

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF BERWYN**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 8, 2021**  
**VILLAGE OF BERWYN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Cindy Hockley  
Brianna Nettelfield  
John Bak

Mayor  
Councillor  
Councillor

Greg Gayton  
Barb Schofield  
Kristin Dyck

CAO  
Recorder  
Mile Zero News/Banner Post Reporter

Ken Montie, Kim Steeves were unable to attend.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Berwyn Village Council was held electronically with video conferencing software. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Hockley.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak that Council approve the Village of Berwyn regular Council meeting agenda as amended. **ADDITION: 8.5 PRSD – Junior Councillor Program** **CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield that Council adopt the minutes from the March 25, 2021 Regular Council meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**6. DELEGATIONS**

6.1 MNP – 2020 Financial Statement at 7:00 p.m. with Cheri Peterson and Joey Sutton  
Cheri gave a Financial Presentation to Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak to establish a reserve of \$9,202.00 for the RCMP requisition.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield to accept the 2020 Financial Statements.

**CARRIED**

Cheri Peterson and Joey Sutton left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Animal Control Fines – Comparisons**

Bylaw enforcement officer Angie Konowalyk provided Council with her quarterly report. A fine comparison regarding animal control was also provided to Council, this showed Council that fines in Berwyn are comparable to surrounding communities. It was noted that section 8.2 of the animal control bylaw requires the doubling of penalties for people who repeat an offence with one year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak to accept the Animal Control Fines Comparisons as information.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 ATCO Power – Franchise Report**

ATCO sends a franchise report yearly giving them an overview of their services to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-04-08-21**

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**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield to accept the ATCO Power Franchise Report as information.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 AUMA – Recall Legislation**

This was brought up at the March 25, 2021 Council Meeting. AUMA provided more information informing us that Bill 52, Recall Act, was introduced in the Legislature on March 15, 2021.

AUMA submitted feedback to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, who sponsored the Bill, highlighting the following:

Small population municipalities would be impacted differently by the recall process. The ability to obtain petition signatures from 40% of a population less than 1000 would not be nearly as onerous, and the process could result in political destabilization in these communities where few people may be available to, and/or interested in, filling councillor positions.

There will be significant administrative burden and costs associated with processing and validating a recall petition which could have a detrimental effect on the operation and financial position of some municipalities, especially smaller communities where staff are limited.

The AUMA Board proposed solutions in the letter to the Minister, such as:

1. Municipal Affairs or a neutral third-party validate recall petitions;
2. number of voters, not the number of residences, be used to determine the threshold for a successful petition in a summer village; and
3. for a small community with a population of less than 1,000 or 500, the recall limit should be set at 60% of the population.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak accepted the AUMA, Recall Legislation as information.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Long Lake Landfill – 2020 Financial Report**

Councillor Bak requested a copy of the 2019 Long Lake Financial Report so he could compare the 2019 report to the 2020 one.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield to accept the Long Lake Landfill 2020 Financial Report as information.

**CARRIED**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Peace River School Division – Election Administration**

Peace River School Division has asked that the Village enter into an agreement to operate joint polling stations. The success of this operation was proven at the last few elections which showed quite a significant cost savings in conducting an election.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Mayor Hockley that we enter into an agreement with Peace River School Division for Election Administration.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Todd Loewen, MLA – Flood Mitigation Trailers**

MLA Loewen understands that they will be positioning a trailer in Edmonton which will be located further north once they determine from river forecasting where the need may be the greatest this spring season.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak to accept the information from Todd Loewen, MLA regarding the Flood Mitigation Trailers as information.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 Seniors Week – Request for Declaration**

Alberta celebrates seniors during the first week of June. Seniors' Week 2021 is June 7-13. Seniors Week is opportunity to celebrate seniors and to ensure they feel valued by friends, loved ones, and all of Alberta.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield to declare Seniors Week from June 7 – 13, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Dan Williams, MLA – Site C Dam**

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Mackenzie County sent a letter stating concerns regarding the Site C Dam and Dan Williams, MLA Peace River responded to the letter.

During the environmental assessment on the Site C Dam, the Government of Alberta provided information about impacts to Alberta's environment and infrastructure, including the interests of northern municipalities and industry. Following the environmental assessment process, the governments of British Columbia and Canada approved the Site C dam, with conditions to address Alberta's and downstream stakeholder concerns.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Mayor Hockley to accept the letter from Dan Williams, MLA regarding Site C Dam as information. **CARRIED**

**8.5 PRSD – Junior Councillor Program**

A letter was received from Peace River School Division Superintendent Paul Bennett.

The letter is a follow up to the Joint Municipality's meeting that was held February 2, 2021. At the meeting

an idea of a 'Junior Councillor Program' was brought forward.

In order to move forward interest needs to be determined from partners in the endeavor. A virtual meeting has been set for April 26, 2021, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. councillors are invited to attend.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak to have Councillor Nettelfield attend the virtual meeting on April 26, 2021. **CARRIED**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**10.1 CAO Report**

CAO will be sending an email to council with dates for a budget meeting.

CAO had a discussion with Melanie Bekevich on the status of the Strategic Plan. She will have a draft ready for the April 22, 2021 meeting.

The submission to Municipal Affairs regarding the Ministerial Order was emailed on March 30, 2021. Our water system inspection was held on March 29, 2021. We passed with no major issues.

CAO checked into the status of our grant application for the SCADA system with Alberta Transportation, a decision on the applications will be announced late May or early June.

The downstairs renovations continue to be going well. Beyond 2000 will be installing the electronic system, supporting a local business will give local service. .

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield to accept the CAO Report as presented. **CARRIED**

**10.2 Cheque Report – Cheques 15247 to 15327**

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Bak to accept the Cheque Report, Cheques 15247 to 15327 as presented. **CARRIED**

**10.3 Cash Position Report**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Mayor Hockley to accept the Cash Position Report as presented. **CARRIED**

**10.4 Budget Variance Report – 2021 Fiscal Year**

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-04-08-21**

**MOVED** by Councillor Nettelfield to accept the Budget Variance Report, 2021 Fiscal Year as presented. **CARRIED**

Kristin Dyck, Mile Zero News/Banner Post Reporter had no questions.

Kristin Dyck left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**11. IN CAMERA**

None

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Moved by Councillor Bak that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

Time of adjournment 8:00 p.m.



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Cindy Hockley  
Mayor



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Greg Gayton  
Chief Administrative Officer

