/16 Motion Best/Walls that the \$27,500.00 received from the Department of Highways for the connector road coming into Alameda be put into a CU Save account specifically for this project.

**CARRIED**

173/16 Motion Best/Demchuk that Motion 154/16 be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

174/16 Motion Best/Cobham that jackets be purchased with the Town Logo for all retiring councillors and Mayor as well as the following:  
\$100 gift certificate to Red Lobster and a gift certificate from the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa for one nights accomodation – Tom Morrow  
\$50 prepaid Visa/Mastercard – Marc Talbot  
\$50 gift certificate Davis Meats – Melissa Klassen and Mike Warner

**CARRIED**

175/16 Motion Demchuk/Walls that the Volunteer Fire Coverage for the Alameda Fire Department remain the same for 2017.

**CARRIED**

176/16 Motion Walls/Cobham that the February 2016 council meeting be changed to February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to accommodate those councillors that will be attending the SUMA convention in Saskatoon.

**CARRIED**

177/16 Motion Best/Demchuk that the remainder of the 2016 invoices be paid prior to the January 2017 meeting so that they may be allocated to the 2016 year.

**CARRIED**

178/16 Motion Walls/Cobham that a \$600.00 gift card be purchased for the family that the Town of Alameda has adopted for Christmas.

**CARRIED**

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179/16 Motion Cobham/Best that Lynne Hewitt be given approval for the following vacation days:

February 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**CARRIED**

180/16 Motion Walls/Demchuk that the Town of Alameda purchase a sander that will mount on the back of the Town truck from Conquest equipment at an approximate cost of \$3,000.

**CARRIED**

## **ACCOUNTS:**

181/16 Motion Demchuk/Cobham that the accounts be approved for payment as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

182/16 Motion Best/Henderson that the correspondence be adopted as read.

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Walls, Best, Duncan, – no report

Henderson – has purchased some additional small equipment for the Alameda Fire department that is second hand but in very good condition.

Demchuk – attended the Borderline AGM meeting. The regular meeting was held right after the AGM. A letter has been written to the Ministry of Health questioning the withholding of \$29,000 from the Borderline Budget. OH&S has failed the alarm system due to it being too loud. Borderline has paid \$3,000 for Tele health for the next three years. Faye Walker has written a second letter to the board with many more questions regarding the dismissal of Shelly Boardman. There has been more money received from Sun Country to hire an additional LPN. The money has now been received from the settled lawsuit and allocated to the appropriate places. OH&S has also failed the kitchen due to the condition and placement of the stove. Cindy Simpson has been hired on a two year minimum four year maximum contract as the Director of Care.

Cobham – attended the Rec Board meeting as the alternate. They are planning a big renovation. They have \$43,000 in the lottery account and have \$225,000 for a down payment towards a \$650,000 loan. A library meeting was held but she was unable to attend.

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**ADJOURN:**

183/16 Motion: Cobham that the meeting adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Administrator