

Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in Council Chambers, March 21st, 2022, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Tremblay, Councillor Hills, Councillor Malott

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: 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 7:00 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

11378 Resolution #11378 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the Agenda for the March 21st, 2022, regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

11379 Resolution #11379 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the March 7th, 2022, regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

Pat Mahoney and Matthew Roblin, Sturgeon County Bylaw Enforcement

Mayor Jones welcomed Fire Chief/Manager of Protective Services for Sturgeon County, Pat Mahoney and Supervisor/Peace Officer Enforcement Services for Sturgeon County, Matt Roblin to the Council meeting. Pat Mahoney provided Council with an overview of Sturgeon County's Emergency Services which is made up of five (5) District Halls, stations located in Bon Accord, Calahoo, Legal, Namao and Redwater, and two (2) Fire Service Agreements with Towns of Gibbons and Morinville. Sturgeon County has been providing fire service and operating the firehall in Legal since January 1st, 2019, with a new agreement which was signed in April 2021 and will provide services until December 2026. Each department has an allocated "Area of Response" however do rely heavily on a mutual aid model where, in accordance with Standard Operating Guidelines, two (2) departments are dispatched. Current staffing within five (5) County District Halls includes roughly seventy (70) POC's and twelve (12) full time firefighting staff. On March 28th three (3) additional full-time firefighters will start with us. District of Legal currently has fifteen (15) members on its roster. An update was provided on apparatus. There have been 1,557 responses County wide of which 139 for Legal. As for Town related calls in 2021 there was 34. The 34 calls consisted of three (3) alarms, one (1) control burn, twenty-seven (27) first aid, two (2) commercial/structure fires and one (1) vehicle fire. District Fire Chief Tracy Roulston resigned in early 2022 and now the District of Legal will have two Command Captains and one Lieutenant called "Leadership by Committee" which is the same structure being used in Bon Accord, Namao and Redwater with good success. Legal consistently maintains a



“Chute time” goal of under ten (10) minutes. Sturgeon County has nothing to do with ambulance services since Alberta Health Services took over.

Some areas of concern from Council included: chute time, manpower on the trucks – is it just full-time personnel, if so, may discourage local volunteers. Paid members versus volunteers, training locations and training requirements, recruitment being limited to once per year usually in middle of August to mid-end of September, with advertising done through local news/media avenues.

Supervisor/Peace Officer for Sturgeon County, Matt Roblin introduced himself to Council. Matt provided an overview of Enforcement Services which is made up of a supervisor, seven (7) Peace Officers and one (1) Animal Control Officer. Currently, the Town of Legal and Bon Accord receive seven (7) hours each per week of bylaw enforcement services, and fourteen (14) hours each week of enforcement time in the Town of Gibbons. Enforcement efforts are focused on municipal bylaws and provincial legislation provided by the Solicitor General. This includes things such as the Traffic Safety Act, Dangerous Dogs Act, and the Gaming Liquor and Cannabis Act. Although the Peace Officers work in partnership with the RCMP, they have a defined role within the law enforcement framework within Alberta to report any criminal activity encountered during the course of the duties of a Peace Officer to the Police. Hours of operations were provided to Council. Statistics for 2021 would include a total of 401 incidents such as barking dog complaints, parking, unsightly property investigations, and proactive patrols to name a few. A total of one hundred (100) citations were issued for things such as municipal law violations, speeding offences, etc.

Council discussed some areas of concerns with both Matt and Pat such as general practice on protecting name of complainants and not disclosing who makes the complaint; are there any communities that Matt would be aware of that allow for use of quads within municipal boundaries and what would be recommended for the Town of Legal. Matt suggested forming a bylaw, having an education component for residents, align with provincial highway rules, regulations, and safety guidelines. Other concerns discussed were derelict vehicles on the roads and properties, and unsightly properties. With only seven (7) hours currently allocated to Legal, Pat Mahoney suggested Council set certain priorities for the year and communicate them to Matt for execution. One question posed by Council was is seven (7) hours of bylaw enforcement adequate with the expectations Council requires from bylaw enforcement, and the response was that seven (7) hours gets used up quickly. Sturgeon County provides FTE for Bon Accord, Gibbons, Redwater and Legal. If Legal wanted more hours, this would need to be investigated further.

Mayor Jones and Council thanked Pat and Matt for attending the meeting and administration would be in contact with Pat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Communities in Bloom

11380

Resolution #11380

Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal not proceed with an application to the 2022 Communities in Bloom program.

CARRIED 5-0

REPORTS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Report was submitted and will form part of the Council package.

MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES



Revenue and expenditure report was submitted and forms part of the Council package.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Jones

Report was submitted and forms part of the Council package.

Deputy Mayor Tremblay

Attended the Strategic Planning Workshop on March 14th, 2022, facilitated by Ladders Up Consulting.

Councillor Hills

Attended the Legal & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General meeting on February 24th, 2022.

Attended the Strategic Planning Workshop on March 14th, 2022, facilitated by Ladders Up Consulting.

Councillor Malott

Attended the Fete au Village meeting on March 10th, 2022.

Attended the Strategic Planning Workshop on March 14th, 2022, facilitated by Ladders Up Consulting.

Councillor Veenstra

Attended the Strategic Planning Workshop on March 14th, 2022, facilitated by Ladders Up Consulting.

Attended the Sturgeon Victim Services Annual General Meeting on March 16th, 2022.

Attended the Subdivision Appeal Board training from on March 14th to 17th, 2022.

11381 Resolution #11381 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to The Great Canadian Trade Fair & Sale

Received as information.

11382 Resolution #11382 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the correspondence be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. Renewal Agreement

11383 Resolution #11383 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. Renewal Agreement commencing April 1st, 2022, to March 31st, 2025.

CARRIED 5-0

11384 Resolution #11384 Moved By: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that Bylaw #02-2022 being a Bylaw of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta to amend Business License Bylaw #01-2000 be given first reading.

CARRIED 5-0

11385 Resolution #11385 Moved By: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that that Bylaw #02-2022 being a Bylaw of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta to amend Business License Bylaw #01-2000 be given second reading.

CARRIED 5-0

11386 Resolution #11386 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that Bylaw #02-2022 go into third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11387 Resolution #11387 Moved By: Councillor Veenstra

RESOLVED that that Bylaw #02-2022 being a Bylaw of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta to amend Business License Bylaw #01-2000 be given third reading.

CARRIED 5-0

Request for Business License Waiver

11388 Resolution #11388 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the Fete au Village's request to waive the temporary Business License fees for the 10 Food Truck Vendors that will attend the 2022 Fete au Village event from July 22nd to July 24th, 2022.

CARRIED 5-0

TRAVIS Routing and Vehicle Information System Multijurisdiction Memorandum of Agreement

11389 Resolution #11389 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the TRAVIS-MJ Memorandum of Agreement.

CARRIED 5-0

Lemonade Day 2022

11390 Resolution #11390 Moved by: Mayor Jones

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal proclaim June 18th, 2022, as Lemonade Day and to issue Lemonade Day Business Licenses for youth from the Town for a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00):

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day is a free, community-wide educational event providing children with the opportunity to learn and apply entrepreneurial thinking and create a foundation for success in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day exists to infuse today's youth with the spirit of enterprise, teaching the basic business and entrepreneurial skills necessary to become successful, contributing members of the communities; and



WHEREAS, Lemonade Day has a core philosophy of SPEND, SAVE, and SHARE that is implemented by teaching children how to start, own, and operate a business, learn goal setting, develop a business plan, establish a budget, seek investors, provide customer service, and give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Day offers opportunities for families, businesses, schools, youth organizations, neighborhoods, institutes of higher learning, and government agencies to unite for a common purpose - to train the next generation of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS: Lemonade Day is a day of learning and celebrating northern Alberta's future. On June 18th every citizen has a job - either buying or helping children sell lemonade; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trina Jones, Mayor of the Town of Legal, on behalf of this Commission, do hereby proclaim June 18th, 2022, to be LEMONADE DAY in the Town of Legal and encourage every citizen to purchase a cup of lemonade from one of the youths participating in the program to demonstrate how our community cares for the future of our youth.

CARRIED 5-0

Gerald Pelletier Request for Policy Exemption

11391 Resolution #11391 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve Gerald Pelletier's request for the Cornhole League scheduled for Thursday evenings between the hours of 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. from April 7th to June 16th, 2022, as per Policy 4.4 and conditions described below:

1. Alcohol must be confined to the footprint area of the Legal Arena Lobby.
2. Appropriate liquor licensing permits and liability insurance are required, and copies must be provided to the Town.
3. Consumption will be limited to Thursday evenings between the hours of 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm from April 7th to June 16th, 2022.

CARRIED 5-0

Flowpoint Bulk Water Meter at Legal Pumphouse

11392 Resolution #11392 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the quote provided by Flowpoint Environmental Systems LP for the Endress+Hauser Flowmeter and the Pulse Doubler.

CARRIED 5-0

Sponsorship Request from Sturgeon Hockey Club, Re: Provincial Tournament

11393 Resolution #11393 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal not approve the sponsorship request from Sturgeon Hockey Club.

CARRIED 5-0

CLOSED SESSION

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

11394 Resolution #11394 Moved by: Councillor Veenstra



RESOLVED that Council move into a "Closed Session" to discuss Intergovernmental Relations as per the Municipal Government Act (Section 1(3)(c)) and the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 21) at 9:11 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

11395 Resolution #11395 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that Council return to regular session at 9:36 P.M.


CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT


11396 Resolution #11396 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer