

January 19th, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Preeceville held on Thursday, January 19th, 2023, in the Preeceville Town Office Council Chambers, Preeceville, Saskatchewan.

In Attendance: Mayor - Ralph Ager
Councillors - Florian Balawyder
- Welma Bartel
- Sheldon Luciw
- Jesse Nelson
- Darin Newton
- Stacey Strykowski
CAO - Lorelei Karcha

Mayor Ralph Ager called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Agenda	001-23	Luciw/Newton: That the agenda be approved.	CARRIED.
Minutes	002-23	Strykowski/Balawyder: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held December 19 th , 2022, be approved.	CARRIED.
Bylaw Enforcement	003-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Reports from December 19 th , 2022 and January 4 th , 2023, be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.
Health Meeting	004-23	Luciw/Newton: That a request be sent to the Minister of Health, Paul Merriman and the Minister of Rural and Remote Health, Everett Hindley, to arrange a meeting with the Town of Preeceville Council to discuss the Health Care Services in the Community.	CARRIED.
Committee and Boards	005-23	Balawyder/Nelson: That the following Council Committee and Board appointment changes be approved: Committees: -Human Resources - Welma Bartel, Darin Newton, Ralph Ager, Sheldon Luciw.	CARRIED.
Trailer License & Lot Rent	006-23	Nelson/Newton: That the trailer occupants and lot renters of 703 Railway Avenue SE, 633 1 st Avenue SE, 529 1 st Avenue SE, 634 Railway Ave SE and 533 1 st Avenue SE be written a letter informing them that their 2022 lot rent and trailer license fees are in arrears, and they are to be given until the February 2023 regular meeting of Council to clear the 2022 amounts owing or their files will be sent to the Town Solicitor for collection and they will also be responsible for all costs associated with the collection action.	CARRIED.
Outstanding Utility Accounts	007-23	Balawyder/Strykowski: That approval be given to the addition of the September 30 th , 2022 outstanding utility accounts to those properties' tax roll accounts on December 31 st , 2022.	CARRIED.
Outstanding Custom Work	008-23	Newton/Nelson: That approval be given to the addition of unpaid Custom Work Accounts as of December 31 st , 2022 to those properties' tax roll cards.	CARRIED.
Mayor's Report	009-23	Bartel/Nelson: That the Mayor's Report be acknowledged as presented.	CARRIED.
CD&RC Report	010-23	Balawyder/Strykowski: That the Community Development and Recreation Coordinator's Report be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.
UMAAS Membership	011-23	Luciw/Bartel: That the Town pay the 2023 Urban Municipal Administrators Association membership fees, an amount of \$250.00 including GST, each for Chief Administrative Officer Lorelei Karcha and Office Assistant Tammy Descalchuk.	CARRIED.

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UMAAS Workshop 012-23 Strykowski/Balawyder: That Chief Administrative Officer Lorelei Karcha and Office Assistant Tammy Descalchuk be authorized to attend the UMAAS Municipal Government and Practices Workshop to be held March 30th, 2023 in Kelvington, Saskatchewan and further that the course registration fee of \$100.00 each and all other expenses incurred for attending the course be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.

Council Meeting 013-23 Nelson/Newton: That at the request of the Chief Administrative Officer, the February 2023 regular meeting of Council be rescheduled to February 13th, 2023. CARRIED.

8:04 pm to 8:31 pm – Chief Administrative Officer Lorelei Karcha left the meeting.

9:04 pm – Town Foreman Ashley Ward joined the meeting.

3rd Ave NE Sewer Assessment 014-23 Newton/Nelson: That the 3rd Avenue NE Sewer Main Line Assessment Report provided by MPE Engineering Ltd. be accepted as presented and in accordance with the conclusions and recommendations provided in the Report, the Town will increase the frequency of flushing the 3rd Avenue NE sewer main line from 5th Street NE to 6th Street NE, to four (4) time per year; and further, that a copy of the report and Town Council's determination be provided to the property owner of 514 3rd Avenue NE. CARRIED.

Foreman's Report 015-23 Nelson/Strykowski: That the Foreman's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.

Accounts 016-23 Newton/Balawyder: That the accounts listed on the attached "List A (1 & 2) - Accounts Approved As Paid" and dated January 19th, 2023, be approved as paid. CARRIED.

9:33 pm – Councillors Welma Bartel and Darin Newton declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.

017-23 Luciw/Strykowski: That the account of Home Hardware in the amount of \$217.48, and the account of Preeceville Shop Easy in the amount of \$225.00, be approved and paid. CARRIED.

9:34 pm – Councillors Welma Bartel and Darin Newton were invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter they had declared a pecuniary interest in had been dealt with.

018-23 Luciw/Newton: That the accounts listed on the attached "List B – Accounts Approved & To Be Paid" and dated January 19th, 2023, be approved and paid. CARRIED.

9:35 pm – Town Foreman Ashley Ward left the meeting.

3rd Ave NE Sewer Assessment 019-23 Strykowski/Bartel: That the property owner of 514 3rd Avenue NE be charged 50% of the cost for the 3rd Avenue NE Sewer Assessment provided by MPE Engineering Ltd. for \$4,992.12 plus GST.

Councillor Stacey Strykowski requested a recorded vote:

Mayor Ralph Ager – Against
Councillor Florian Balawyder – Against
Councillor Welma Bartel – For
Councillor Sheldon Luciw – Against
Councillor Jesse Nelson – Against
Councillor Darin Newton – Against
Councillor Stacey Strykowski - For

DEFEATED.

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Employee Compensation	020-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the following employee wages and compensations be approved effective January 1 st , 2023: Chief Administrative Officer: Salary \$95,859.00 per annum; Office Assistant #1: Wage \$24.69 per hour; Office Assistant #2: Wage \$24.68 per hour; Town Foreman: Salary \$74,505.60 per annum; Labourer 1.5: Wage \$25.53 per hour; Labourer II: Wage \$26.48 per hour; and Labourer III: \$24.15 per hour. CARRIED.
Caretaker Wages	021-23	Luciw/Newton: That the following Caretaker wages be approved effective January 1 st , 2023: Library Caretaker: Wage \$15.76 per hour; and Recreation Centre, Legion Hall and Administration Building Caretaker: Wage \$20.00 per hour. CARRIED.
Weekend Water/Sewer Testing/Checks	022-23	Strykowski/Newton: That the Weekend Water/Sewer Testing/Check Rate paid for the Certified Water/Sewer Operators that are Town Shop Employees to conduct the regular testing and monitoring required for the Town's Operations be increased to \$140.00 per day effective January 1 st , 2023. CARRIED.
CAO Report	023-23	Nelson/Balawyder: That the Chief Administrative Officer's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.
Financial Activities	024-23	Strykowski/Bartel: That the Statement of Financial Activities - Detailed (DRAFT) and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending December 31 st , 2022, be accepted as presented. CARRIED.
Town Solicitor	025-23	Nelson/Newton: That the Law Firm of Leland Campbell Kondratoff Persick LLP of Yorkton, Saskatchewan be appointed as the Town Solicitor Firm for 2023 to finish the one remaining matter with them of the Sewer Main Line Easement and further that the Law Firm of Shawn Patenaude Legal Prof. Corp of Preeceville, Saskatchewan be appointed as the Town Solicitor Firm for 2023 for all new matters. CARRIED.
Bond	026-23	Nelson/Balawyder: That the Fidelity Bond for the Municipal Employees as covered by Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. through the SUMAssure Insurance Program as a part of the Town's General Insurance Policy, be approved. CARRIED.
Mileage Rates	027-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That the Town of Preeceville Mileage Rate be set at \$0.60 per km, effective January 1 st , 2023. CARRIED.
Property Service Rates	028-23	Strykowski/Luciw: That the Minimum Billing set out in the Town of Preeceville's Property Service Rates be set at "Minimum Billing of One (1) hour", effective January 1 st , 2023. CARRIED.
Insurance Policy	029-23	Nelson/Balawyder: That the Town of Preeceville's general insurance policy with Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. provided through the SUMAssure Insurance Program be renewed for the policy period of December 31 st , 2022 to December 31 st , 2023 and the premium of \$72,197.00 be paid and further that the premium credit of \$6,053.00 received for the 2022 deductible changes be acknowledged. CARRIED.
SUMA Membership	030-23	Nelson/Newton: That the Town of Preeceville's membership in the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association be renewed for 2023 and the fee of \$1,886.05 plus GST be paid. CARRIED.
FCM Membership	031-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the Town of Preeceville's membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be renewed for 2023/2024 and the fee of \$444.29 plus GST be paid. CARRIED.

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Fire Department	032-23	Strykowski/Nelson: That the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Insurance and the VFF – Employee Family Assistance Program Coverage through the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association be renewed for 2023-2024 and the fee of \$1,571.90 plus GST be paid. CARRIED.
Board of Revision	033-23	Newton/Balawyder: That the Town of Preeceville hire Nor Sask Board Services for the Town's Assessment Appeals Board and Secretary Services; and further, that Tim Furlong, Kirby Fesser, Glen Neuart and Sabrina Saccucci be appointed as the Board of Revision Members and Mike Ligtermoet be appointed as the Secretary of the Board for 2023. CARRIED.
SUMA	034-23	Strykowski/Newton: That approval be given for Councillors Jesse Nelson, Sheldon Luciw, Darin Newton and Welma Bartel to attend the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Convention from April 16 th to 19 th , 2023, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and further that the registration fees and all other expenses incurred for attending this event be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
Nursery School	035-23	Nelson/Balawyder: That the Lease Agreement with the Preeceville Nursery School for the East Half of the Main Level Area and adjacent Washroom Facilities of the Preeceville Recreation Centre be approved as presented; and further that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes. CARRIED.
Snowmobile Club	036-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That a donation of \$1,000.00 be made to the Rough Riders Snowmobile Club to purchase fuel for 2023. CARRIED.
Community Safety Net	037-23	Bartel/Nelson: That the Town sponsor \$160.00 plus GST to the Community Safety Net for the "Fire Safety" family resource booklets they will be distributing in Preeceville in conjunction with the Fire Department to educate and protect youth. CARRIED.
Committee Reports	038-23	Nelson/Strykowski: That the following committee reports be acknowledged: Preeceville Economic and Development/Tourism Committee and Preeceville Community Legion Hall Committee. CARRIED.
Correspondence	039-22	Nelson/Luciw: That the correspondence listed below be acknowledged and filed: - SUMA - Municipal Updates - Good Spirit School Division In Focus Report - Parkland Regional Library - Canora/Sturgis RCMP – Occurrence Stats - RM of Good Lake – Withdrawal from Parkland Regional Waste Management Authority - RM of Hazel Dell – Committee Appointments - RM of Clayton – Committee Appointments - SAMA Annual Meeting – April 5 th , 2023 CARRIED.
Adjourn	040-23	Strykowski/Newton: That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 11:16 pm. CARRIED.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER