

**TOWN OF GIBBONS
AGENDA
TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAY 25, 2022
TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 7:00 PM**

- 1.0 ROLL CALL
- 2.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 3.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- 4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- 5.0 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
- 6.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
 - 6.1 Regular Meeting of Council May 11, 2022
 - 6.2 Special Meeting of Council May 20, 2022
- 7.0 FINANCE
 - 7.1 Accounts Paid as at May 24, 2022
- 8.0 APPOINTMENTS
- 9.0 OLD BUSINESS
- 10.0 NEW BUSINESS
 - 10.1 Resignation – Darren McCann
 - 10.2 Town of Gibbons – By – Election
 - 10.3 Neighbour Day
 - 10.4 Lemonade Day
 - 10.5 Longest Day of SMILES
 - 10.6 Seniors Week
- 11.0 BYLAWS & POLICIES
- 12.0 STAFF REPORTS
 - 12.1 Administration Report
- 13.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

14.0 PRESS COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 15.1 Village of Coutts
- 15.2 Town of Coaldale
- 15.3 Town of Mundare

16.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 16.1 Personnel

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2022, AT 4807 – 50th AVENUE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Present: Mayor Dan Deck
Councillor Loraine Berry
Councillor Amber Harris
Councillor Willis Kozak
Councillor Darren McCann
Councillor Norm Sandahl

Council Absent: Councillor Jay Millante

Staff Present: Farrell O'Malley – CAO
Mike Dubreuil, Assistant CAO
Monique Jeffrey – Interim Director Finance
Louise Bauder – Planning and Development & Recording Secretary
Kelsea Brown – Interim Directory Community Services

Staff Absent:

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Deck called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

3.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councillor Harris requested that Section 8.0 Appointments and Section 7.0 Finance be taken in reverse order.

CAO O'Malley requested that Item 7.4 Adoption of 2021 Financial Statement be added to the agenda.

Councillor Harris requested that Item 16.4 Personnel be added to the agenda.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Berry moved to accept the agenda as amended.

22.120	MOTION CARRIED
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5.0 ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

6.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

6.1 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – APRIL 13, 2022

Councillor Kozak moved to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022; Regular Meeting of Council as presented.

22.121	MOTION CARRIED
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7.0 FINANCE

7.1 ACCOUNTS PAID AS AT MAY 4, 2022

Councillor Sandahl moved that Council accept the Accounts Paid as at May 4, 2022, for information as presented.

22.122	MOTION CARRIED
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7.2 2022 BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT – 1ST QUARTER

Councillor Sandahl moved that Council accept the 2022 Budget Variance Report as at March 31, 2022, as information.

22.123	MOTION CARRIED
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7.3 PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Councillor Sandahl moved that Council accept the Purchase Agreement between 1685802 Alberta Ltd. and the Town of Gibbons in the amount of \$2,631,524.31 with the conditions contained therein for Part of 3-56-23-W4,

22.124	MOTION CARRIED
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7.4 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021 BUSINESS YEAR

Councillor Berry moved that Council accept the 2021 Audited Financial Statement as presented.

22.125	MOTION CARRIED
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8.0 APPOINTMENTS

8.1 2021 AUDIT – METRIX GROUP

Phil Dirks of Metrix Group presented the 2021 Audit Report to Council.

Mr. Dirks left at 10:20 am.

Councillor McCann moved that Council accept the 2021 Audit Report as information.

22.126	MOTION CARRIED
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8.2 NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Rosey Radmanovich addressed Council on the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

Ms. Radmanovich left Council at 10:40 am.

Councillor Berry moved that Council accept the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance presentation as information.

22.127	MOTION CARRIED
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9.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 PROCLAMATION – PRIDE WEEK 2022

Councillor Harris moved that Council proclaim June 13-19, 2022, as Pride Week in Gibbons.

22.128	MOTION CARRIED
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10.2 EDMONTON GARRISON MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Councillor Harris moved that Council purchase the sponsorship for a table of Ten.

22.129	MOTION CARRIED
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10.3 NORTHERN LIGHT LIBRARY SYSTEM CONFERENCE

Councillor Berry moved that Council accept this as information.

22.130	MOTION CARRIED
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10.4 GIBBONS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

Councillor Sandahl moved that Council appoint Eric Lowe as Fire Chief for the Gibbons Volunteer Fire Department for a period of 3 years.

22.131	MOTION CARRIED
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10.5 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JUNE 8, 2022

Councillor McCann moved that Council cancel the June 8, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council due to anticipated lack of quorum as a result of the Alberta Industrial Heartland Petrochemical Summit.

22.132	MOTION CARRIED
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10.6 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL JUNE 22, 2022

Councillor Berry moved that Council reschedule the June 22, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

22.133	MOTION CARRIED
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11.0 BYLAWS AND POLICIES

11.1 BYLAW PLU 3-22 DIRECT CONTROL COTTAGE DISTRICT

Councillor Harris moved that Council give 1st Reading to bylaw PLU 3-22 to create district Direct Control Cottage District (DC-COT).

22.134	MOTION CARRIED
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11.1 BYLAW PLU-3-22 PUBLIC HEARING

Councillor Harris moved that Council set a public hearing for Bylaw PLU 3-22 for June 22, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

22.135	MOTION CARRIED
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11.2 BYLAW PLU 4-22 REDISTRIC LOT 5, BLOCK 1, PLAN 032 2750

Councillor Sandahl moved that Council give 1st Reading to bylaw PLU 4-22 to Redistrict Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 032 2750.

22.136	MOTION CARRIED
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11.2 BYLAW PLU4-22 PUBLIC HEARING

Councillor Sandahl moved that Council set a public hearing for Bylaw PLU 4-22 for June 22 ,2022 at 6:45 pm.

22.137	MOTION CARRIED
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11.3 TAX RATE BYLAW ALT 3-22

Councillor Kozak moved that Council accept Note 1 and Note 2 as information

22.138	MOTION CARRIED
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Councillor Sandahl moved that Council give 1st Reading to Bylaw ALT 3-22 2022 Property Tax Bylaw.

22.139	MOTION CARRIED
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Councillor McCann moved that Council give 2nd Reading to Bylaw ALT 3-22, 2022 Property Tax Bylaw.

22.140	MOTION CARRIED
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Councillor Berry moved that Council hold 3rd Reading of Bylaw ALT 3-22, 2022 Property Tax Bylaw.

22.141	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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Councillor Harris moved that Council give 3rd Reading to Bylaw ALT 3-22, 2022 Property Tax Bylaw.

22.142	MOTION CARRIED
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12.0 STAFF REPORTS

12.1 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Councillor Kozak moved to accept the Administration Report as information.

22.143	MOTION CARRIED
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13.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Berry attended:

- EPR Webinar

- Bruderheim Mayor's Gala
- Homeland Housing Board Meeting
- Gibbons Library Board Meeting
- FCSSAA Board Meeting
- Spruceview Manor Open House
- CERI Circular Economy Webinar
- Homeland Housing Site Tour

Councillor Harris attended:

- Gibbons Library Board meeting
- Community Futures meeting
- Edmonton Salutes Committee meeting

Councillor Kozak attended:

- NEBA coffee talk
- Edmonton Global shareholders AGM
- Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission meeting
- Bruderheim Mayor's Gala
- Meeting with Leigh Friesen re: Get in the Loop app
- Meeting with Dave Anderson Chair of the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission
- Fort Saskatchewan trade show
- Tour of the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater plant
- Webinar Recycling Council of Alberta - Exploring Circularity
- City of St. Albert business breakfast
- Eagle Builders Tour Blackfalds, AB
- Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Councillor McCann attended:

- Eagle Builders Tour Blackfalds, AB

Councillor Millante attended:

- CAO Briefing session

Councillor Sandahl attended:

- Northeast Edmonton Business Association Business Mixer
- State of the Region Address – Stony Plain
- Open Ceremonies Sherwood Park Trade Fair
- Easter Egg Hunt

- Life in the Heartland update
- Fort Saskatchewan Trade Fair

Mayor Deck attended:

- Canadian Hydrogen Conference briefing
- Edmonton Global AGM
- Landrex 50TH Anniversary Celebration
- Canadian 1st Hydrogen Conference
- Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Trade show
- Eagle Builders Tour Blackfalds AB

Councillor Harris moved to accept the committee reports as information.

22.144	MOTION CARRIED
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15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 TOWN OF TABER

Councillor Sandahl moved to accept this as information.

22.145	MOTION CARRIED
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Mayor Deck called a 10-minute recess at 11:48 am.

Mayor Deck called the meeting back to order at 12:00 pm.

16.0 CLOSED SESSION

Councillor McCann moved that Council move to Closed Session as per Section 197 (2) of the *Municipal Government Act* with respect to the following items at 12:02 pm.

22.146	MOTION CARRIED
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Councillor Sandahl moved that Council revert to normal seating 12:33 pm.

22.147	MOTION CARRIED
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16.1 SOUTH-END DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Sandahl moved to accept this as information.

22.148	MOTION CARRIED
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16.2 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL AGREEMENT HOMESTEAD DEVELOPMENTS

Councillor McCann moved to accept this as information.

22.149	MOTION CARRIED
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16.3 PROJECTS UPDATE

Councillor Berry moved to accept this as information.

22.150	MOTION CARRIED
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16.4 PERSONNEL

Councillor Harris moved to accept this as information

22.151	MOTION CARRIED
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17.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Deck adjourned the meeting 12:41 pm.

Mayor, Dan Deck

CAO, Farrell O'Malley

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GIBBONS HELD ON
FRIDAY MAY 20, 2022, AT 4807 – 50th AVENUE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Present: Mayor Dan Deck
Councillor Loraine Berry
Councillor Amber Harris
Councillor Willis Kozak
Councillor Jay Millante
Councillor Norm Sandahl

Council Absent:

Staff Present: Farrell O'Malley – CAO
Monique Jeffrey – Recording Secretary

Staff Absent:

As there was a quorum present, Mayor Deck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

3.0 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, REBECCA BALANKO, COMPLAINT TO COUNCIL

Mayor Deck read the complaint letter from Rebecca Balanko into the public record.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Deck adjourned the meeting 7:07 pm.

Mayor, Dan Deck

CAO, Farrell O'Malley

Farrell Omalley

From: Rebecca Balanko <eviesdragonflies@gmail.com>
Sent: May 17, 2022 8:51 PM
To: Dan Deck
Cc: Chris Pinault; Darren McCann; Amber Harris; Farrell Omalley; Jay Millante; Loraine Berry; mayorandcouncil@morinville.ca; michelle.hay@morinville.ca; Norm Sandahl; tpretzlaw@morinville.ca; Willis Kozak
Subject: Statement of Account, Rebecca Balanko.

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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May 13th, 2022

Statement of Account, Rebecca Balanko, Town of Morinville Councillor

This statement is made in my personal capacity. When this incident occurred, I was representing within the Town, as a Council member. This statement is not on behalf of the Town or my fellow Council members.

On October 28th, 2021, at our Regional Council Orientation held within Morinville, at our MCCC the following incident transpired.

As COVID has kept many of us from seeing one another in person or joining any group related activities, it was the first time in two years our neighboring municipalities were able to connect in person. There was a lot of excitement and many handshakes, hugs and introductions to be had.

I arrived at roughly 8:30 am for a 9:00 am start.

As I exited my vehicle, I heard my name hollered from across the parking lot. At that time, I noticed Councillor Darren McCann, Town of Gibbons making his way over. As Darren and I have known one another in a professional capacity for four years, he came over and immediately hugged me, my back to my open doored vehicle.

He made an enthusiastic reference to my significant weight loss, made some noises that made me uncomfortable and slid his right hand down my back, grabbing my left buttocks, squeezing it and immediately commenting "you know I mean nothing by this", at which point I responded, "can you say that to me without your hand on my ass?"

Within a few seconds, Councillor Joanne Williams, Town of Redwater, walked up and Darren backed off. Joanne put herself in-between the two of us, I felt she knew what had just transpired and we walked into our Cultural Centre together.

I immediately found and sat with my Council members and steered clear of Darren for the rest of the day. Within a few weeks, I had a call from Councillor Amber Harris, sharing her own recent interaction with Darren McCann and opted to share my own experience. I proceed to inform her that, although I didn't feel I was in danger, I felt shame, I felt violated and knew he was aware he had crossed the line.

I also shared at that time that I had been warned about Darren when first elected in 2017. I had been told by a female Councillor at the time to watch myself with him, he was labelled as "creepy and grabby". What a horrific warning to hear as a new female Council member!

I have always tried to present and represent myself as a professional person. One who upholds the community leadership, values and regard I shared in my election platforms, during both election cycles.

I felt I needed to seek advice from our then CAO, Stephane Labonne. I shared the aforementioned statement with him in mid-November 2021 and asked what next steps I would need to consider. He shared he would connect with Gibbons' CAO.

I certainly felt Councillor Harris' statement would be sufficient and I would not be required to look for support from both our RCMP and Code of Conduct. I also shared with our CAO when Amber's statement went public, there could be a number of female elected officials come forward and share their own incidents.

I would like to state how this incident has impacted my ability to serve my community. When RSVPing to any events, possible intermunicipal collaborations or training sessions, I need to know if the invite has been extended to Darren. I have purposely avoided events where we may run into each other.

Although I feel I could "hold my own" should I be accosted by Councillor McCann, the question needs to be asked, why should I need to have my back up and be in defense mode before even leaving my home? Why should any person need to feel like their boundaries won't be respected, their body won't be respected and my personal mental health be compromised?

Of course, women shouldn't have to report abuse; and shouldn't have to suffer abuse for reporting it. But, we all know when we fail to report these instances, we create a normalized culture of acceptance.

WE HAVE NORMALIZED THIS BEHAVIOUR!

But this is the path, paved with uncomfortable objections, that could lead us out of the mire of misogyny.

If the problem is a culture of accepted norms; then logically only challenging these norms, case by case, is ever going to gradually shift that culture.

Because when a woman speaks up for herself, she does so for all women. The real question is: is anyone listening?

Rebecca Balanko

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Thank you for your message, we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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20220896	2022-05-05	BAUDER, LOUISE				
20220897	2022-05-05	BROWN, KELSEA				
20220898	2022-05-05	BUFFALO HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC	533521	PAYMENT ZAMBONI ROOM REPAIRS	294.00	294.00
20220899	2022-05-05	CALMONT EQUIPMENT	P47138	PAYMENT SHIELD & POLY	747.27	747.27
20220900	2022-05-05	CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY	91628548	PAYMENT MAY RR XING MAINTENANCE	296.50	296.50
20220901	2022-05-05	CHARTRAND, DENISE				
20220902	2022-05-05	CHINOOK EQUIPMENT	IT05986	PAYMENT PARTS & FREIGHT	7,696.29	7,696.29
20220903	2022-05-05	DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES/SCS	5	PAYMENT MUSEUM	210.85	210.85
20220904	2022-05-05	DRIVEN REPAIR & MAINTENANCE LTD	I17304	PAYMENT INSPECTION & REPAIRS	765.46	765.46
20220905	2022-05-05	DUBREUIL, MICHAEL				
20220906	2022-05-05	EUROPEAN CUTTERS LTD	83696	PAYMENT BLADE SHARPENING	439.95	439.95
20220907	2022-05-05	HERBOLD, MIKE	1048	PAYMENT LOWES BILL PAYMENT	117.64	177.64
20220908	2022-05-05	HUNTERS PRINT & COPY	2307	PAYMENT BUSINESS CARDS YOUTH CENTRE	121.78	121.78
20220909	2022-05-05	LANDREX INC.	2022-037	PAYMENT MAY 2022 MANAGEMENT FEE	10,500.00	10,500.00
20220910	2022-05-05	NORRIS, ANTHONY				
20220911	2022-05-05	P3 CAPITAL PARTNERS INC.	1347	PAYMENT ADVISORY MAY 2022	5,250.00	5,250.00
20220912	2022-05-05	PARISIAN, NOELLE	18	PAYMENT AARFP CONFERENCE SUBSISTENCE	47.23	47.23
20220913	2022-05-05	PARSONS, CURTIS				
20220914	2022-05-05	PATERSON, ERIC				
20220915	2022-05-05	PINAULT, CHRISTINA				
20220916	2022-05-05	POWLESLAND, JOEL				
20220917	2022-05-05	REGENT SUPPLY	284657 285497	PAYMENT GLOVES SUPPLIES	396.68 2,161.28	2,557.96
20220918	2022-05-05	ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	IN0134707	PAYMENT GLOVES	164.85	164.85
20220919	2022-05-05	SCHMIDT, LAURA				

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20220920	2022-05-05	SOURCE OFFICE FURNISHINGS	564469	PAYMENT FURNITURE	1,905.75	1,905.75
20220921	2022-05-05	TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	R73323-35107	PAYMENT MAY IT SUPPORT	3,711.72	3,711.72
20220922	2022-05-05	ULINE CANADA CORPORATION	10256365	PAYMENT STAKE FLAGS & BARRICADE TAPE	142.80	142.80
20220923	2022-05-05	ALBERTA LAND TITLES	APR 30/22	PAYMENT LAND TITLE CHARGES	208.02	208.02
20220924	2022-05-05	ASSOCIATED FIRE SAFETY	33041	PAYMENT LABOUR & MATERIALS FOR REPAIR:	185.65	185.65
20220925	2022-05-05	FOOTHILLS COUNTY	IVC0000030038	PAYMENT FOIP TRAINING	477.27	477.27
20220926	2022-05-05	GIBBONS PRESCHOOL	4265	PAYMENT GRANT	150.00	150.00
20220927	2022-05-05	STRATICHUK, VIVIAN				
20220928	2022-05-09	MEMJ CONSULTING LTD.	2021035	PAYMENT MAY 1 - 15 2022 CONTRACT	5,956.27	5,956.27
20220929	2022-05-09	O'MALLEY, FARRELL	435 436	PAYMENT (DATE) CONTRACT (DATE) TRAVEL/ PHONE ALLOWANCE	8,241.38 1,100.00	9,341.38
20220930	2022-05-13	FLANAGAN, LORI A				
20220931	2022-05-13	GILES, CHRISTINE M				
20220932	2022-05-13	RICHARDSON, ELIZABETH D				
20220933	2022-05-13	OSBORNE, CINDY				
20220934	2022-05-13	ELENIAC, RONALD J				
20220935	2022-05-13	ALLEN, JAMES R				
20220936	2022-05-13	LOWE, ERIC D				
20220937	2022-05-13	CHARTRAND, DENISE M				
20220938	2022-05-13	STEVENTON, CHRISTINE A				
20220939	2022-05-13	SCHMIDT, LAURA L				
20220940	2022-05-13	HERBOLD, MICHAEL W				
20220941	2022-05-13	PARISIAN, NOELLE J				
20220942	2022-05-13	PINAULT, CHRISTINA J				
20220943	2022-05-13	ADAMS, JIM W				
20220944	2022-05-13	TERLECKI, QUENTIN G				
20220945	2022-05-13	DUBREUIL, MICHAEL D				
20220946	2022-05-13	HEDSTROM, ERIN E				
20220947	2022-05-13	NORRIS, ANTHONY J				
20220948	2022-05-13	PATTISON, TERRA L				
20220949	2022-05-13	POWLESLAND, JOEL F				
20220950	2022-05-13	LOCHRIE, JAMES D				
20220951	2022-05-13	PATERSON, ERIC D				
20220952	2022-05-13	PARSONS, CURTIS				
20220953	2022-05-13	GINGELL, SUSAN				

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20220954	2022-05-13	KOBZA, JESSICA				
20220955	2022-05-13	BROWN, KELSEA				
20220956	2022-05-12	ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD	100188-3	PAYMENT REMAINDER OF ORIGINAL INVOICE	99,191.60	99,191.60
20220957	2022-05-12	ALBERTA'S INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND	5	PAYMENT REFUND ONE GOLF REGISTRATION	200.00	200.00
20220958	2022-05-12	AMSC INSURANCE SERVICES	40062	PAYMENT 2022 INSURANCE	92,125.22	92,125.22
20220959	2022-05-12	APEX COMPACT TRACTOR SOLUTIONS LTD	806 813	PAYMENT WINDOWS & DOUBLE BULB KIT CANOPY OPTION	722.35 840.00	1,562.35
20220960	2022-05-12	BROWNLEE LLP	530736	PAYMENT DUTY TO ACCOMODATE	5,366.13	5,366.13
20220961	2022-05-12	BUFFALO HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC	533579	PAYMENT DANCE STUDIO REPAIRS	868.35	868.35
20220962	2022-05-12	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB112184 PF-10263-99192	PAYMENT PLOW BOLT & NUT APRIL 2022 FUEL	170.63 1,091.06	1,261.69
20220963	2022-05-12	CAPITAL REGION NORTHEAST WATER	20220029	PAYMENT APRIL 2022 CONSUMPTION	32,640.68	32,640.68
20220964	2022-05-12	CRYSTAL CLEAN WATER DELIVERY	W246062	PAYMENT PW SHOP WATER	40.00	40.00
20220965	2022-05-12	DISTRIBUTEL COMMUNICATIONS LTD	1281884	PAYMENT MAY 2022 CHARGES	482.88	482.88
20220966	2022-05-12	FIRST EDITION FIRST AID TRAINING INC	22359	PAYMENT ONSITE SMART PADS CARTRIDGES	261.08	261.08
20220967	2022-05-12	HUNTERS PRINT & COPY	2797	PAYMENT W. KOZAK BUSINESS CARDS	60.89	60.89
20220968	2022-05-12	LEVITT-SAFETY LIMITED	5388138-00	PAYMENT SUPPLIS	1,191.68	1,191.68
20220969	2022-05-12	MCEWEN'S FUELS & FERTILIZERS LTD.	E197458	PAYMENT DIESEL BULK PURCHASE	5,777.47	5,777.47
20220970	2022-05-12	MORINVILLE HOME HARDWARE	101-257527	PAYMENT SHOP SUPPLIES	57.49	57.49
20220971	2022-05-12	NORTHERN LIGHTS LIBRARY SYSTEM	10106	PAYMENT SUPPLIES	18.06	18.06
20220972	2022-05-12	PITNEYWORKS	1	PAYMENT POSTAGE	3,150.00	3,150.00
20220973	2022-05-12	PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	450500032	PAYMENT PENSION SERVICES	69.84	69.84
20220974	2022-05-12	REDLICK, BRIAN	12	PAYMENT APRIL/22	125.00	125.00
20220975	2022-05-12	REDLINE EXCAVATION INC	1	PAYMENT MEMORIAL GARDENS	3,000.00	3,000.00
20220976	2022-05-12	RENE'S VACUUM SERVICE INC	48933	PAYMENT CURLING RINK & ARENA	735.00	735.00
20220977	2022-05-12	ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	IN0134818	PAYMENT FRONT STANDARD 6"	78.75	78.75
20220978	2022-05-12	ROSERIDGE WASTE COMMISSION	20220220	PAYMENT APRIL 2022 WEIGHTS	4,310.67	4,310.67

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20220979	2022-05-12	WHITE ICE (1995) LTD	42012	PAYMENT ARENA & CURLING ICE PAINT	3,040.80	3,040.80
20220980	2022-05-12	ASSOCIATED FIRE SAFETY	33134	PAYMENT CYLINDERS/VALVES/CARBON	8,389.50	8,389.50
20220981	2022-05-12	NAPA MORINVILLE	033-003332	PAYMENT OVERALLS & COVERALLS	260.35	260.35
20220982	2022-05-12	RYMAR SYNTHETIC GRASS & RUBBER	000016465	PAYMENT TURF & GLUE ADHESIVE	31,024.35	31,024.35
20220983	2022-05-12	SHARECANADA	25017	PAYMENT COATING FOR TRUCK BOXES	441.00	441.00
20220985	2022-05-13	NAPA MORINVILLE	16902	PAYMENT YARD BOSS STIHL	608.99	608.99
20220986	2022-05-12	ALBERTA MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORP/SCS	46320157007	PAYMENT INV #22-1043451 - GAS/ POWER CH	40,109.05	40,109.05
20220987	2022-05-12	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC	388066	PAYMENT (APRIL) GARBAGE CONTRACT	10,296.31	10,296.31
20220988	2022-05-12	ORKIN CANADA	269 270 271 272 274	PAYMENT GFRC PEST CONTROL GCC PEST CONTROL CURL CLUB PEST CONTROL ARENA PEST CONTROL LANDING PAD OSC	109.52 109.52 109.52 109.52 52.50	490.58
20220989	2022-05-12	RECEIVER GENERAL/SCS	1236	PAYMENT RP0001- DEDUCTIONS MAY/22	19,814.29	19,814.29
20220990	2022-05-18	STAPLES	cdf01ded Pb7509a0	PAYMENT TONER FOR MFC, ENVELOPES, LAB LATERAL FILE CABINET - 4 DRAWER	567.04 865.88	1,432.92
20220991	2022-05-18	TRI-TECH HVAC SERVICES INC.	REPL-20220984 REPL-20220984	Replacement Cheque Replacement Cheque	7,437.86	7,437.86
20221014	2022-05-18	BARRICADES AND SIGNS	43826	PAYMENT CAUTION WATCH FOR FLYING BALL	162.16	162.16
20221015	2022-05-18	CALMONT EQUIPMENT	P47705	PAYMENT BRACKET FOR DOOR LATCH ON TO	104.62	104.62
20221016	2022-05-18	CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	AB104169 AB113664	PAYMENT BRANDT TRACTOR - RETURNED GF EMCO CORP - 4 X 2" BRASS FLANGE	(138.74) 816.00	677.26
20221017	2022-05-18	DUBREUIL, MICHAEL	140	PAYMENT MILEAGE - 13 WAYS CONFERENCE	655.14	655.14
20221018	2022-05-18	GILES, CHRIS	52	PAYMENT MILEAGE, SUCCESS PROG SUPPLIE	475.67	475.67
20221019	2022-05-18	GILES, RICHARD WILLIAM	87	PAYMENT BLUE RAGS - FIRE DEPT & PUBLIC V	242.89	242.89
20221020	2022-05-18	GOLDEN WEST BROADCASTING	1054-5898 1054-5899 1054-5995 1054-6119 1066-1623 1066-1624 1066-1657 1066-1696	PAYMENT FEBRUARY - TOWN OF GIBBONS AD FEBRUARY 7-28, TOWN OF GIBBONS MARCH - TOWN OF GIBBONS ADVEF APRIL TOWN OF GIBBONS ADVERTI FEBRUARY - NEWS LEADER #2 FEBRUARY - LEADER BOARD MARCH - LEADER BOARD APRIL - LEADER BOARD	378.00 1,512.00 2,173.50 1,984.50 114.22 438.90 618.45 598.50	7,818.07
20221021	2022-05-18	HARBER, ALLISON	19	PAYMENT ALL NORTHERN HEAT FIRE DEPT TF	1,584.02	1,584.02
20221022	2022-05-18	HOMEFIELD		PAYMENT		840.00

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Cheque Listing For Council

2022-May-24
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Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
20221022	2022-05-18	HOMEFIELD	1087-13327	MAY - DIGITAL ADS	840.00	840.00
20221023	2022-05-18	HOMELAND HOUSING	22R002	PAYMENT 2022 MUNICIPAL REQUISITION	32,585.34	32,585.34
20221024	2022-05-18	INKSTER, DYVONNA	051222	PAYMENT ELL INSTRUCTION CONTRACT FEB :	6,181.00	6,181.00
20221025	2022-05-18	KOBZA, JENNIFER	59	PAYMENT APRIL 16 - MAY 15, CLEANING SERVI	1,662.00	1,662.00
20221026	2022-05-18	MCEWEN'S FUELS & FERTILIZERS LTD.	E197684	PAYMENT GRASS SEED	493.50	493.50
20221027	2022-05-18	METRIX GROUP LLP	51722	PAYMENT 2ND & FINAL AUDIT YEAR END DEC :	17,325.00	17,325.00
20221028	2022-05-18	MORINVILLE HOME HARDWARE	101-258953	PAYMENT 12 X KEYS CUT, MCKENZIE SUNFLO	38.68	38.68
20221029	2022-05-18	MORINVILLE NAPA	033-004113 033-004933 033-006150	PAYMENT COVERALLS & STIHL KB-MM MULTI T TOOL CAT SUPPLIES PHONE HOLDER CLIPS & COVERALI	274.48 9.07 89.96	373.51
20221030	2022-05-18	PALS GEOMATICS CORP	303125	PAYMENT P39 LOT SUBDIVISION, FINAL POSTI	3,890.25	3,890.25
20221031	2022-05-18	PETE'S LOCK & KEY	25864	PAYMENT RE-KEY CYLINDERS	170.10	170.10
20221032	2022-05-18	PINAULT, CAMERON	9	PAYMENT FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE FOODS & I	300.24	300.24
20221033	2022-05-18	RAM ELEVATORS & LIFTS INC.	70202	PAYMENT GCC SERVICE LIFT/ELEVATOR & BI-I	375.90	375.90
20221034	2022-05-18	REGENT SUPPLY	283013 287001	PAYMENT RETURNED - 2 TOUCHLESS ROLL TC MOP PAIL W/WRINGER & FLOOR/RU	(192.26) 212.52	20.26
20221035	2022-05-18	RFS CANADA	5019925723	PAYMENT JUNE GFRC COPIER LEASE	189.00	189.00
20221036	2022-05-18	ROCKY MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT	IN026304	PAYMENT 10% DEPOSIT FOR NEW ROSENBAU	83,037.36	83,037.36
20221037	2022-05-18	TELUS MOBILITY/SCS	24232376 24232377	PAYMENT APRIL 30 - TABLETS MAY 11 - CELL PHONES / IPADS	31.50 250.69	282.19
20221038	2022-05-18	WATER EXCHANGE LP	WE2871	PAYMENT APRIL - 660 TRANS @ 0.4020	278.59	278.59
20221039	2022-05-18	ACS EXPRESS INC	61150	PAYMENT ACS EXPRESS INC DELIVERY TO & F	191.10	191.10
20221040	2022-05-18	BUCHHOLTZ, MADYSAN	051822	PAYMENT YOUTH CENTRE SUPPLIES	34.69	34.69
20221041	2022-05-18	CHIMKO, HOWARD	051722	PAYMENT DD - REFUND MAY 14 RENTAL OF GC	500.00	500.00
20221042	2022-05-18	CORUS SALES INC	41122	PAYMENT JANUARY MONTHLY ADVERTISING	3,675.44	3,675.44
20221043	2022-05-18	GALLASON INDUSTRIAL CLEANING SERVICES INC	46218	PAYMENT RENTAL OF PORTABLE TOILETS W/H	526.05	526.05
20221044	2022-05-18	GOODIN, SAMANTHA	051822	PAYMENT MILEAGE - COMMUNITY GARDESNI	67.10	67.10
20221045	2022-05-18	GRU SECURITY LTD	JAN22479	PAYMENT PROVIDING SECURITY GUARD AT AF	7,194.18	7,194.18

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20221046	2022-05-18	MFRC	051722	PAYMENT 16TH ANNUAL YELLOW RIBBONS GA	1,500.00	1,500.00
20221047	2022-05-18	SHARE CANADA	25081	PAYMENT DEMO TEST PRODUCT AT ARENA - C	78.75	78.75
20221048	2022-05-18	TETZ, DARRYL	15-2022	PAYMENT FITNESS CLASSES - APRIL	300.00	300.00
20221049	2022-05-18	THERMO SOLUTIONS INSULATION INC	19427	PAYMENT SUPPLY & INSTAL INSULATION- ROB	2,228.84	2,228.84
20221050	2022-05-18	UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA	050622	PAYMENT ISMSS GSA CONFERENCE - YOUTH	250.00	250.00
20221051	2022-05-18	WESTFAL, EVAN	050622	PAYMENT YOUTH PRIDE EVENT	50.00	50.00

Total 650,011.88

*** End of Report ***

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Report to Council



Date Submitted: May 24, 2022
Submitted to: Mayor Deck and Members of Council
Submitted by: Farrell O'Malley, Chief Administrative Officer
Report Topic: Resignation of Councillor Darren McCann

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to respectfully request that Council accept as information the Letter of Resignation from Councillor Darren McCann.

Background

Administration met with Councillor Darren McCann at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at his request. Upon commencement of the meeting, Councillor McCann signed and noted the time 9:05 a.m. on his Letter of Resignation and submitted it to Administration which became effective immediately upon being accepted.

Further, Administration under Section 161 (4) of the MGA is officially providing a copy of the said letter of resignation to Council at the first Council Meeting after receiving the resignation.

Options Available

1. That Council accept the Letter of Resignation submitted by Councillor Darren McCann to Chief Administrative Officer Farrell O'Malley on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. under Section 161 (1) of the Municipal Government Act this report as information.
2. That Council direct Administration as to how it would like to proceed.

Recommendation for Action

Administration respectfully requests that Council give consideration to the following recommendations:

1. That Council accept the Letter of Resignation submitted by Councillor Darren McCann to Chief Administrative Officer Farrell O'Malley on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. under Section 161 (1) of the Municipal Government Act this report as information.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Farrell O'Malley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Farrell O'Malley
CAO

Resignation letter

Mr. O'Malley
CAO, Town of Gibbons

I will be resigning my position as Councillor effective immediately with the delivery of this letter.

Darren McCann


May 19th, 2022. Time 9:05 AM



Report to Council



Date Submitted: May 25, 2022
Submitted to: Mayor Deck and Members of Council
Submitted by: Farrell O'Malley, CAO
Report Topic: Town of Gibbons By-election

Introduction

As per Section 11(1)(b) of the Local Authorities Election Act it states, *"in the case of a by-election or vote on a bylaw or question, shall be the day fixed by a resolution of the elected authority"*.

Background

Section 13(1) states: *"An elected authority may, by resolution, appoint a returning officer for the purposes of conducting elections under this Act by June 30 of the year in which the election occurs or, for a by-election or vote on a question or bylaw, in the resolution or bylaw that fixes the day for the by-election or vote on a question or bylaw."*

Section 13(2.1) states: *"An elected authority must, by resolution, appoint a substitute returning officer by June 30 of the year in which the election occurs, or for a by-election or vote on a question or bylaw, in the resolution or bylaw that fixes the day for the by-election or vote on a question or bylaw."*

Section 25(1) states: *"Nomination Day is 4 weeks before election day."*

Section 25(1)(b) states: *for a by-election, within the period beginning on the day after the resolution or bylaw is passed to set the election day for the by-election and ending at 12 noon on nomination day."*

Administration is recommending that Monday, September 12th, 2022, be set as election day, to allow time for nominations. As the summer months are upon us, a fall by-election would provide the citizens ample time for a nomination period.

Options Available

1. Council to set election day for the upcoming by-election as Monday September 12, 2022, therefore, nominations will close at Noon on August 15th, 2022, and that Chris Pinault is appointed as returning officer and Monique Jeffrey is appointed as substitute returning officer.
2. Council to advise Administration as to how it would like to proceed.

Recommendation for Action

1. That Council sets by-election day as Monday, September 12, 2022, therefore nominations will close at Noon on August 15th, 2022, and that Chris Pinault is appointed as returning officer and Monique Jeffrey is appointed as substitute returning officer.

Submitted By:

Farrell O'Malley
CAO

Request for Decision



Date Submitted: May 25, 2022
Submitted to: Council, and Farrell O'Malley, CAO
Submitted by: Eric Paterson, Recreation & Youth Coordinator
Report Topic: Neighbour Day

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to respectfully request that Council proclaim **June 18, 2022**, as Neighbour Day in Gibbons.

Background

From **June 18, 2022**, we encourage everyone to recognize the importance of knowing your neighbours and feeling connected in the community.

Neighbour Day is an opportunity for the residents of Gibbons to celebrate community connection by getting together with your neighbours and building relationships, all while having fun. By the Town of Gibbons officially proclaiming Neighbour Day, it will help bring awareness to its members and supports its effort to be a community "Rooted in Family".

The benefits of proclaiming May June 18, 2022 Neighbour Day in Gibbons:

- Increase community awareness of the importance knowing your neighbours and feeling connected in the community
- Offer opportunities for individuals and organizations to get involved and make a positive change in our community.

Options Available

1. That Council proclaim **June 18, 2022**, as Neighbour Day in Gibbons.
2. That Council revise/change the Neighbour Day in Gibbons proclamation as they see fit.
3. That Council advise Administration as to how it would like to proceed.

Recommendation for Action

Administration would like to respectfully request that Council consider to the following recommendation.

1. That Council proclaim June 18, 2022, as Neighbour Day in Gibbons

Submitted By:

Eric Paterson
Recreation & Youth Coordinator

Approved By:

Farrell O'Malley
CAO

Request for Decision



Date Submitted: May 25, 2022
Submitted to: Council, and Farrell O'Malley, CAO
Submitted by: Eric Paterson, Recreation & Youth Coordinator
Report Topic: Lemonade Day

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to respectfully request that Council proclaim **June 18, 2022**, as Lemonade Day in Gibbons.

Background

From **June 18, 2022**, we encourage everyone to recognize the importance of community-wide education for our youth.

Lemonade Day provides an opportunity for the youth of Gibbons to apply entrepreneurial thinking and create a foundation for success. By the Town of Gibbons officially proclaiming Lemonade Day, it will help infuse today's youth with the spirit of enterprise and supports its effort to be a community "Rooted in Family".

The benefits of proclaiming May June 18, 2022 Lemonade Day in Gibbons:

- Increase community awareness of the importance in our youth gaining life skills in business and enterprise.
- Offer opportunities for families, business, individuals, and organizations to get involved and institute higher learning and unite for a common purpose – train the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Options Available

1. That Council proclaim **June 18, 2022**, as Lemonade Day in Gibbons.
2. That Council revise/change the Lemonade Day in Gibbons proclamation as they see fit.
3. That Council advise Administration as to how it would like to proceed.

Recommendation for Action

Administration would like to respectfully request that Council consider to the following recommendation.

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| 1. That Council proclaim June 18, 2022, as Lemonade Day in Gibbons |
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Submitted By:

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Eric Paterson
Recreation & Youth Coordinator

Approved By:

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Farrell O'Malley
CAO

Request for Decision



Date Submitted: May 25, 2022
Submitted to: Council, and Farrell O'Malley, CAO
Submitted by: Farrell O'Malley, CAO
Report Topic: Proclamation – Longest Day of Smiles

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to respectfully request that Council proclaim June 19, 2022, as the Longest Day of SMILES in Gibbons.

Operation Smile Canada is a volunteer delivered global medical charity that exists to ensure everyone has access to safe, effective surgery that can change a child's life forever. The Longest Day of SMILES encourages and raises awareness and funds to help a child born with a cleft condition smile with free and safe cleft surgery and comprehensive care.

Options Available

1. That Council proclaim June 19, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES in Gibbons.
2. That Council revise/change the Proclamation as they see fit.
3. That Council advise Administration as to how they would like to proceed.

Recommendation

Administration would like to respectfully request that Council consider to the following recommendation:

1. That Council proclaim June 19, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES in Gibbons.

Submitted By:

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Farrell O'Malley
CAO

Dear Mayor **Dan Deck**,

In these unprecedented times, Operation Smile Canada recognizes the importance of engaging community members in ways that enable them to use their passion and creativity to encourage positive change.

Which is why we are inviting you as the Mayor of Town of Gibbons to proclaim June 19th, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES® in your community.

The Longest Day of SMILES® encourages community ambassadors to raise awareness and funds to help a child born with a cleft condition smile and change their life with free, safe, cleft surgery and comprehensive care. From sun-up to sun-down, from coast to coast to coast, Canadians are dedicating June 19th, 2022, and the time leading up to it, to helping children SMILE.

Operation Smile Canada is a volunteer-delivered global medical charity that exists to ensure everyone has access to safe, effective surgery that they need wherever they live in the world. Surgery that will change a child's life forever... help families, communities, countries, regions and yes, the world.

By proclaiming June 19th, 2022, as the Longest Day of SMILES® in Town of Gibbons and challenging other communities to do the same, you can provide waiting children with exceptional cleft care and a hopeful future with a new smile.

Our Community Engagement & Fundraising team is happy to support you and your community should you choose to participate with us.

To confirm your participation or to request more info, please email Candy Keillor, Community Engagement Specialist candy.keillor@operationsmile.org

To learn more about the transformational impact of Operation Smile Canada, visit: operationsmile.ca

We look forward to collaborating with you and your team to make this the best Longest Day of SMILES® yet! Together we can make a difference one smile at a time!

Keep Smiling,



Candy Keillor (she/her)
Community Engagement Specialist

Request for Decision



Date Submitted: May 25, 2022
Submitted to: Council, and Farrell O'Malley, CAO
Submitted by: Kelsea, Interim Director Community Services
Report Topic: Seniors' Week Proclamation

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to respectfully request that Council proclaim June 6-12, 2022, Seniors' Week in Gibbons.

Background

Seniors make a difference in our communities every day. From supporting family members and friends to assisting charities and volunteering, seniors are deeply involved in our communities and their contributions benefit Albertans of all ages.

According to the 2021 census, Gibbons is home to an estimated 820 fifty plus residents. Gibbons is proud of its many seniors' and the role they play in our community. In the past the Town has offered a wide range of events during Seniors' week, everything from Seniors' teas, information seminars and most recently a barbeque in Centre Park.

This year we are proposing to have a barbeque, at the Gibbons Museum grounds on **Thursday, June 9th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

The benefits of Proclaiming June 6-12, 2022; Seniors' Week in Gibbons:

- To honor the past, present and future contributions that seniors make to the Town of Gibbons
- To help celebrate Seniors' Week in Alberta
- To help provide a mental health boost to residents of Gibbons.

Options Available

1. That Council proclaim June 6-12, 2022, as Seniors' Week in Gibbons.
2. That Council revise/change the Seniors' Week Proclamation as they see fit.
3. That Council advise Administration as to how they would like to proceed.

Recommendation

Administration would like to respectfully request that Council consider to the following recommendation:

1. That Council proclaim June 6 – 12, 2022 as Seniors' Week in Gibbons

Submitted By:

Kelsea Brown
Interim Director Community Services

Approved by:

Farrell O'Malley
CAO

Report to Council

2022

Building the next chapter of our success!

KEY MEETINGS

- Meetings with Developers
- St. Albert Business Breakfast



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Notification App
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STAFF MEETINGS

- Department Heads (2)
- All Staff (1)



News, Ongoing Events & Projects

Community Services Department

Key Items in Progress:

- Fishpond was stocked on May 17th
- Summer programs staff have started. Programs to start July 4th
- Planning Seniors Week events
- June 18th is Neighbour Week and Lemonade Day
- Town Wide Garage Sale Registration starts June 1st.

Corporate Services Department

Key items in progress:

- 2022 Tax Notices have been mailed
- Working on Grant applications
- Working with Accuflo re: new water meter reading program

Planning & Development Department

Key Items in Progress:

- Golf registration and sponsorships coming in
- Preparing subdivision application for submission to Municipal Planning Services

SUCCESS OCCURS WHEN
OPPORTUNITY MEETS
PREPARATION

Public Works Department/Fire Department

- Cemetery Landscaping is done, seeding still required
- Riverview playground is being cleaned; new borders are being installed
- Waiting for parts for Street Sweeper
- Rogers Tower installation is progressing
- Mowing, trimming and weed spraying has started. Spray Park opening is delayed.
- Kendra Steventon has started full time. 1 summer student has started, 1 to start end of June
- RV Dump is open, but no water at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Town Calls – 58
- County Calls – 56
- Currently at 17 members. 5 new members to start Tuesday.



Project Updates

EV Charging Stations

- Grant has been approved for \$106,680
- Level 2 chargers at the Town Office and Cultural Centre
- Level 3 charger at the Arena
- All Chargers are pay per use

Memorial Park

- Automation grant is still in the cue for review with follow up requestes on February 3rd and April 21st from our Ottawa contact. Still awaiting a response.

Arena Expansion

- Modular unit construction is nearing completion. Final exterior work will be completed over the next 4-6 weeks.

Cottages Subdivision

- Presales have begun
- Press Release has been issued
- All inquiries are to be directed to Mike Dubreuil



The Town of Gibbons

Scheduled Meetings & Workshops or Away from Office

- FCM Convention
- AIHA Petrochemical Summit

**Please note subject to change on short notice.*

Gibbons...a Community...” Rooted in Family”



Village of Coutts
Box 236
Coutts, AB
T0K 0N0
403-344-3848

May 11, 2022

Alberta Utilities Commission

106 Street Building
10th Floor, 10055 106 ST
Edmonton, AB
T5J 2Y2

Dear Utilities Commission:

RE: Increasing Utility Fees

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support in addition to the correspondence you have already received from the Town of Fox Creek, dated March 23, 2022.

The Village of Coutts is also in agreement with the concerns being heard across the province in regards to the rising fees for both electricity and natural gas. These increases are being felt by both private and public sectors, and we would like the Commission to take note of the concerns herein.

Throughout COVID-19, the residents of the Village of Coutts have felt the ever-increasing impact of the pandemic along with increased job insecurity, rapid inflation of groceries, fuel and housing costs. These rising costs of utilities have placed an additional strain on residents' already low bottom line.

These rising costs have a huge impact on small business, non-profits and large commercial industries. They are all encompassing across all sectors.

As representatives of our community, we also note that it is wholly unacceptable that the rising costs of utilities have led to increased private profits, as has been noted in the media lately. In our estimation, increased private profits seems to be a step too far given the undue hardship the public has faced these past two years and will likely continue to face unless the Commission takes swift action. As members of Council and representatives for our community's citizens, we believe now is not the time to be taking more money from the pockets of Albertans. Now is the time to be supporting Albertans when and where they need it most.

Alongside the Town of Fox Creek, the Village of Coutts is urging the Commission to review the fees being charged on top of the actual usage fees while giving strict attention to the amount of profit corporations are making off of our residents an Albertans.

Your time and consideration for our residents, businesses and non-profits is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Mayor Jim Willett

cc: Village of Coutts Council
Mr. Grant Hunter, MLA
Alberta Municipalities
Town of Fox Creek

May 9, 2022

Alberta Utilities Commission

106 Street Building
10th Floor, 10055 106
Street Edmonton,
Alberta T5J 2Y2

Dear Utilities Commission:

RE: Increasing Utility Fees

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support in addition to the correspondence you have already received from the Town of Fox Creek, dated March 23, 2022.

The Town of Coaldale joins in the increasing concern across the province regarding the rising utility fees for both natural gas and electricity. This concern is being felt throughout the public and private spheres, and we urge the Commission to take serious note of the concerns herein.

Over the past two years, residents of both Coaldale and the province have felt the ever-increasing strain of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with increasing job insecurity and the rapid inflation of food, fuel, and housing costs. The rising costs of utilities have placed an additional strain on residents' already thin bottom lines.

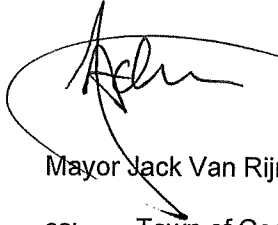
It is important to note that the rising costs are not just impacting residents, but non-profits, small businesses, and commercial industries. Many of the aforementioned are in jeopardy of closing or being forced to stop their services to our communities due to the increasing costs of utilities.

As representatives of our community, we also note that it is wholly unacceptable that the rising costs of utilities have led to increased private profits, as has been noted in the media lately. In our estimation, increased private profits seems to be a step too far given the undue hardship the public has faced these past two years and will likely continue to face unless the Commission takes swift action. As members of Council and representatives for our community's citizens, we believe now is not the time to be taking more money from the pockets of Albertans. Now is the time to be supporting Albertans when and where they need it most.

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Sincerely,

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Mayor Jack Van Rijn

cc: Town of Coaldale Council
Mr. Grant Hunter, MLA
Alberta Municipalities
Town of Fox Creek



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May 9, 2022

The Honourable Tyler Shandro
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
204, 10800-97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T5K 2B6

Dear Minister:

Re: Alberta Provincial Police Force

Town council discussed the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study after attending a municipal engagement session. Based on the information provided, Town Council cannot support the transition to a provincial police force.

The information provided at the engagement session did not provide enough information that a provincial police force would provide a better service than what we currently receive. In fact, it raised a question if our service level will be reduced. Under the proposed Hub model, we do not know if our detachment would lose members to work in the service hub.

What was evident from the session is that the Provincial cost to operate a provincial police force would increase. As per the information provided, the Province currently pays \$399 million for police services and the cost of the provincial police force would be between \$538-562 million, however there was no information provided as to how this extra cost would be funded.

As you are aware, as of April 1, 2020, municipalities that receive policing under the Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA) are required to pay a portion of the policing costs. In 2023/2024, that portion will be 30%. It stands to reason that the costs to these municipalities would increase with the implementation of a provincial police force.

The requirement to pay for policing puts enormous pressure on our budget. In 2023, it is estimated that the town will pay \$47,740 which is equal to about a 0.5 mill based on the 2022 assessment. Further increases in policing costs may result in reduced services to our residents.

We believe that before the Province makes any decision on the transition to a provincial police force, it is imperative that further information be provided to municipalities on how our current service will be affected and how the transition and increased operating expenses will be funded.

Council would also like to raise the issue of fine and penalty revenue. The intent of Section 162 of the Traffic Safety Act is that fines and penalties should be distributed on the basis of who pays for policing, however, this section does not apply to PPSA communities. We hereby ask that section 162 be amended to allow for the distribution of fines and penalties to PPSA communities at the same percentage that they pay for police services.

We thank your for considering our requests.

Sincerely yours,



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