

Town of Lamont
April 26, 2016
Regular Meeting of Council

Town Council Chambers

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

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

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA:**

MOTION: 50/16 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 – April 12, 2016

MOTION: 51/16 Councillor Hrehorets: that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 12, 2016 be accepted as presented.

b) Park Planning Minutes – April 13, 2016

MOTION: 52/16 Councillor Hrehorets: that the minutes of the Park Planning Committee meeting held April 13, 2016 be accepted as amended:
3. Remove approval of minutes – **Insert** approval of agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE:

a) March 2016

Council information

BY-LAW:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Beaver Hills Initiative

Council information

b) Lamont County CALC – Thank you

CALC expressed their sincere thank you for all the support they received from Town Administration during Lamont County’s renovations.

c) Alberta Municipal Affairs – ACP Program

Council information – Collaboration grant for Special Events Marketing Coordinator was not approved.

d) Municipal Affairs – Excellence Awards

Council information

e) Municipal Affairs – CRB

Council information

f) Scotts Canada Grant

Council information – grant was not approved

BUSINES:

a) RFD – 2016 Capital Works Road Improvements

MOTION: 53/16

Councillor Dunsmore: that Council awards the 2016 Capital Works Road Improvements tender to Kantrax Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$538,504.88 as per the recommendation of the CAO and Town Engineer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Town of Fox Creek – Letter of Support

Council reviewed the request and decided not to respond to the request.

OUT OF CAMERA:

None

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Accomplished last month:

- attending 4 webinars for Local Authorities pension
- attending CAO meeting - Andrew
- working with SEC to finalize contract for Capital Projects

Planned for next month:

- Taxation Bylaw
- working with SEC on Capital projects
- tax recovery processing

Would like to have a meeting to discuss taxation and have the bylaw passed at the May 10 council meeting. There will also be an in camera session to discuss a land issue. Meeting has been set for May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

I attended the Local Government Administration Association (LGAA) conference in April, 2016.

It was a very good conference which provided some useful information regarding the writing of a SDAB decision; solar energy options; why there are more GST audits being conducted; asset management and multi-year budgeting.

The Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Brad Pickering, along with other provincial government representatives were in attendance but were unable to provide much information because the budget had not yet been handed down.

They are expecting the revisions on the MGA to be completed before the election in 2017 and will be doing consultations regarding the revisions over the summer of 2016.

Mr. Pickering did note that the Minister is in the process of reviewing the CRB membership.

I have successfully completed Level 1 of the NACLAA and graduation is in June. I have 3 more courses to complete to finish Level 2 and then that program will be done.

Communication

We have reached 200+ likes on our Facebook page. This is a milestone that shows people trust the information they are getting from there. Questions or messages are answered promptly and there have been no negative comments showing up on the page.

The website has had an increase in traffic volume, so we are reaching more people in more ways.

The Alert System registration on the new site is slow, but we will keep pushing that to get people to sign up. The original site was a slow process as well; it is more likely to get a boost in registrants when alerts are issued.

Public Works

Accomplished for February/ March:

- Smart meters completed installation upgrades.
- Two large town highway signs refurbished, painted and seal coated.
- All maintenance of equipment completed with the addition of Quonset storage yard privacy slats and barb wire tops repaired and completed.

Working on now:

- Potholes throughout town to be filled with the exception of seven blocks of streets to be replaced. Will rough fix those.
- Remove dirt/ rocks at town sign site, Hwy 15 & Hwy 831, ground level. Rough and buff rust on poles, sign hangers and repaint. Install refurbished town sign.
- Remove and recover gravel on top of ESSO town sign. Remove some timber and haul out material at bottom. Clean up base to ground level. Prep and remove sign holding restraints and metal pilings for new site west.

Working on next:

- Flush hydrants and sewer lines annual inspections.
- Start up sewer dump station, cook shack and Splash Park.
- When time permits work on grind prepping St. /Ave. brackets with new replacements.

Recreation Department

Accomplished last month

- Ice removed , and arena floor washed and dried
- All pop dispensers flushed and service and setup for bull riding event
- Had to get gateway out to fix a ammonia leak in our ice plant
- All newly planted trees in the park watered
- Started repair to all playgrounds

Planned for next month

- Working on ball diamonds
- Repair's to play ground
- Replacing some broken puck board from the bull riding event

Councillor Hrehorets

Park Planning Committee is setting priorities; the committee felt that a Recreation Facilitator was not part of the committee's role.

Councillor Dunsmore

Talked to the Elementary and High School regarding the town wide clean up and they will schedule their time during the week.

Councillor Field

Nice to see alley work being done
Attended the PBR Event – it was well attended

Councillor Taylor

April 13 – attended Park Planning meeting

Councillor Sharun

Attended Water Corridor meeting
Attended PBR Event very good turn out

Councillor Pewarchuk

Attended the AGM for Heartland Citizens on Patrol

Mayor Skinner

April 13 – attended the kick-off meeting for the construction of the new lodge
April 13 – attended Park Planning meeting
April 14 – attended CRB meeting
April 21 – attended LCREDI meeting in Chipman

Action Register

Council reviewed register

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer