

Town of Lamont
May 26, 2015
Regular Meeting of Council
Town Council Chambers

PRESENT:	Bill Skinner	Mayor
	Gail Hrehorets	Councillor
	Debra Dunsmore	Councillor
	Dave Taylor	Councillor
	Steven Sharun	Councillor
	Doug Pewarchuk	Councillor
	Wayne Field	Councillor absent
	Sandi Maschmeyer	Chief Administration Officer
	Betty Malica	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Skinner: called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA:**

MOTION: 93/15 Councillor Hrehorets: that the agenda be accepted as amended:
Correspondence: Lamont County Fire Agreement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DECLARATION OF
PECUNIARY
INTEREST:**

None

IN-CAMERA:

MOTION: 94/15 Councillor Taylor: that Council goes into Committee of the Whole In-Camera regarding land and labor at 7:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Maschmeyer left chambers

MOTION: 95/15 Councillor Dunsmore: that Council returns from the Committee of the Whole In-Camera at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Skinner reconvened meeting 7:30 p.m.

DELEGATION: a) Greg Huxley – Hillside Water Concerns

MOTION: 96/15 Councillor Taylor: that council accepts the delegation presentation from Greg Huxley – Hillside Water Concerns.

Mr. Huxley came before council regarding concerns of sewer backups in this area. He has incurred two (2) backups in the last four (4) years which in turn has resulted in an increase in insurance premiums, significant frustration and has even resulted in some individuals leaving town due to this. We would like to know what steps the Town will take to have this issue resolved.

The Town's engineer attended the meeting to answer the concerns of the effected residences in Hillside. The engineer pointed out that the water/waste water system in Town is between 35-40 years old. Since then the Town has upgraded the underground pipes in that area and other areas which has helped. However, another issue is that area residents have their sump pumps and down spouts draining directly into the sewer system which puts a strain on the system in heavy rain fall. Over the last 6 years the Town has invested \$8 million dollars in upgrades in the Town of

Lamont which nobody sees for most of it is underground. For 2015 the new lagoon will be complete and functional with a much larger capacity than the old lagoon. When it comes to torrential rains there is no system that can handle that much water in such a short period of time.

Some precautions that you as a resident can take are:

-install a backup valve, however it must be maintained to work effectively
-have your down spouts drain to the front street and away from your home not directly into the sewer system

-have your sump pumps drain to the front of your property and not directly into the sewer system

These are few things that would help take the pressure off the system.

Mayor Skinner thanked the Town Engineer for attending the meeting and speaking to the concerned resident.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

a) Council Minutes – May 12, 2015

MOTION: 97/15

Councillor Pewarchuk: that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 12, 2015 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Town Wide Clean-Up – May 7, 2015

MOTION:98/15

Councillor Hrehorets: that the Minutes of the Town Wide Clean-up Committee meeting held May 7, 2015 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL:

a) As of April 2015

Council information

BY-LAWS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Municipal Affairs – MSI Funding

Council information

b) Larry Doskoch –Letter of Concern

Council information

c) Lamont County Fire Agreement

A special meeting was scheduled for June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers to review the new fire agreement with Lamont County.

BUSINESS:

a) RFD – Jungle Hut Express

This item was tabled from last meeting as Council requested administration research fees from surrounding communities.

MOTION: 99/15

Councillor Pewarchuk: that council approves Jungle Hut Express Food Truck to park and sell food on the Town's empty lot next to 5002-50 Ave.; and therefore, must provide their own garbage bins and clean up completely when they are finished for the day, and a charge of \$35.00/day or \$50.00/week will be levied, payable before entering said location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d) Heartcreek Lamont Estate Ltd.

MOTION:100/15 Councillor Dunsmore: that council approve the tax levy assessed on 32 lots owned by Heartcreek Lamont Estates Ltd. will be reduced to \$250.00 per lot. This reduction only applies to the current taxation year, and will not guarantee a continued yearly reduction in taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF CAMERA

MOTION: None

STAFF AND COUNCIL

REPORTS:

Councillor Pewarchuk

Nothing to report

Councillor Sharun

May 25 - attended fair meeting

Councillor Taylor

Worked with Lamont Elementary and High Schools on integration of Town wetlands and natural areas into study programs / class activities. LHS indicated they have been using the creek area in Campbell for Science ecosystem and Biology studies; as well as using the pathways for physical education classes. LES has integrated wetland area study into Grade 5 science curriculum module. Both schools submitted letters to the Town, supporting use, enhancement, preservation and protection of these wetland and natural areas. These letters will be submitted to Alberta Environment as part of the reciprocal offset for the lagoon expansion project

May 25: attended the Community Fair / Perogy Festival Committee meeting. Good to see the service groups and Town working together in a collaborative and cooperative manner. With the Town now as the official host of this event, there is a responsibility for organizing logistics and safety for the venue and activities. As such, it is recommended that a comprehensive venue map / layout be created for the event
Forwarded requests from residents to have the spray park turned on; Sandi and Richard responded promptly – thanks!

Councillor Dunsmore

May 8 – attended Corporate Services meeting
May 14 – attended Chamber meeting

Councillor Hrehorets

May 25 – attended fair meeting

Mayor Skinner

Attended CRB meeting on May 13, followed by a growth plan update meeting. Provincial funding is stalled awaiting new provincial government budget finalization. This will delay CRB projects scheduled for this year. The Regional Services Committee has been disbanded. The Housing Task Force will return to a standing committee. Lamont is expected to have a member on the Housing Committee. This item is to be placed on the next agenda.

Attended Alberta Health Service/Lamont Health Services awareness session on May 20. Primary Care Network provided a presentation of their services.

Attended start-up meeting with the architect for the seniors lodge project on May 20. JMAA architecture of Red Deer has been chosen as the firm and the architect assigned is Cory Leniuk. They will initiate a hazardous material assessment in preparation for demolition plans. The next meeting with the architect will be mid June.

Attended LCREDI meeting in Chipman on May 21. Community profiles are continuing to get updated. LCREDI plans to have a table in the Trade Show during our Community Fair.

Attended Foundation board meeting on May 25. Foundation annual staff appreciation and service awards event will be on June 5 in Mundare.

CAO Maschmeyer

Reminder Picnic in the Park June 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Will be away on holidays from June 4 – 15, 2015

Action Register

Council reviewed

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Skinner adjourned the meeting 8:45 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer