

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in the Town Council Chambers, January 24th, 2022, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Tremblay, Councillor Hills, Councillor Malott, Councillor Veenstra

Absent:

Staff: Robert Proulx – Chief Administrative Officer
Gizele St Jean – Manager of Corporate Services

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and acknowledged the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Métis Settlements and Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 2, 3 and 4. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Tremblay that the Agenda for the January 24th, 2022, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

James MacDonald and Vicky Gilles, Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) – Virtual

Mayor Jones welcomed James MacDonald, Executive Director of Northern Lights Library System, Vicky Lefebvre, Board Chair from Northern Lights Library System and Isabelle Cramp, Library Manager for the Morinville Public Library. Nicholas Brown, Vice Chair from the Legal Library Board was also in attendance on the virtual meeting.

Northern Lights Library System is one of seven (7) regional library systems in the province. They cover the northeast of the province with fifty-four (54) municipal members, one (1) Metis settlement, and one (1) reserve. In those communities they serve forty-nine (49) physical libraries. They partner with three (3) other regional systems in the sharing of a single library catalog. This means library patrons have access to more than 3.6 million library items, and they take advantage of that access.

Libraries are social centers in a community that are open to all. They are entertainment much like our soccer fields, hockey arenas, and curling clubs and they are also social service and education. The library is where people go to write a new resume, learn a new skill through online and in-person seminars, to receive help with government forms, or learn a new language. Northern Lights Library System provides its libraries with access to online learning resources like LinkedIn Learning where people learn everything from how to use Microsoft Excel to computer programming. Their libraries have access to engine repair databases for the enthusiast and the farmer. They deliver the internet, wi-fi, and maintain their computer networks.

Residents in Legal have used the Morinville Public Library and would pay a non-resident fee to be a member of the library and take advantage of the system benefits. The fee is about Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The Town of Legal will reimburse up to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per household once a receipt is submitted to the Town Office.

Northern Lights Library System as a member of TRAC is obligated by the cooperative's policies to only provide access to system members. The other regional systems have eliminated the "non-resident" access. James anticipates that their policies will be updated at the next Board meeting in early March. This would mean



access to electronic resources, print resource delivery, and other Northern Lights Library System Services will no longer be available to our residents. James stated that it is unfortunate that they must end this service to non-participating municipalities like Legal.

Morinville Public Library may choose to continue to provide access to our residents to the local library collection, their programs, and space, but services provided by Northern Lights Library System will no longer be available.

Legal has eighteen current registered library card holders. If you count recently expired cards, that number would be about fifty-three card holders. The suggestion from James was for Legal to join Northern Lights Library System. The cost is \$10.46/resident. Based on a per capita of 1,345, the cost of joining would be about Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) dollars per year.

Northern Lights Library System would be willing to work with the library board in the first year of membership by finding a high traffic space in Legal where a little free library could be set up. Next to the little free library, they would install a return bin so residents do not have to travel to Morinville to return their books and Northern Lights Library System will send out a van once a week to pick those books up. James would be prepared to work with our library board to help with provincial operating grants and identifying other ways to improve library services in Legal. Then Northern Lights Library System would identify a location for a pilot project of hold pickup lockers for books residents request from their libraries. Finally, Northern Lights Library System would work with the library board to obtain an annual provincial operating grant to be used for further library services in our area.

Questions ask by Council: Would the locker system come out of the Northern Lights Library System fees? How do they access the locker if not a digital program? Northern Lights Library System would assist for a fee to accommodate the citizens. Can we join a different library system? The answer was no, the systems are geographical.

Do other systems allow "non-residents" access? They do not. Northern Lights Library System is the last system that James was aware of to still allow access to non-residents. How do we justify Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) a year for eighteen (18) current card holders or fifty-three (53) expired card holders?

Mayor Jones thanked James MacDonald for the virtual meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer and Manager of Corporate Services remained in Council Chambers during the closed session.

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CLOSED SESSION

MOVED by Councillor Hills that Council enter a Closed Session at 7:39 P.M. as per the Municipal Government Act (Section 197) to discuss "Business Interests of a Third Party" as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 16) and "Intergovernmental Relations" as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 21).

CARRIED 5-0

MOVED by Councillor Malott that Council return to the regular session at 9:13 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

The Basics of NG 9-1-1

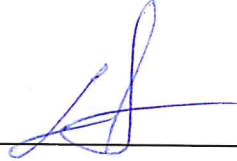


Local Governing Authority (LGA) Agreement Timeline began in November 2021 with TELUS filing its LGA Agreement with Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). In January of 2022, it is expected to receive CRTC approval of the LGA Agreement. February of 2022 would begin sharing the finalized agreement with LGA's as a part of the NG9-1-1 onboarding. No Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) can transition live onto NG9-1-1 network until all their respective LGA they serve has signed the NG9-1-1 agreement. Estimated two to three years to complete.

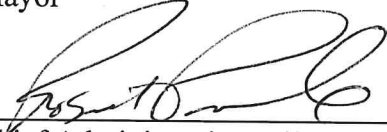
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hills that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer