VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU Regular Council Meeting May 15, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Tyson Berlinguette, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 4:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Council Chambers.

Resident – Jared Newman – 6:00 p.m.

Foreman's Report

Foreman's Report Don Rosa provided a written Foreman's report to Council.

(copy attached).

Res.94-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Foreman's report.

Carried.

Delegations

Accu-Flo Cale Pribyl of Accu-Flo provided a virtual presentation regarding

Neptune water meter reading equipment and provided a quote for new

equipment and services.

Res.95-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to accept the presentation by

Accu-Flo regarding Neptune meter reading products and services for

information purposes. Carried.

Smoky Lake RCMP Constable Elzinga of the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment introduced a

new officer Constable Karnbir Chauhan to Village of Waskatenau

Council.

Public Participation Reports

2025 Operating & Capital Budget; 2026-2028 Operating Plan; 5 Year Capital Plan

There are no delegations from the public in attendance at the Council meeting and no written comments were received by Administration. Administration presented the <u>Public Participation report</u>. The objective of the report is to provide all proceedings, findings and recommendations pertaining to the Public participation undertaken for the following:

2025 Operating & Capital Budget, 2026-2028 Operating Plan, 5-year

Capital Plan.

Report presented: Public was provided an opportunity to review the Budgets and Plan and provide feedback on the Budgets and the Budget

process.

Res.96-2025 Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the Public Participation

Report for the 2025 Operating & Capital Budget; 2026-2028 Operating

Plan and 5-year Capital Plan. Carried.

2025 Tax MillRate Bylaw #712-2025 There are no delegations from the public in attendance at the Council meeting and no written comments were received by Administration. Administration presented the Public Participation report. The objective

of the report is to provide all proceedings, findings and

recommendations pertaining to the Public participation undertaken

for the following: 2025 Tax MillRate Bylaw #712-2025.

Report presented: Public was provided an opportunity to review the 2025 Tax MillRate Bylaw #712-2025 and provide feedback on the

Bylaw, Taxation, Assessment and the Bylaw process.

Res.97-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the Public Participation Report

for the 2025 Tax MillRate Bylaw #712-2025. Carried.

Agenda Res.98-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Agenda with

additions. Carried.

Regular Meeting Res.99-2025 Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Minutes of the

April 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heartland Air Monitoring Partnership Res.100-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau executes a Lease Agreement between Heartland Air Monitoring Partnership and the Village of Waskatenau to install a portable monitoring station on the Village of Waskatenau property described as 5315 – 47 Street for a one year term to expire June 1, 2026. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Smoky Lake County Policing Study Res.101-2025 Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau accept the Smoky Lake County Community Based Policing Study dated April 2025 for information purposes. Carried.

Apex Utilities Franchise Bylaw #713-2025 Res.102-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves that Assent be given for the introduction of Bylaw #713-2025 to enter into an agreement granting Apex Utilities Inc. the right to provide natural gas distribution service within the Village of Waskatenau. Carried unanimously.

First Reading. Res.103-2025 Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Bylaw #713-2025 receive First Reading. Carried unanimously.

Council also requested to get the value of the Apex Utilities infrastructure in the Village of Waskatenau.

5-Year Capital Plan Res.104-2025

Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Village of Waskatenau 5-Year Capital Plan as presented. Carried.

2025 Budget Res.105-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget and the 3 year Operating Plan for 2026-2028. Carried.

Millrate Bylaw #712-2025 Res.106-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves that Assent be given for the introduction of Bylaw #712-2025 to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property for the 2025 taxation year. Carried unanimously.

First Reading. Res.107-2025 Second Reading Res.108-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves that Bylaw #712-2025 receive First Reading. Carried unanimously.

Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Bylaw #712-2025 receive

Second Reading. Carried unanimously.

Consent Mayor Richard Warren moves that Bylaw #712-2025 be presented at this meeting for Third Reading. Carried unanimously.

Third Reading Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Bylaw #712-2025 receive Res.110-2025 Third Reading and it be declared final passing and the Mayor and

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Bylaw #712-2025 receive Third Reading and it be declared final passing and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer affixes the corporate seal of the Village. Carried unanimously.

Northern Lights Library System Res.111-2025

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the letter from the Northern Lights Library Board System regarding the Village of Waskatenau Board Appointments for information purposes. Carried.

NASP Archery Donation Res.112-2025 Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau approves a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to the Smoky Lake NASP Archery participants that will be competing in an international tournament. Carried.

North Saskatchewan River Bridge Repairs Highway #831 Res.113-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau sends a letter to Alberta Transportation and MLA Glenn van Dijken to express concern and seek clarification regarding the ongoing delay in the repair of the damaged guardrail on the bridge located on Highway #831 over the North Saskatchewan River and corresponding reduction of the speed limit to 50 km/h in the area. Carried.

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Fire Hall Driveway Pad Res.114-2025

Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to obtain a quote for concrete to repair the Fire Hall driveway pad. Carried.

A quote for hot mix materials for the repair to the pad has already been received.

5103 - 50 Street Res.115-2025

Mayor Richard Warren moves that a letter is sent to the owner at 5103 - 50 Street advising the Village of Waskatenau has concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of the property and its unsightly condition. Carried.

Annexation

Administration is to contact Municipal Planning Services to see what the Village of Waskatenau can do to speed up the response from the Smoky Lake County for the proposed Annexation of lands.

5045 – 50 Street Res.116-2025

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that a letter is sent to the owner of the property at 5045 - 50 Street requesting they submit a detailed description of the changes to their proposed operations for the property for approval by the Village of Waskatenau and a plan for the commercial storage of bags on the property; and to advise the commercial bags will have to be removed from the site unless the owner can provide a plan of operations within a reasonable period of time. Carried.

Correspondence

Municipal Affairs - LGFF grant allocations.

Town of Smoky Lake – ACP grant acknowledgement.

Smoky Lake RCMP – quarterly community policing report. Smoky Lake RCMP – mountie minute.

ATCO – 2024 report to communities.

Alberta Municipalities – 2025 municipal leaders caucuses. Alberta Municipalities – Alberta Day.

Heritage Canada – Canada Day grant allocation.

Deloitte Touche - child care survey.

Victoria Home Guard Society - annual general meeting and 2024

report.

Village of Hines Creek - support to streamline bacterial water sampling.

Correspondence Res.117-2025

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information purposes. Carried.

Financial Statement Res.118-2025

Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves the April 30, 2025 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Smoky Lake Foundation

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Smoky Lake Foundation meeting on April 25, 2025.

- New uniforms will be ordered for the kitchen and maintenance
- Resident's recreational trips are being planned.
- Future review to determine if additional maintenance staff is needed.
- Financial report reviewed.
- A funding commitment has been received from the government for building maintenance.
- Waskatenau Manor and Pine Creek Manor are at 100% occupancy.
- Promotional material for Vilna Lodge will be developed.
- Looking at a different skid steer for snow removal.

The Group Solutions

Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Tyson Berlinguette and Bernice Macyk met with Clayton Didier from the Group Solutions on April 25, 2025 to commence the development plan concept for the CN Lands.

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Joint Municipality

Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Tyson Berlinguette and Bernice Macyk attended the Joint Municipality meeting on April 28, 2025.

- Smoky Lake RCMP Sgt. Anita Doktor verbal report.
- Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Services presentation.
- Update on the AAIP Rural Renewal Stream.
- School Trustee report.
- Frequency of Joint Municipality meetings to be held in the future.
- Stars donation.
- Smoky Lake County Community Policing Study
- Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue ICC next meeting will be set by the County.
- Each municipality to send a letter to Alberta Transportation and MLA regarding concerns over the delay of the bridge repairs over the North Saskatchewan River on Highway #831

Clean-Up Day

The Village of Waskatenau held our annual Clean-Up Day on May 2, 2025. A grant was received from Volunteer Alberta and ATCO Electric donated funds towards the lunch for the participants.

Evergreen Waste

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on May 15, 2025.

- New loader is on site.
- Reviewed GIC bank rates.
- 4-H cleaned up yard at site.
- Insurance Company is coming for a site visit.
- Materials coming in for Malaig School.
- Saddle Lake is hauling on a consistent basis.
- Raising the Mcsnet antenna for better internet service.
- Designing an Evergreen appreciation card.

Res.119-2025

Councillor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Accounts Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period April 18, 2025 to

May 15, 2025.

Res.120-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves the attached accounts be approved for

payment in the amount \$34,293.54. Carried.

Meeting Date

Res.121-2025 be on June 19

Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on June 19, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment Res.122-2025 Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Carried.

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