

PRESS RELEASE
Town Council Meeting
April 24, 2019

Attendance: Mayor: Glenn McCaffery; Councilors: Elvina Rumak, Sherry Pilon, Darin Barker, Mel Cadrain, Betty Lou Palko, Alexis Armit; Administrator: Teresa Parkman; Community Development Director: Jeanine Holowatuik; Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager: Vince Simpson

The following were received and acknowledged:

- April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Community Development Director's Report
- Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager's Report
- Financial Statement & Bank Reconciliation
- Accounts
- Overtime Report
- Various Correspondence

POOL STAFFING

Kaley Brooks was approved as Pool Manager and the Pool Staff selection was referred to the Pool Committee for recommendation and selection as required.

ARENA CARETAKER/RECREATION WORKER - APPOINTMENT

James Herron was appointed as Arena Caretaker/Recreation Worker, starting as soon as possible.

2019 BUDGET

Council acknowledged the updated Budget information, adopted the amended 2019 Budget, and set the tax rates at the following:

1) Municipal Mill Rate	12.0		
2) Mill Rate Factors	- Residential	0.8	
	- Commercial	1.2	
3) <u>Minimum Tax</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Land & Improvements</u>	
Residential	\$200.00	\$575.00	
Commercial & Industrial	\$240.00	\$690.00	

The new mill rate listed above includes an increase of 0.5 mills on taxes, which sees an overall \$78,000 revenue gain. The town has a number of capital infrastructure projects that are still ongoing or required in future years. Monies are being distributed and transferred to Reserves for these projects, while regular operating expenses remain comparable to previous years.

Capital infrastructure projects include: completing the Water Supply Pumphouse and Reservoir Rehabilitation, which includes government grant monies through the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund. Future priorities include 1) upgrading/replacing main Lift Station #1 and Sewage Force Main (\$3.5 million) 2) Landfill projects required under the Town's Permit to Operate (\$1.5 million) and 3) Swimming Pool Upgrades/Renovations (\$2.0 million).

The Town has applied for government funding for all these projects but currently there is no word on how the grant funding will roll out for municipalities, therefore future financial planning is needed.

In light of future project priorities, Council did not take lightly the decision to increase the mill rate, but after much discussion, felt future planning needed to be done to maintain levels of service and prepare for future capital projects.

Highlighted budget numbers include transferring monies to Reserves including: \$310,000 to Lift Station #1, \$111,000 to Landfill requirements, \$25,000 to the swimming pool, as well as \$100,000 to streets and \$65,000 to building infrastructure.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Councilor Rumak was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period May 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019.

2019 EDUCATION MILL RATES – EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX

Council acknowledged receipt of notice of 2019 Education Property Tax Mill Rates and the 2019 EPT Levy will be applied, as set by the Provincial Government, which remains unchanged.

SUMMER STUDENT/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

A committee of the Mayor, CAO, Director of Public Works and Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager was authorized to select summer student employment positions as required by the Recreation and Public Works Departments.

RCMP – SASKATCHEWAN CRIME WATCH ADVISORY NETWORK

Council acknowledged the RCMP's Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network information and residents will be encouraged to sign up at www.saskcrimewatch.ca with the information posted on the Town's website and Facebook page.

EQUIPMENT & MATERIAL TENDERS

The 2019 Miscellaneous Equipment and Materials Tenders were awarded to E.G. Services Ltd., as per tendered rates.

BCL – LIFT STATION #1 ASSESSMENT REPORT – APRIL 2019

Council acknowledged the updated Assessment Report on Lift Station #1 from BCL Engineering Ltd. on a number of options and instructed administration to apply for grant monies under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

BCL ENGINEERING – ENVIRONMENT SITE ASSESSMENT/LEACHATE COLLECTION

Council acknowledged receipt of recommendations from BCL Engineering to continue with Call for Proposals for the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, obtaining two prices, one for spring/summer and one for winter, and after that time, decisions will be made on moving forward with the Leachate Collection & Disposal System project.

JASON STULL – PERMIT – C-CAN STORAGE

Temporary approval was given to Jason Stull to install a C-Can on Lots 9 & 10, Block 6, Plan CN3907, 620 Albert Street in the backyard, until such time Council will consider development of a new policy regarding C-Can's.

COMMUNITY FUTURES NEWSASK – YBEX BANQUET & AWARDS – MAY 4th

Council acknowledged the invitation from Community Futures Newsask for the Mayor and two representatives to the Youth Business Excellence Banquet and Awards on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Tisdale, SK at the Tisdale Civic Centre and approved representatives to attend.

MOE – WOODLAND CARIBOU RANGE PLANNING PROCESS – JUNE 5, 2019

Council acknowledged invitation from Ministry of Environment for two representatives to attend the Woodland Caribou Range Planning Process Meeting June 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hudson Bay at the Princess Hall and approved representatives to attend.

POOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Council supported forming a Pool Fundraising Committee with community members including Town representation of Council and staff.