

Village of Myrnam

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for the Village of Myrnam
held on December 21, 2023, in the Village of Myrnam Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Rudolf, Deputy Mayor Raymond Yaremchuk, Councillor Kurt Ewanec, and Chief Administrative Officer Elsie Kiziak.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor D. Rudolf called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2023-167 MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to adopt the agenda as presented with one addition under New Business: Generator.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

2023-168 MOVED by Councillor K. Ewanec to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION: No one was registered for Delegation.

OPEN FORUM: No one was present for Open Forum.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Public Works Report

The Public Works Report was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by CAO E. Kiziak.

Financial Report

The Financial Report consisting of the 1) Bank Reconciliation Statement for month ending November 2023, and 2) the Cheque Listing for November 9 to December 14, 2023, was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by CAO E. Kiziak.

Chief Administrative Officer Report

The Chief Administrative Officer Report was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by CAO E. Kiziak.

2023-169 MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to accept the Administrative Reports as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

2023-170 MOVED by Councillor K. Ewanec to accept the Correspondence as presented.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Investigate incentives for development

Tabled from the last Regular Council Meeting to give council members more time to investigate possible incentive. After some discussion, Council provided the CAO with direction how to draft incentives for vacant residential and commercial/industrial properties and for façade reconstruction/renovations for existing buildings on residential and non-residential properties.

2023-171 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to table this agenda item to the next Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

2023-172 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk for Administration to draft a bylaw or policy to prevent the consolidation of lots without Council approval.

CARRIED

BYLAWS AND POLICIES:

2023-10 Village of Myrnam Library Board Bylaw

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) initially sent working notice (termination) to the librarian effective December 22, 2023. The Village sent a letter to NLLS requesting to reconsider termination of the librarian and library services until the Village can form a library board. The Village received confirmation from NLLS on December 11th that the Executive decided to keep the library open to the community until the library board is formed. Draft bylaw reviewed by Municipal Affairs.

2023-173 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that the Bylaw 2023-10 be now read a first time.

CARRIED

2023-174 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk that the Bylaw 2023-10 be now read a second time.

CARRIED

2023-175 **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec that the Bylaw 2023-10 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

2023-176 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that the Bylaw 2023-10 be now read a third and final time.

CARRIED

2023-11 Annual Operating Borrowing Bylaw

Annually Council must approve a Borrowing Bylaw for the purposes of financing operations as per Municipal Government Act Section 256.

2023-177 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk that the Bylaw 2023-11 be now read a first time. **CARRIED**

2023-178 **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec that the Bylaw 2023-11 be now read a second time. **CARRIED**

2023-179 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that the Bylaw 2023-11 be given consent for third and final reading. **CARRIED**

2023-180 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk that the Bylaw 2023-11 be now read a third and final time. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Interim Operating Budget

Municipal Government Act, Section 242 states each council must adopt an operating budget for each calendar year and that council may adopt an interim operating budget for part of a calendar year.

2023-181 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to adopt the 2023 operating budget as the 2024 interim budget. **CARRIED**

Library Board Appointments

As per Library Board Bylaw that was passed at this Council meeting, Council must appoint between 5 to 10 people to the new board.

2023-182 **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to appoint following people to the Village of Myrnam Library Board with set terms:

Bob Ross	3-year term
Irene Jacula	3-year term
Jackie Lubumsky	3-year term
Michael Rooyakkers	2-year term
Rhonda Cusack	2-year term
Yvonne Finlayson	1-year term
Dennis Machney	1-year term

CARRIED

Myrnam Community Hall Association – Lease Agreement

As the Myrnam Community Hall Association has taken over the responsibilities of operating a community hall from the Myrnam Elks, a new lease needs to be entered into by the new association.

- 2023-183** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to offer a 10-year lease to the Myrnam Community Hall Association at a rate of \$1.00 per year for the hall for the purposes of operating a community hall.

CARRIED

Small Community Opportunity Program

The Small Community Opportunity Program provides grants to tackle challenges and tap into opportunities in rural areas. Indigenous and small communities, as well as non-profit groups they work with, may receive between \$20,000 and \$100,000 for local projects with 10% funding by the applicant.

- 2023-184** **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to apply to the Small Community Opportunity Program for the purposes of providing micro-courses and courses to the general public at no cost to them.

CARRIED

Generator

Public Works received one quote for a generator for the water plant which was vetted by Select Engineering.

- 2023-185** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to purchase and install a generator as proposed by JN Electric.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor D. Rudolf verbally presented the Council report:

- FCSS: Will be creating a Community Calendar for all events in the region. Seeking interest in a community-wide shredding day. 70 hampers were given out this Christmas. Agenda with notes of the December 18, 2023 meeting was submitted. \$80,000 funding was approved for a community van.
- EagleHill Foundation: Willingdon is still doing well. Myrnam has an interim manager for Myrnam lodge until the manager returns. A new recreation coordinator was hire for Myrnam lodge.

Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk and Councillor K. Ewanec did not have a council report to present.

- 2023-186** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to accept the Council Reports as presented.

CARRIED

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

CAO Performance Evaluation

Tabled from the last Council meeting.

2023-187 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that council close the meeting to the public for Agenda item 12.a. CAO Performance Evaluation as per Section 17, FOIP at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

2023-188 **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec that council open the meeting to the public at 11:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Council provided the CAO with an Annual Performance Evaluation letter.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: With all items on the agenda having been addressed Mayor D. Rudolf adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 11:08 A.M.

Chief Elected Official
Chief Administrative Officer