

TOWN OF ABERDEEN

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN, HELD AT THE ABERDEEN TOWN OFFICE, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Reimer Horner, Councillors, Vandenberg, Levesque, Griffiths, White, Wudrick, Administrator Thompson

ABSENT: Councillor Grand'Maison

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm

DELEGATIONS:

AGENDA/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Mayor Reimer Horner declared an interest with accounts for approval regarding Solid Core Homes payment for sewer/water line work at 105 6th Ave.

Add:

October Progress payment \$542,839.46 DC Construction (for lagoon)

7. Christmas Light Contest

8. Equip for Christmas Miracles

9. SUMA Conference Registrations

10. Firehall addition

11. Discretionary Use- Industrial Land Shop

12. RAS product

152/18

White That the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

153/18

Vandenberg That the minutes of the October 16, 2018 regular council meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

154/18

Vandenberg That the travel requests December 6 for Employment Standards in Watson be approved for the Administrator and the Mayor.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

155/18

Griffiths That the Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

Mayor Reimer Horner declared her interest and left council chambers at 8:05pm

156/18
Griffiths

That we pay Solid Core Homes \$2,608.50 for installing the water/sewer line at 105 6th Ave.

CARRIED

Mayor Reimer Horner re-entered council chambers at 8:11pm

157/18

White

That the balance of 45 accounts totaling \$392,249.78 plus \$542,839.46 for DC Construction, plus **online** accounts totaling \$18,079.90 attached to and forming part of these minutes be approved for ratification.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

158/18

Griffiths

That the Administrator and Maintenance report be accepted and filed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS:

159/18

White

That Council approve the advertisement of the 2017 Tax Enforcement Arrears as per list attached to these minutes.

CARRIED

160/18

White

That we transfer unpaid utilities totaling \$647.63 from Acct# 1020060 to tax roll #102 000 as per Section 369 of *the Municipalities Act*.

CARRIED

161/18

Griffiths

That we forward to the 2019 SUMA convention committee the following;

1. Cannabis Excise Tax

Whereas municipalities are on the front lines for facilitating legislation, and are absorbing significant costs as a result of cannabis legalization, despite being the only level of government without the ability to draw revenue directly from sales taxes; and

Whereas the federal government acknowledged municipal costs for legalization and increased the federal flow-through to provinces from 50-75%, with the stated intent that the additional 25% flow to municipalities; and

Whereas the province has not yet signed an agreement to flow through funding to municipalities, citing that they are, as yet, unaware of their costs and revenues; and

Whereas agreeing to a percentage share of cannabis excise tax doesn't require an encompassing knowledge of costs and revenues;

Therefore be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association advocate the provincial government to immediately develop and implement a cannabis excise tax sharing agreement, in cooperation with SUMA and SARM.

2. Saskatchewan Seniors Strategy

Whereas the Saskatchewan senior population (aged 55 and over) represented 27 per cent of the total population in 2016, and projections indicate that this will increase to 34.1 per cent of the total Saskatchewan population by 2038; and

Whereas Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland have a Ministry for seniors, Alberta and British Columbia have a Seniors Advocate, and Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland have an Advisory Council; and

Whereas there is a need for a seniors' strategy in Saskatchewan with significant dedicated resources, and a structure that recognizes that municipal governments have a stake in seniors' issues; and

Whereas a provincial seniors strategy would need to contemplate issues of infrastructure and services as well as the related, but more intangible, things such as quality of life and community involvement; and

Whereas it is important for a meaningful senior's strategy to focus on six key areas: housing, health care, transportation, services, finances, and meaningful participation in the community that leads to improved quality of life;

Therefore be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association advocate the provincial government to immediately begin developing a comprehensive seniors' strategy, in cooperation with SUMA and SARM; and

Be it further resolved that SUMA advocate the government to develop and resource a ministerial or advocate structure, separate from the Ministry of Health, to oversee and fund the implementation of the seniors' strategy.

CARRIED

162/18

White

That we donate \$120 to the Aberdeen Community Garden for the Christmas Light Contest.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

BYLAWS:

Revisit the Parking and Noise Bylaw December meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Griffiths

Received over \$6,000 in funding for the Hall from Affinity.

Waiting on the initiatives grant funding for the Library. Will be doing wreath making.

Meeting with Wheatland Government Panel.

When will the cemetery columbarium be ready for booking?

How are we coming along with the facebook page?

Arc Lounge, separate entrance to 19+??

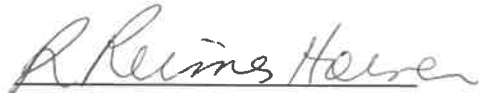
Reimer Horner

Tracey no longer on the Charities Board, Renee will take her place.
Rink is improving their revenues in 2018.
No alcohol allowed in the bleachers anymore.

ADJOURN:

163/18

White That we adjourn at 10:10pm



Mayor



Administrator