

May 25th, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Preeceville held on Thursday, May 25th, 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 6:34pm.

Agenda	141-23	Newton/Balawyder: That the agenda as added to be approved.	CARRIED.
Minutes	142-23	Nelson/Strykowski: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held April 11 th , 2023, be approved.	CARRIED.
	143-23	Bartel/Newton: That the minutes of the special meeting of Council held May 18 th , 2023, be approved.	CARRIED.
Bylaw Enforcement	144-23	Newton/Strykowski: That the Town of Preeceville appoint the Commissionaires South Saskatchewan as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the municipality; and further that their proposal to provide Bylaw Enforcement Services for the Town of Preeceville from May 1 st , 2023 to April 30, 2024 be accepted and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes.	CARRIED.
Bylaw Enforcement	145-23	Balawyder/Nelson: That the Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Report from April 18 th , May 4 th , and May 23 rd , 2023, be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.

6:48 pm to 7:15 pm – Alfred Maksymiw, Molly Kowalyk and Ken Petrowski of the Preeceville Ukrainian Catholic Parish Council met with Town Council to discuss the Ukrainian Catholic Hall Property Taxes.

7:25 pm to 8:00 pm – Fire Chief Trevor Bartel and Deputy Fire Chief Cliff Prestie of the Preeceville Fire Department met with Town Council to discuss the Fire Departments 2023 Budget requests.

In- Camera	146-23	Strykowski/Newton: That as the next matter to be discussed includes the Town's Code of Ethics Bylaw, Council move into an in-camera session where a portion of the meeting be closed to the public, under the authority of Town of Preeceville Code of Ethics Bylaw No. 10-2016, Part II Section 3 (c). Time: 8:09 pm.	CARRIED.
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8:22 pm – Councillor Jesse Nelson declared a conflict of interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.

8:37 pm – Councillor Sheldon Luciw joined the meeting.

8:52 pm – Councillor Welma Bartel left the meeting.

8:55 pm – Councillor Jesse Nelson was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he had declared a conflict of interest in had been dealt with.

	147-23	Balawyder/Newton: That Council move out of the in-camera session and reopen the meeting to the public. Time: 9:05 pm.	CARRIED.
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Tax Enforcement	148-23	Newton/Luciw: That it be acknowledged that the tenant of the Town's Tax Title Property located at Lot C, Block 22, Plan CB5878, 504 Highway Avenue E, did not comply with the Notice to Vacate issued under <i>The Residential Tenancies Act</i> , 2006 and further that an Application for an Order for Possession has been made to the Office of Residential Tenancies and a Hearing has been scheduled for June 13 th , 2023.	CARRIED.
	149-23	Balawyder/Luciw: That it be acknowledged that the Town has acquired title to the following property through the <i>Tax Enforcement Act</i> and further that in accordance with the <i>Act</i> this property be offered for sale by tender: 335 Highway Avenue E - Lot 6, Blk/Par 26, Plan BV3924.	CARRIED.
	150-23	Luciw/Nelson: That TAXervice be authorized under Section 22(1) of the <i>Tax Enforcement Act</i> on or after June 14 th , 2023 to commence proceedings to request title with respect to the following described lands: Roll 235 000, Lot 5 Blk/Par 8 Plan 61Y04757 Ext 0; Roll 414 000, Lot G Blk/Par 15 Plan 60Y02961 Ext 0; Roll 685 000, Lot 31 & 32 Blk/Par 27 Plan 101744085 Ext 26/27; Roll 725, Lot 21, Blk/Par 34 Plan 76Y05166 Ext 0; and Roll 731, Lot 7 Blk/Par 35 Plan CC3687 Ext 0.	CARRIED.
SUMA Convention Report	151-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That the 2023 SUMA Convention Report provided by Councillor Darin Newton be acknowledged as presented.	CARRIED.
SHA Meeting	152-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the reports provided by Mayor Ralph Ager and Councillors Darin Newton, Sheldon Luciw, Stacey Strykowski and Welma Bartel from the Saskatchewan Health Authority's meeting to provide updates on Health Services in Preeceville held on May 4 th , 2023 be acknowledged as presented.	CARRIED.
Preeceville Library Building	153-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That in accordance with the Lease Agreement between TRP Dental Prof. Corp. and the Town of Preeceville, the Town proceed under Clause 30 of the agreement which is transferring title of the property of 27 Main Street N, Lot A, Block 2, Plan 73Y08087 to TRP Dental Prof. Corp. upon receipt of the final payment of the agreement.	CARRIED.
Tax Concession	154-23	Newton/Strykowski: That the request of the property owner of 115 Main Street N for a tax concession be approved as follows: 50% of the Commercial Assessment will be exempt from taxation for the first year and 25% of the Commercial Assessment will be exempt from taxation for the second year, effective January 1 st , 2023, and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign such an Agreement and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes.	CARRIED.
Mayor's Report	155-23	Strykowski/Balawyder: That the Mayor's Report be acknowledged as presented.	CARRIED.
Legion Hall	156-23	Strykowski/Nelson: That the plumbing quote provided by K. Danielson Plumbing & Heating Ltd. to supply and install three cooling units and one furnace at the at the Preeceville Community Legion Hall for the Air Conditioning Project for \$30,909.60 plus GST be accepted and approved; and the electrical quote provided by S-Elect Energy Ltd. to provide all necessary electrical upgrades at the Preeceville Community Legion Hall for the Air Conditioning Project for \$15,943.78 plus GST be accepted and approved.	CARRIED.

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CD&RC Report	157-23	Strykowski/Luciw: That the Community Development and Recreation Coordinator's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.
Employee Training	158-23	Newton/Strykowski: That approval be given for Shop Labourer Chris Halkyard to attend the First Aid/CPR Recertification Course on May 23 rd , 2023 in Preeceville, Saskatchewan at a registration fee cost of \$160.00 plus GST and that approval be given for Shop Labourer Jason Durand to attend the Level 1 Chainsaw Safety Training Course to be held on June 1 st , 2023 in Kamsack, Saskatchewan at a registration fee cost of \$509.00 plus GST and further that the registration fees and all other expenses incurred for attending the courses be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
Office Assistant Retirement	159-23	Balawyder/Newton: That a Service Appreciation Gift in the value of \$225.00 be purchase for Elaine Simpson for her retirement from the Office Assistant position with the Town and further that this gift be presented to her at a Staff Luncheon provided by the Town. CARRIED.
Signing Authorities	160-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the signing authority for all financial activities for the Town of Preeceville be set as follows: Lorelei Karcha, Chief Administrative Officer or Tammy Descalchuk, Assistant Administrator AND Ralph Ager, Mayor or Florian Balawyder, Councillor or Welma Bartel, Councillor or Sheldon Luciw, Councillor or Jesse Nelson, Councillor or Darin Newton, Councillor or Stacey Strykowski, Councillor, effective immediately. CARRIED.
Online Banking	161-23	Newton/Strykowski: That online access and payment authorization for the Town of Preeceville's online banking activities with the Crossroads Credit Union be set as follows: Lorelei Karcha, Chief Administrative Officer or Tammy Descalchuk, Assistant Administrator AND Ralph Ager, Mayor or Welma Bartel, Councillor or Stacey Strykowski, Councillor. CARRIED.
Seasonal Labourer	162-23	Newton/Luciw: That it be acknowledged that Justen Strand has been hired for the Shop Seasonal Labourer Position that will run from May 8 th to September 29 th , 2023 at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour. CARRIED.
Council/ Staff Training	163-23	Luciw/Newton: That the proposal provided by Matthewson & Co. to provide Roles and Responsibility training to Town Council at an estimated cost of \$912.60 and the proposal provided by People First HR Services to provide Communication and Conflict Resolution training to all Town Staff at an estimated cost of \$437.50 per staff member be approved and authorized to proceed with. CARRIED.
Danielson Bill	164-23	Luciw/Newton: That the invoice received from K. Danielson Plumbing & Heating Ltd. in the amount of \$158.18 for work done at the Preeceville Community Legion Hall on April 1 st , 2023, be paid. CARRIED.
CAO Report	165-23	Balawyder/Strykowski: That the Chief Administrative Officer's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.
1997 Chev Truck	166-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That the Town's 1997 Chev ½ Ton Truck be offered for sale by public tender and further that notification be provided in the public tender that an SGI Vehicle Inspection is required to be completed on the vehicle prior to it being plated and operational. CARRIED.
Foreman's Report	167-23	Strykowski/Newton: That the Foreman's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.

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Accounts	168-23	Luciw/Newton: That the accounts listed on the attached "List A - Accounts Approved As Paid" and dated May 25 th , 2023, be approved as paid. CARRIED.
10:22 pm – Councillor Darin Newton declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.		
	169-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the account of Preeceville Shop Easy in the amount of \$85.10, be approved and paid. CARRIED.
10:23 pm – Councillor Darin Newton was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he had declared a pecuniary interest in had been dealt with.		
	170-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That the accounts listed on the attached "List B – Accounts Approved & To Be Paid" and dated May 25 th , 2023, be approved and paid. CARRIED.
2022 Audited Financials	171-23	Strykowski/Nelson: That the 2022 Town of Preeceville Audited Consolidated Financial Statement be accepted as presented and further that the Synopsis be mailed out to the ratepayers with their 2023 tax notices. CARRIED.
Financial Activities	172-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the Statement of Financial Activities - Detailed and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending April 30 th , 2023, be accepted as presented. CARRIED.
Building Permits	173-23	Newton/Nelson: That the following Building Permit be approved as per the conditions stated on the permit: 1) 537 2 nd Avenue NE, Permit #2-2023 to construct a fence, 2) 334 2 nd Street NE, Permit #3-2023 to construct a shed, and 3) 33 3 rd Avenue NW, Permit #4-2023 to construct a fence. CARRIED.
Building Permit Extension	174-23	Balawyder/Luciw: That the request of the following property owner to have their Building Permit extended, be approved as follows: 1) 115 Main Street N, Permit #5 - 2022, 6-month extension and 2) 732 Railway Avenue SE, Permit #14-2022, 6-month extension. CARRIED.
Budget	175-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That the Town of Preeceville 2023 Operating Budget as attached hereto, be approved. CARRIED.
Mill Rate	176-23	Newton/Luciw: That the Town of Preeceville mill rate be set at 6.125 mills for the 2023 tax year. CARRIED.
Base Tax Bylaw	177-23	Newton/Strykowski: That a bylaw to provide for a Base Tax commencing in the 2023 tax year be introduced and read a first time. CARRIED.
	178-23	Nelson/Luciw: That Bylaw No. 1-2023 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Base Tax be read a second time. CARRIED.
	179-23	Newton/Strykowski: That Bylaw No. 1-2023 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Base Tax be given three readings at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
	180-23	Luciw/Strykowski: That Bylaw No. 1-2023 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Base Tax be read a third time. CARRIED.

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School Mill Rate	181-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That it be acknowledged that the Provincial Government has set the following mill rates for public school divisions for 2023: 1.42 mills for Agricultural property; 4.54 mills for Residential property; 6.86 mills for Commercial/Industrial property; and 9.88 mills for Resource property; and further that these taxes be levied on behalf of the Province for 2023. CARRIED.
Tax Reduction	182-23	Luciw/Newton: That a tax reduction be given to the Preeceville Senior's Club 60 for 2023, in an amount that they are only left paying the base tax amount set for municipal taxes and an equivalent percentage of school taxes, and this matter be reviewed for 2024. CARRIED.
AWSA	183-23	Luciw/Newton: That Councillors Florian Balawyder and Jesse Nelson be authorized to attend the Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Association Annual General Meeting to be held August 15 th , 2023 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and further that any expenses incurred for attending this event be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
	184-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That the Town of Preeceville's membership in the Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Association be renewed for 2023 and the fee of \$1,100.00 be paid. CARRIED.
Clearing The Path	185-23	Strykowski/Newton: That the agreement between the Town of Preeceville and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities for the Clearing the Path Primary Weight Corridor Incremental Maintenance Grant Funding be accepted and further that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes. CARRIED.
Library Rental	186-23	Strykowski/Luciw: That the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Preeceville and Employment and Social Development Canada – Service Canada to rent the Public Library Space at the Preeceville Library Building, 27 Main Street N, be approved as presented and further that the Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes. CARRIED.
Preeceville Fire Department	187-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That approval be given for Fire Chief Trevor Bartel and Deputy Fire Chief Cliff Prestie to attend the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs Conference to be held June 8 th to 11 th , 2023 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan and further that the registration fees and all other costs incurred for attending this event be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
Joint Council Meeting	188-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That approval be given to Mayor Ralph Ager and Councillors Darin Newton and Florian Balawyder to attend the Joint Council Meeting hosted by the RM of Preeceville No. 334 to be held June 15 th , 2023 and further that all costs incurred for attending this event be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
EDC/ Tourism Committee	189-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the Town of Preeceville pay fuel costs up to \$1500.00 for the operation of the mower purchased by the Preeceville EDC/Tourism Committee for the ECO Friendly Golf Course Project. CARRIED.
	190-23	Luciw/Newton: That approval be given for the Preeceville EDC/ Tourism Committee to construct a fence behind the Town's Tourist Booth to house a Porta Pottie to be used during the Main Street Markets and further that the Committee obtain an approved building permit and the Town pay for fence materials up to the amount of \$250.00. CARRIED.

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Committee Reports	191-23	Strykowski/Nelson: That the following committee reports be acknowledged: Parkland Regional Waste Management Authority, Parkland Regional Library, Preeceville EDC/Tourism Committee, Preeceville Recreation Board, Preeceville Sports Grounds Committee and Preeceville Arena Board.	CARRIED.
Correspondence	192-23	Balawyder/Strykowski: That the correspondence listed below be acknowledged and filed: - SUMA - Municipal Updates - Good Spirit School Division From the Board Report - Mackenzie Society Synopsis - Community Futures Ventures AGM June 27 th , 2023 - Open letter to Federal and Provincial Governments - The Health Foundation – Thank you - SAMA Annual Report	CARRIED.
Adjourn	193-23	Newton/Nelson: That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 11:50 pm.	CARRIED.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER