



**TOWN OF SPIRIT RIVER COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN OFFICE
September 17, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Georget, Councillors Ezio, Sellin, Skoworodko, Stanich, Yaremko
CAO Deveau

Absent: Councillor Labrecque

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Georget called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 18-168 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Moved by Councillor Sellin to approve the September 17, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda with the addition of 12.c) Item 3 – Land. Carried
- 18-169 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
a) Council Meeting – August 20, 2018
Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to approve the August 20, 2018 Council Meeting minutes as presented. Carried
4. PUBLIC INPUT: None
5. PRESENTATIONS:
a) Sgt. Ryan Frost
Mayor Georget asked Sgt. Frost what his thoughts were about cannabis enforcement including municipalities being consistent with alcohol rules and fines and the RCMP's participation with enforcing local legislation. Sgt. Frost confirmed that the RCMP would be willing to enforce the local legislation if the municipality would guarantee following up through the courts when fines are not paid, otherwise it would basically be a waste of their time. He did feel that it would make it simpler if the local legislation did follow provincial in regards to fines, but he was still waiting to see what the Provincial legislation will actually be. Sgt. Frost talked about rural policing as he said it was applicable as our committee is a very rural town. There is a pilot project out for crime mapping which should start up online around October 1st. The public can view a 14 day rollout while the RCMP have access to an unlimited time frame. The app can be imbedded on our website for ease of access for our community residents. Const. Cox has been working on the crime watch program and he is looking at the next G5 meeting to discuss. He has just received the crime stats so was unable to present them, however he will email them when ready. He noted that crime feels like it is up but for the period of January 1st to August 31st 2017 showed 281 and 2018 showed 234 and for B&E it was 2017 showing 25 and 2018 showing 16, indicating that crime is actually down for that period. He did note that 2 years ago they had four senior members and currently they are training which is hard and they may just be feeling those effects. There is a client satisfaction survey for council which will be mailed out when available.
- 18-170 6. ACTION LIST- As of September 14, 2018
Moved by Councillor Stanich to accept the Action List of September 14, 2018 as presented. Carried

Initial: _____

7. OLD BUSINESS:
- a) Review Cannabis Survey and Open House Information
Council reviewed the Cannabis Survey results that showed the main concern being consumption in public places and the desire for it to be treated the same as both alcohol and tobacco consumption; if you can't have a beer there then you can't consume cannabis there, if you can't smoke tobacco there then you can't smoke cannabis there. In the earlier discussion with Sgt. Frost there was an indication that he is still waiting to see what the Provincial rules on consumption will be for cannabis. Council directed Administration to start a draft of a cannabis bylaw with three examples: St. Albert, somewhere close, somewhere close and simple.
- b) Dog Contravention Update
Maria Hirschfeld requested an extension to the September 30th deadline for removal of the dog from Town limits. Council was not inclined to grant this extension.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- 18-171 a) RFD – Medical Clinic
Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to approve the Central Peace Medical Services Corporation Memorandum of Agreement and the Central Peace Medical Services Corporation Operating Lease as presented. Carried
- 18-172 b) RFD – MSI Operating Spending Plan
Moved by Councillor Stanich to approve the 2018 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Operating Spending Plan as presented. Carried
- 18-173 c) RFD – Economic Development Strategy
Moved by Councillor Sellin to approve approaching Dan Dibbelt with PREDA in regards to developing an economic development strategy and securing funding of \$20,000 through PREDA (\$5000) CARES (\$10,000) and the Town (\$5000). Carried
- 18-174 **Moved by Councillor Yaremko to approve applying to CARES for \$10,000 for an economic development strategy if Dan Dibbelt with PREDA is positive in regards to PREDA's participation. Carried**
9. CORRESPONDENCE:
- a) Please check correspondence binder
10. FINANCIAL:
- 18-175 a) July 2018 Bank Reconciliation
 b) August 2018 Bank Reconciliation
Moved by Councillor Sellin to approve both the July and August 2018 Bank Reconciliations as presented. Carried
Council requested a report on tax arrears; total amount and the number of rolls in arrears.
11. CAO AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- 18-176 a) CAO Report
Moved by Councillor Ezio to accept the CAO and Committee Reports as presented. Carried
12. IN CAMERA:
- 18-177 a) Item 1 – Land
Moved by Councillor Yaremko to move in In Camera at 8:00 pm. Carried
- 18-178 b) Item 2 – Land
 c) Item 3 - Land
Moved by Councillor Skoworodko to move out of In Camera at 8:33 pm. Carried
13. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD:
Due to lack of experience with the Town's Administration and Council in regards to land purchases, Council directed Administration to approach Kelly Hudson to see what capacity he would be able to assist the Town in any purchase due to his experience with the MD.

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18-179 Moved by Councillor Sellin to approve the AHS Residential Tenancy Agreement in regards to 62 McAlpine crescent as presented. Carried

14. NEXT MEETING:

- a) Committee Meeting: October 1, 2018
- b) Council Meeting – October 15, 2018

15. ADJOURNMENT:

18-180 Moved by Councillor Stanich to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Carried

Mayor

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