

## TOWN OF ABERDEEN

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN, HELD AT THE ABERDEEN TOWN OFFICE TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 2022

**PRESENT:** Mayor White, Councillors Griffiths, Sopotyk, Levesque, Kominetsky, Wudrick, Administrator Thompson, Public Works Oleksyn, Councillor Vandenberg attended by electronic means.

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:01pm

**DELEGATIONS:**

**AGENDA/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

Add;

10. Call out fees for false alarms

Travel Requests;

SUMA Sector Meeting February 9, 2022

01/2022

Griffiths

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

02/2022

Wudrick

That the minutes of the December 21, 2021 council meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

03/2022

Griffiths

That the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Joint R.M./Town council meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

04/2022

Griffiths

That the minutes of the January 7, 2022 Joint R.M./Town council meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:**

05/2022

Levesque

That Councillor Griffith be approved to attend the February 9 Town Sector meeting and Councillor Sopotyk attend the January 25, 2022 Government Leadership meeting online.

**CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

06/2022

Kominetsky

That the Financial Statements be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

07/2022

Vandenberg That the 68 accounts totaling \$104,505.58 plus online payments totaling \$62,652.66 attached to and forming part of these minutes be approved for ratification.

**CARRIED**

## REPORTS:

08/2022

Kominetsky That the Administrator report be accepted and filed.

**CARRIED**

09/2022

Kominetsky That the Maintenance report be accepted and filed.

**CARRIED**

## BUSINESS:

10/2022

Griffiths That the Town of Aberdeen present this resolution at the SUMA Conference supporting the Public Library System,

**WHEREAS** Libraries have been central to communities for hundreds of years creating a passion for reading and learning; and

**WHEREAS** regardless of socio economic background libraries plug us into our communities and can be counted on to provide the resources needed to succeed, and answers to many important questions.

Libraries assist patrons who require help, cannot afford to purchase books or do not have access to an internet connection for information, banking, communications, job searches, filling out of government forms, and or assistance with covid forms and information; and

**WHEREAS** libraries do much more than collect books offering programs for all ages. Programs such as the Single Integrated Library System (SILS), Pre-school programs, reading programs, book clubs, story time, mums and tots, summer reading programs, seniors' programs, to name just a few; and

**WHEREAS** The Provincial Public Library Sector Plan (2022-2027) does not address the concerns raised by Library Boards and Directors, or the implementation of recommendations related to the Government's provincial review. Rather the sector plan deals with a five-year research plan which could include the downloading of funding to municipalities as one of their recommendations to the Minister.

**WHEREAS** after the Provincial government review Minister Morgan is quoted as stating "... we heard from the people of Saskatchewan that equitable library services, resource sharing and a strong library system are a vital part of our infrastructure and important to our vision for the future of Saskatchewan."

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association lobby the Saskatchewan Government to adequately fund the public library system to keep pace with inflation.

Including retroactive payment based on inflation rates for the past years where no increases, or minor increases, have been given, and continue to fund Saskatchewan library systems; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association lobby the Saskatchewan Government to ensure that funding is increased annually to improve and support library services in both large and small community libraries. Which would include, but not be limited to, access to current IT technology, programming and educational opportunities all of which are an integral part of library services in their communities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association participates fully in any government reviews, meetings or discussion, advocating for improved services and adequate funding for the development of a long term strategy for the continued growth and future of Saskatchewan libraries. That this participation includes engaging the library community, municipalities and the public to ensure support for our community library services, SILS, and programming for all ages and patrons regardless of socioeconomic status.

**CARRIED**

11/2022

Wudrick That we sign the 2022 Loraas contract for waste, recycling and compost services.

**CARRIED**

12/2022  
Levesque

That we approve the tax abatements for Roll #369 (year 4) \$518.40, Roll #368 (year 3) \$462, Roll #367 (year 3) \$360., and Roll #366 (year 3) \$420.

**CARRIED**

13/2022  
Kominetsky

That we appoint Jenson Stromberg as our Auditors, and committees for Parks & Rec, Library Board, Development Appeals Board, Fire Department and First Responders as per lists attached to these minutes.

**CARRIED**

14/2022  
Wudrick

That we proceed with the Canada Summer Jobs application and request 2 workers for the maximum time allowed from May to September, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
**PRRC**

**BYLAWS:**

15/2022  
Levesque

That Bylaw 01/2022 being a Water and Sewer Fees and Penalties Bylaw be read a first time at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

16/2022  
Sopotyk

That Bylaw 01/2022 being a Water and Sewer Fees and Penalties Bylaw be read a second time at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

17/2022  
Wudrick

That Bylaw 01/2022 being a Water and Sewer Fees and Penalties Bylaw be read a third time at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

18/2022  
Kominesky

That Bylaw 01/2022 being a Water and Sewer Fees and Penalties Bylaw be read a third time at this meeting and adopted.

**CARRIED**

19/2022  
Griffiths

That Bylaw 02/2022 being a Bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for Garbage/Recycling & Compost be read a first time at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

20/2022  
Wudrick

That Bylaw 02/2022 being a Bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for Garbage/Recycling & Compost be read a second time at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

21/2022  
Levesque

That Bylaw 02/2022 being a Bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for Garbage/Recycling & Compost be read a third time at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

20/2022  
Wudrick

That Bylaw 02/2022 being a Bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for Garbage/Recycling & Compost be read a third time at this meeting and adopted.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Vandenberg  
Nothing to report

Griffiths  
Trouble at the Hall with electrical. Sk Power will be installing a new transformer. Waiting on camera for the Hall.  
Add to the RM/Town joint meeting agenda the need for a generator at the Hall.  
Library meeting January 25, 2022. Wheatland meeting January 22, 2022.

Sopotyk  
Nothing to report

Wudrick  
Add to our budget \$5,000 towards cemetery maintenance. Also budget for new Christmas Lights.

Kominetsky  
Parks & Rec have their financial statements back from the Auditor. Meeting next week.

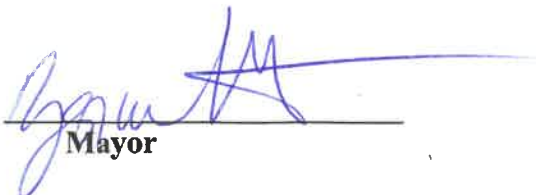
Levesque  
Testing new council chambers video equipment.  
Launch EMO after joint meeting.  
Meet with staff to discuss website upgrade.

White  
Schedule a public meeting once we have more info on the ARC.

**ADJOURN:**

21/2022  
Sopotyk

That we adjourn at 8:19pm

  
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Mayor

  
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Administrator