

Town of Lamont
March 10, 2015
Regular Meeting of Council

Town Council Chambers

PRESENT:	Bill Skinner	Mayor
	Debra Dunsmore	Councillor
	Wayne Field	Councillor
	Steven Sharun	Councillor
	Doug Pewarchuk	Councillor
	Dave Taylor	Councillor
	Gail Hrehorets	Councillor absent
	Elaine Milliken	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
	Betty Malica	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Skinner; that the meeting be called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA:**

MOTION: 48/15 Councillor Taylor; that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DECLARATION OF
PECUNIARY
INTEREST:**

None

IN-CAMERA:

None

DELEGATION:

None

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES:**

a) Council Minutes – February 24, 2015

MOTION: 49/15 Councillor Dunsmore; that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 24, 2015 be accepted as amended:
Councillor Dunsmore report add: attended Fire Department Awards Night

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE:

None

BYLAWS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Lamont County Food Bank - Thank you

Council information

b) Shaw Communications Inc.

Council information

Initials: _____

BUSINESS:

a) RCMP Annual Performance Plan

RCMP is asking council's feedback of their priorities and initiatives for the upcoming annual performance plan and return have it returned to the detachment by March 20, 2015.

c) Northern Lights Library System – Donation Request.

Council recognizes that the 25th Anniversary is a big milestone, but we will have to respectfully decline their donation request as we just joined the system this year.

MOTION: 50/15

Councillor Field: that administration sends a letter respectfully declining the donation request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF CAMERA: None

**STAFF AND COUNCIL
REPORTS:**

Chief Administration Officer

Accomplished last month:

Attended the Strategic Planning session
Attended the Fire Dept Awards night
Have been helping with Lamont Community Fair details
Working with Robert & Wilde & Co. to finish the audit
Working with Tanmar to complete the assessment
Working with Brownlee to start the Tax recovery process

Planned for next month:

CIBC in Lamont will be closing their doors as of July/15. I would like to send a letter of disappointment to the head office.
Council instructed Deputy CAO to send a letter to CIBC head office stating our disappointment of them closing the branch. Council would also like to see the letter before it is sent.

Tax recovery
I will be away on holidays from March 4 returning March 16.

Public Works

Accomplished for February:

- Professionally installed Ironex snow gate on new town 2008 John Deere grader.
- Servicing on all medium and small equipment done. Just International tandem truck and sweeper left.
- Installed 71 of 80 complete water meters. Remaining meters are either plumbing shut off or non-compliant issues.
- End of the year water/ waste water reports for Alberta Environment complete and sent.

Working on now:

- Sanding and painting new and old barricades for town use.
- Ordered equipment and projects booked as per 2015 budget.

- Switching over tractor/ blower/ bucket and one ton sander for spring thaw/ freezing of storm water system. Hotsy steamer.

Working on next:

- Bring into shop 8ft. and 15ft. tractor mowers for inspection, service and repairs as required.
- Tree trimming to new grader and sweeper for clearance on streets. March/April.
- In general scarify, clear streets of ice, steam open storm sewers and start pothole filling end March/ April.

Council asked Deputy CAO to talk to Richard to ensure he has enough material for hand patching and crack filling this year. Also council wants to know what the repair plan is for 51st between 47th Ave and 48th Ave. (from the Credit Union north)

Recreation Department

Accomplished last month

- New door installed in kitchen hall
- Filters changed in all furnace's
- Fixed two toilets in hall & one in meeting room
- V cup went well no problems. We had a good turnout for the critters game, attendance was around 250-300
- All compressors greased, & ice resurfacer [Olympia] oil changed and greased.

Planned for next month:

Taking out ice & getting ready for bull-a- rama

Fire Department

Attended 6 calls in January, two of these calls were for STARS landing at Hospital

Continue 2015 training.

10 members attended First Aid/CPR course, with 2 public Works people.

3 members completed S-200 course in Bruderheim

Awards night held Feb. 21st.

Planned for next month:

Continue training curriculum for 2015

Work on Standard Operating guidelines

3 members to attend S-300 Course in Mundare

Inspection at Youth Ranch

Councillor Pewarchuk

Attended the Parks Canada Triathlon, approximately 80 people attended

Attended Kaylna Festival Performing Arts Festival

Councillor Sharun

Nothing to report

Councillor Taylor

- My apologies for missing the last meeting, a personal issue came up unexpectedly. I did inform Council and administration that I would not be able to attend the Council meeting
- I have had meetings with the Lamont Bike and Skateboard Park Association, primarily with the youth that had initially proposed the concept. They are concerned at the length of time to get this project moving forward. Subsequently, I managed to get a meeting with Jay Hoots (www.hoots.ca), and he has agreed to take this project on this summer (he was not available last summer). We are now working on design and costs. I will call a Parks Planning Committee meeting to address this and take it back to council
- I attended the Feb. 17 Lamont High School Council / Foundation meeting. New weight room is now open - very impressive, with some great new equipment. Students are enjoying it already. The space in the music room mezzanine will be renovated for use by drama & music classes. Drama & Food class are presenting another dinner theatre event Wednesday, March 11. Library is prepping for renovations and conversion to Northern Lights Library system. Fundraising in progress for new curtains for the stage in the gymnasium. Fund requests also for a new kiln for the shop, new projector and sound system for the gym, and some music equipment.
- I attended the Kalyna Country music festival, once again highlighting music and dance for local youth. This will sadly be the final year for this 18 year festival, as a combination of declining music entries, to many dance entries and a retiring volunteer committee
- I have fielded several resident complaints and requests regarding issues (mainly by-law issues), and passed the confirmed infractions to Administration. I indicated to residents to use the Challenge / Request forms from the Town, or at least contact Administration on these issues. Requested clarification from Administration on process and response time for such communications
- Kudos to Town Public Works crew on road & street work with the "new" grader; they have been working hard to keep up with the snow, ice and now slush due to rapid variations in temperature and weather. Residents are noticing as well

Councillor Field

Spring is here and ATV's are being driven on our streets and through our parks. Can we remind the RCMP that we have bylaws for this and ask that when they are on patrol they monitor these areas.

Councillor Dunsmore

Kudo's to Public Works on the grader work, the town looks good.
March 2 – attended Library Board Meeting
March 5 – Website committee meeting, website is coming along great and should be up and running by April 1
March 12 – attended Lamont Elementary School meeting

Mayor Skinner

February 26 - attended CEO/CAO meeting at Lamont County
March 5 – attended news release event at Mundare, MLA Jackie Fenske announced provincial grants to be presented to the Lamont County Housing Foundation to assist in installation of fire suppression within our

lodges. Andrew Lodge received \$100,000.00 and Mundare received \$240,000.00.

The Ride for Dad event will be coming to Lamont again this year on June 13.

Note: All of council commended Public Works on the grading done to the streets in minimizing ice and water build up.

Action Register

Council information

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer