



Council Present: Mayor Tyler Warman and Councillors: Brice Ferguson, Rebecca King, Darin Busk, Julie Brandle, and Joy McGregor

Council Absent: Shawn Gramlich

Staff Present: Brian Vance – CAO and Candace Tonsi – Recording Secretary.

Media Present: Lakeside Leader

Others Present: Residents

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Warman

Agenda:

Addition to the Agenda: Firefighters EAP & Rec Pass

Motion #009-20: Moved by Councillor Busk

That the Committee of the Whole Agenda for January 14, 2020 be accepted as presented.

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Community Recognition:

- a) RMSS Sr. Boys Volleyball Team
- b) Wanda McGrath

**CAO Update:
January 14, 2020**

Safety:

- One incident was reported in the Community Services department during the week of January 5th to 11th. No injuries or property damage were involved.
- Final preparations are being discussed for Safety Stand Down Days, taking place on January 23rd and 24th. Half of the employees will attend each day. They will include morning presentations regarding signs and symptoms of impairment in the workplace, and practical emergency response training in the afternoon.

Economic Development:

- Applications for an Economic Development Officer are due on January 20.
- The Request for Expression of Interest for an Economic Development Contractor was due January 13. We had 9 submissions.
- I am on the AMSC Energy Advisory Panel which will meet on January 29 and 30.

Finance:

- The Federal Government will now be charging us a Carbon tax of \$20 per tonne of CO2 emissions until March 31 and \$30 per tonne after that. This will impact our 2020 budget.
- **General** – Working on the Budget Information Booklet.
- **Taxes** – Had the tax sale for 2 properties on January 10th but there were no bids. We are evaluating our options.

Operations and Utilities:

Public Works

- Sanding is ongoing. Snow removal in the SW and NW residential will be next as the weather permits.

Utilities

- Did very well on the Alberta Environment Drinking water audit.
- Concentrating on keeping the heat on and ensuring nothing freezes.
- Working with the contractor on the lagoons to ensure that the temporary pump continues to operate.

Planning and Development:

- 2019 Development Permit Stats
 - 102 Development Permit issued in 2019
 - 1 for a Single Family Dwelling
 - 1 for an Industrial Shop
 - 4 demolitions
 - 5 Type C, D or E Home Based Businesses
 - 29 Occupying Space permits for businesses
 - 1 Cannabis Store
 - 10 Cabins for Big Fish Bay
 - Excavation/Stripping and Clearing Permit for Big Fish Bay
 - Emergency Access Road for Big Fish Bay
- Continuing to work on a review of all documents, forms, procedures, etc.
- Working on right-of-way and access agreements for the AT quarter section adjacent to Big Fish Bay for the Town's raw water line and access for Big Fish Bay.

Fire Department:

- We are on call 20 already with 13 calls from this past week alone. Majority of the calls were MVC's followed by a SAR three day call out for missing persons, a couple of Duty Officer /Medical calls and a structure fire in Eating Creek.
- Maintenance have been busy with plowing snow, working on equipment failures do to the weather and assisting with the upcoming arrival of the Peace Officers to the hall.
- Operations have been in first of the year meetings with Fire Smart and Forestry, working on stats, assisted SAR, and working out the rest of the training schedules.
- The Fire Smart crew has been steadily moving the advanced Wildland Urban Interface course forward with NLC as well as planning for Wildland Urban Interface basic courses for spring.
- Wildfire season is only a month and a half away

Projects:

- **Lift station C force main:** Reviewing 90% drawing and tender specifications/contract. Meeting with Ken Vanderwell today regarding coordination of work near the Gathering Place.
- **Raw Waterline:** Currently working with contractors and engineers on the resolution of delay claims.
- **Sewage Lagoon Upgrades:** Winterization of the site completed, won't be much activity this winter.
- **Hotel Demolition:** Demolition of two hotel sites completed by the contractor.
- **Daycare Demolition:** The site is all fenced up. The contractor is salvaging and sorting the materials that were existing in the building, full project completion anticipated in 2-3 weeks.

Community Services

- **Enforcement:**
 - Peace Officers have been actively looking for abandoned vehicles. Getting abandoned vehicles moved not only helps with the image of our neighbourhoods but also with snow removal.
 - Peace Officers were involved with the recent missing person's search.
 - RCMP K-Div. informed the Town that they are not willing to proceed with full expanded authority until a pilot project has been completed in another municipality. Administration will be re-writing the business case to focus on Peace Officer involvement in non-injury collisions and execution of Criminal warrants (same as before just removing the Criminal Code investigations pieces).
- **Aquatics:**
 - Moved two junior lifeguards into senior lifeguard positions this week.
 - We are encouraging parents to fill out swimming lesson/instructor evaluations by entering them into a draw to win a Red Cross towel.
 - The January fitness challenge has been receiving lots of great feedback.
- **FCSS:**
 - High Prairie & District Children's Resource Centre will be submitting the proposal for the Family Resource Network funding this week, which includes the Slave Lake portion.
 - Monday was the last Monday drop in for Parent Link.
 - Parent Link's sledding at 9 mile today was cancelled due to the weather.
 - Kids in the Kitchen program started last Thursday and will run for 4 weeks.
 - PLC programs cancelled next Thursday for Safety Stand Down Day.
 - Senior's program has done a lot of snow removal (volunteers and some staff time).
 - Preparing for tax season for the Seniors' program.
 - Prepared Anger Ed package to start back into the schools
 - Slave Lake will be hosting the NW Regional FCSS Director's meeting in May. This may see approx. 70 delegates attending.
- **Parks & Facilities:**
 - Have completed numerous HVAC repairs related to cold weather at MRC, Town, GOA, Fire Hall and Legacy
 - Had contractor clear MRC parking lot of snow
 - Continue to investigate software options for Capital Asset Management.

- **Recreation & Programming:**

- Women's Winter Wellness was hosted at the Legacy Centre this past weekend. We ran into some heating issues but resolved the solution and came up with a heating management plan for moving forward on winter events.
- MRC has started rolling out the new programming from our courses and workshops. Tone & Burn, Stroller Rollers and Power Walking all are running with good enrollment. Tone & Burn is full to capacity.
- The spin bikes and rowers are being actively used and we have had tremendous positive feedback from users. We are looking at creating some "how to row" videos or communication pieces.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Jan 16: Stage North (Legacy)
- Jan 25-26: Girls Hockey Tournament (MRC)
- Jan 24-26: Slave Lake Adult Soccer Tournament (MRC)

4a) EAP & Town Pass for Volunteer Firefighters

Motion #010-20: Moved by Councillor King

That Council extend EAP benefits & recreation benefits to Town volunteer firefighters and families and recreation passes to all regional volunteer firefighters and their families

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Committee Minutes:

a) **Finance, Legislative, Intergovernmental Affairs**

- 1) Intermunicipal Committee
- 2) Slave Lake Watershed Council
- 3) Slave Lake and District Chamber of Commerce
- 4) Tri – Council (Town, MD and Sawridge First Nation)

b) **Community Services**

- 1) Lesser Slave Lake Regional Housing Authority
- 2) Tri-Council Health Committee
- 3) Slave Lake Region Tourism Society
- 4) Slave Lake Library Board
- 5) Naming Advisory Committee
- 6) Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake Region
- 7) Community Education Committee

c) **Property Services**

- 1) Municipal Planning Commission

- 2) Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
- 3) Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Management
- 4) Slave Lake Airport Commission
- 5) Lesser Slave Lake Region Wildfire Legacy Corporation

d) **Protective Services**

- 1) Protective Services Committee
- 2) Disaster Services

e) **Other**

- 1) Northern Alberta Mayor's and Reeves Caucus
- 2) Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

Motion #011-20: Moved by Councillor Busk

To accept the Committee updates as information.

CARRIED

Management Task List:

Motion #012-20: Moved by Councillor Ferguson

That Council accepts the Management Task list and Completed Task List as information.

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Mayors Corner:

- Attended the RCMP forum held last night at the Legacy Centre. About 80 people in attendance. Lots of comments all over the place, lots of information & ideas shared. Opportunity for Council and them to share about the progress made on things being worked on. Got information on direction on mandate for 2020. It was apparent that there is a lot of frustration and solutions are needed and there is a need to reach out to the province to stress the importance of support as people are losing faith in the system.
- Getting lots of complaints from certain property owners to respond to calls. Spending lots of money on resources (RCMP & ambulance) responding to these. Conversation needed to stress to property owners about how their property operates and that they can't keep costing taxpayers money.
- Going to Koinonia Christian School for a presentation tomorrow
- Tonight was last meeting of budget for this year. Hoping to pass budget next week. Thanks to Administration and Council for all their hard work on it. Lots of time and effort and sacrifices made and put into it. Appreciate creative way budget was looked at. Dipping into reserves and capital projects which are there for when times are tough. Going to invest \$250,000 in economic development. Want to support & grow business and want people to have confidence in their employment and have businesses have confidence in doing business in our region. Service levels are going to be maintained. Have to dig a little deeper to do this, but administration is prepared to

do that. Going to invest in capital (roads, parks & facilities, drinking water, treated water etc.). Happy to have budget like this when we are up against rising costs as well as inflation, last minute decisions by Alberta Government that have had impact on the budget. End of day, impact to taxpayers is going to be minimal. Amazing accountability to taxpayers. Probably one of the smallest increases across the province. Hopefully will be sharing that next week with the public.

In Camera:

Motion #013-20: Moved by Councillor Busk

That Council moves this meeting of Council "In Camera" at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion #014-20: Moved by Councillor Ferguson

That Council moves this meeting of Council out of "In Camera" at 7:55 p.m.

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Adjournment:

Motion #015-20: Moved by Councillor Ferguson

That Council Adjourns the January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:56 pm.

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Tyler Warman, Mayor



Brian Vance, Chief Administrative Officer