

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF VILLAGE OF WARNER
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF WARNER ON JANUARY 16th, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jon Hood, Deputy Mayor Tyler Lindsay,
Councillors Ian Glendinning, Danny LeCain & Sandi
Hedin
Staff CAO Lisa Carroll and residents as observers

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:22 pm by Mayor Hood

DELEGATION

RWC Presentation

Ridge Water Commission representatives (Barry Wolseley, Rick Lowry and Kurtis Pratt) attended the council meeting to give a brief presentation on the quality issue at Ridge Park which has led to the slow degradation of the flow and quality leading to Raymond Plant, New Dayton Plant and the Warner Water Plant. The quality further declines over the summer when the flow from the power plant seems to come to a standstill. They are looking for continued political assistance and support. They thanked council and left the meeting at 5:50 pm.

RCMP

Constable Rob Zintel and Constable Robin Deecey of the Milk River RCMP detachment attended council this evening to give us some statistics on criminal activities in Warner and area. They currently have 4 staff and things seem to be settled into a regular routine and they have a good group.

They informed us of a couple of new projects they have coming up – one is called RID (Report Impaired Drivers) and they would like council's permission (and assistance) to place signage around town with the RID logo and phone number. This is no problem and we would supply the signposts. They will contact CAO Carroll to arrange.

They are also planning a presentation for local Fire Departments on their role during incidents involving the RCMP (fires, drug busts, MVC's, etc.). He will be leaving some Frauds & Scam booklets for our residents to take at the front counter.

The RCMP officers thanked council for their attention and left the meeting at 6:16 pm

**Devil's Coulee
Cooperating Society**

Trish Hill, Manager of the Devil's Coulee Museum attended council meeting seeking support from the council financially for their operations. They have had significant cuts from government programs/grants (including, but not limited to, the STEP program – which enabled students to be hired through their fiscal operating year). She gave a breakdown of their finances and then gave an impressive overview of how the museum hosts literally thousands of people each season – visitors worldwide that come to Warner! Any amount of financial assistance would be helpful at this point. She thanked council and left the meeting at 6:40 pm

001-14
Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hood asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Councillor Hedin asked to add Item 5F) Composting. CAO Carroll added 2 action items 6B) WHS Request and 6C) Resident Request. Councillor Glendinning moved to adopt the agenda as provided with the additional items.

Carried

002-14
Approval of Minutes

Councillor Hedin moved to approve the minutes of the December 18th, 2013 regular council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

003-14
Approval of Consent Agenda

Councillor LeCain moved to approve the consent agenda as provided.

Carried

004-14
Approval of Committee Reports

Councillor Hedin moved to approve the committee reports as provided, once some minor questions were asked.

Carried

Mayor Hood called for a short break at 6:40 pm and the meeting resumed at 6:45 pm

ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Derelict Houses** The derelict houses are finally down and gone and there are sales pending on both properties which will see the Village recuperate costs of taxes owed at the least. The future taxes on the land will help offset the costs of the takedowns.
- Tax Recovery Auction** CAO Carroll is working with the lawyers on setting up an auction for a couple of tax sales in Warner. Details should be available for the February or March meeting.
- Councillor's Corner** Just a friendly reminder that it's Deputy Mayor Lindsay's turn for the February 2014 newsletter. March will be Councillor Hedin and she would like to see a survey sent out to residents regarding what they want the Village to spend tax & grant dollars on.
- Budget 2014** CAO Carroll would like to have an initial budget meeting in early February so that when the auditors come and when the Provincial budget comes down, she has a good grasp of where council wants her to spend tax & grant monies. Suggested meeting date is Saturday, February 1st, 2014 at noon.
- Library Discussion** Still nothing to report on regarding the library. No firm quotes have come in. It's been mainly "best guesstimates" and verbal quotes, which don't really assist us with direction. There are a few options available to us and the library board but no official decisions have been made.
- Composting** Councillor Hedin wanted the group to know that Milk River may be possibly looking into a composting area that Coutts & Warner could also have access to. It is in the early stages and if collaboration occurs, grant monies may be available. She will keep us informed as this unfolds.

ACTION ITEMS

105-14

Resident Request

CAO Carroll & Mayor Hood have had recent “heated” conversations with a resident who has lived here for many years and has paid utilities and taxes on time, every time. In the 2010 tax year (previous council & administration), there was a definite mix-up that saw this resident receive penalties for non-payment of taxes. CAO Carroll researched and discussed with the resident and she is very satisfied that this was either a glitch of the computer software during that year or an error by previous administration. She feels that this resident’s story “rings true” and is encouraging council to reverse the non-payment & penalties to ensure good future relations with a ratepayer.

Mayor Hood moved to reverse the charges against the roll # 5200 as recommended by administration.

Carried

106-14

WHS Request

CAO Carroll is again in receipt of a letter from the WHS requesting the ice remain in at the arena until after their showcase camp which has been set for April 4-6. They further requested that council waive any/all ice fees for the weekend and that this request be implemented “from now on” to avoid the need to annual requests. However, as budgets change from year to year, it is very difficult to commit to this request.

Councillor LeCain moved to keep the ice in at the arena until April 7th, 2014 and that we waive all ice fees for the showcase camp weekend.

Carried

107-14
Resident Request

Council is in receipt of an e-mail from a previous resident of Warner who owns property in town. This resident had pipes burst over the Christmas holidays and the home has been deemed unfit for habitation and will be turned over to the bank. Further to that, the resident is requesting that her charges from October forward be reversed as she didn't have renters and didn't feel it was fair to be charged for services that weren't being used. CAO Carroll did inform her that with home ownership comes responsibility so reversing garbage and sewer charges on utilities was not something that was ever "forgiven" by council. However, the request is being brought forward. CAO Carroll did, however, suggest to council that perhaps they could reverse the water charge that was quite high during December *because* of the frozen pipe and subsequent flooding.

Mayor Hood moved that we deny this request.

Carried

BYLAW REVIEW

Noise Bylaw (542-13)
108-14

Deputy Mayor Lindsay moved to go to third and final reading of the Noise Bylaw # 542-13.

Carried

Animal Bylaw (543-13)
109-14

Mayor Hood moved to go to third and final reading of the Animal Bylaw # 543-13, effective April 1st, 2014

Carried

IN CAMERA SESSION

None

**DATE OF NEXT
MEETING**

The next regular council meeting will be Wednesday,
February 19th, 2014 at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT
110-14

Deputy Mayor Lindsay moved to adjourn at 7:56 pm
Carried