

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**August 8, 2017**

Attendance: Mayor: Glen McCaffery; Councilors: Betty Lou Palko, Elvina Rumak, Sherry Pilon, Mel Cadrain; Chief Administrative Officer: Richard Dolezsar; Director of Public Works: Murray Paulson, Delegations: 1) Const. Derrek Watt – RCMP Report, 2) Sherril Carlson, SHC Regional Manager, Lyla Sten, SHC Area Manager

The following were received and acknowledged:

- July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- RCMP Report
- Public Works Report
- Accounts
- Building Permit Report
- Various Correspondence

**BEAR/WILDLIFE AWARENESS**

Council spent considerable time in discussions concerning instructions to residents concerning bear and wildlife encounters within the Community. The following public information statement has been developed:

- 1) Never feed or approach a bear or cubs.
- 2) Make a wide detour if you see a bear at a distance. Don't get too close to a bear for the sake of a photograph.
- 3) If you suddenly encounter a bear, calmly back away, speak in low tones and do not look directly at the bear.
- 4) Stay calm. **DO NOT RUN!** You cannot outrun a bear.
- 5) As a last resort when a bear is very close, dropping your pack or other articles may distract a bear.
- 6) Move towards a tree or a rock, which may protect you from the bear. Climbing a tree is not an escape but the bear may feel less threatened. Black bears can easily climb trees.
- 7) In almost all cases a black bear will threaten but will not attack. If an attack does occur and no escape is possible you should defend yourself. **DO NOT PLAY DEAD!**
- 8) Report all sightings within Town limits to the T.I.P. line at 1-800-667-7561 or SaskTel cell #5555.

**BYLAW NO. 179 – FIREARMS and PROJECTILE PROPELLING**

Administration was instructed to publicize the regulations contained in Bylaw No. 179 which clearly prohibits the discharge of any firearm or projectile propelling instrument within the limits of the Town of Hudson Bay.

**ENCLOSED WASTE RECEPTACLES**

A number of complaints have been received concerning residents failure to use enclosed water proof waste containers when setting out garbage for the Waste Collection Contractor. This is required by bylaw and there is a potential for fines to be levied in any instance of continued non compliance.

**SAMA - REVISION WEYERHAEUSER 2017 ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT**

Council acknowledged the SAMA revision on the 2017 Agreement to Adjust Assessment on Weyerhaeuser property HUDSO-865552700, Pt Sec 27-44-3-W2 and the CAO/Assessor was authorized to sign the adjusted agreement on behalf of the Town.

**TAX ENFORCEMENT – LIEN LIST**

The 2017 Tax Lien List was approved for advertising. This is a list of all properties in Town with tax arrears on the roll which do not already have a lien registered on the title. Property owners will have sixty (60) days to pay off arrears to prevent the tax lien being filed.

**TAX ENFORCEMENT – FIRST APPLICATION FOR TITLE**

Council authorized First Application for Title under the provisions of the Tax Enforcement Act. First Application is the second step in the Tax Enforcement process if payment is not made after a Tax Lien has been registered for a six month period.

#### RESERVOIR/PUMPHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

Council acknowledged the engineering update from Bullée Consulting on the CWWF Reservoir and Pumphouse Project and will advise pump sizing design should be adequate to serve the current needs with allowance for moderate growth.

#### STREET CLOSURE – SOAP BOX DERBY

Temporary street closure was approved of First Avenue from Churchill Street to Hudson Street for Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the annual youth Soap Box Derby.

#### ZAGROBELNY – WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT OPTION

Council accepted the notice from Paul Zagrobelny of Zagrobelny Services to exercise his option under the current agreement to continue with the waste collection contract under its' current terms for the years 2018 through 2021.

#### BERGER PEAT MOSS

The Town of Hudson Bay will advise Berger Peat Moss that we only support any further development of peat resources from the Hudson Bay area on the condition that resource processing take place in the local vicinity to provide local socioeconomic benefit.

#### COMMUNITY EVENT PERMITS

The following Community Event Permits at the Hudson Bay Arena relating to the Homecoming/Heritage Day weekend were approved:

- 1) Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> - Hudson Bay Lion's Club/Skate Park - 5:00 p.m. to midnight
- 2) Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Hudson Bay Fire & Rescue – 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

#### SWIMMING POOL – FUTURE PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Community groups or individuals wishing to engage in fundraising for future Community Swimming Pool enhancements/upgrades will be advised the Town does have a reserve account set up for that purpose and individual or corporate contributions would be tax deductible.

#### SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sherril Carlson and Lyla Sten of the Saskatchewan Housing Authority attended Council to review vacancy issues with the single family dwelling units in Hudson Bay and the potential for some of them to be put up for sale.