

TOWN OF SOUTHEY
COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 8, 2021

PRESENT:

Mayor: Leigh Bishop
Councillors: Gordon Baragar, Ralph Boehmer, Jordan Hegglin, Susan Hillier,
Devon Orb
Acting Administrator: Chris Lamontagne

ABSENT:

Councillor(s): Rob Dukes

(A) CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Mayor Bishop.

(B) PRESENTATION OF AGENDA:

104/21 Baragar/Boehmer: That the agenda be approved as amended. Carried

(C) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Baragar declared a conflict of interest in regards to: (I) Reports of Administration and Committees, 9. Recreation Services: Lions Park Campground, Museum and Spray Park – facility cleaning rate; as the facility cleaner is his spouse.

(D) ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

105/21 Hegglin/Hillier: That the minutes of the May 25th, 2021 regular meeting are approved as presented. Carried

(E) NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS:

(formal announcement; example state of emergency)

(F) PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(G) PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC FORUM/DELEGATIONS:

(bylaws, policies)

7:00pm Bill Laatsch – Mewasin Business Forms

Bill Laatsch, General Manager of Mewasin Business Forms, appeared before Council to explore the opportunity of renting the Town Building located at 127 Keats Street. Bill explained the expansion requirements of their current operation and this additional space would be utilized mostly for storage. Bill noted upgrades to electrical may be required. This expansion will also create future employment opportunities.

Bill left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Councillor Orb declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Co-op Rental inquiry as the inquiry is an immediate family member. Councillor Orb abstained from discussion and left council chambers at 7:07 pm.

107/21 Baragar/Hegglin: That we authorize administration prepare a rental agreement between the Town of Southey and Mewasin Business Forms Plus Inc. for the

rental of the facility located at 127 Keats Street (Lots 12-14, Block 3, Plan G413; and Lot 35 Block 3 Plan 101332189). **Carried**

At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Orb returned to the council chambers at 7:16 pm.

(H) COMMUNICATIONS:

(correspondence by way of letter, email, phone or text)

1. Professional Building Inspections Inc – May 31, 2021 Newsletter
2. Celebrate Canada Program – update
3. Development Permit – Lot 6, Block 23, Plan 82R11551 (fence)
4. Last Mountain-Touchwood MLA – Ice Storm
5. Saskatchewan Health Authority – Spray Park Inspection
6. Ministry of Government Relations – Municipal Revenue Sharing
7. Southey Communiplex – May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

107/21 Baragar/Orb: That we file the correspondence as read. Carried

(I) REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES:

1. Financial Statements

- List of Accounts – review and approval

108/21 Boehmer/Hillier: That accounts written on General Account cheque # 18721 to #18738 in the amount of \$16,835.33, Payroll in the amount of \$8,616.22, Utility payments in the amount of \$4,660.26, and Visa payments in the amount of \$2,520.72, be approved. Carried

2. Staff Reports (Acting Administrator/Public Works Foreman)

- Public Works Update – Acting Administrator provided a verbal report regarding public works activities: grass cutting, spraying, training completed, spray park opened, washroom facilities opened.
- Admin Update – the Acting Administrator provided a verbal report of items being worked on and completed in the office: health centre items, assessment appeals update, bylaws, cleaning for washroom facilities, spray park inspection, SUMA General Meeting regarding name change.

3. Public Works (Councillor Baragar) (THRL- R. Boehmer)

4. Finance (Councillor Hillier)

- 2021 Tax Levy & Budget Discussion
Council reviewed the 2021 Draft Budget which reflects the 2021 Tax Assessment information. As well as a plan for future growth, infrastructure updates, equipment replacement, etc.

5. Health

(Cupar and District Nursing Home – Ken Staruiala), (Primary Health- Mayor Bishop)

- Primary Health Care Group – meeting update
Mayor Bishop provided an update regarding the June 1st Primary Health Care Meeting. The Southey Lioness Club presented the group with a painting and plaque for the Southey Health Centre. TRIAD will meet on June 23rd in Southey. The Primary Health Care Group will not be meeting over the summer.

6. Staff Relations (Councillor Hillier, Councillor Hegglin, Councillor Dukes)

7. Public Relations and Economic Development (Councillor Orb, Councillor Hegglin)

8. Protective Services (EMO, FIRE DEPARTMENT) (Councillor Dukes, Councillor Baragar)

- Fire Department – meeting update; fire hydrant, clay for STARS landing, Fire Agreements, etc.

Councillor Baragar provided an update regarding the Fire Meeting on June 3rd. Fire Department will be providing more information on tires for the wildfire unit and confirmed they will assist with the fireworks on July 1st.

The RM of Cupar as reviewed our Fire Agreement. They would like to keep the proposed rates with an annual levy of \$10,000. Due to Councillor Dukes being absent from the meeting, this will be further discussed at the June 22nd meeting.

Councillor Baragar to bring back more information regarding the fire hydrant located at the corner of Kipling and Milton.

Chief Off to speak to Public Works regarding clay at Fire Hall for STARS landing pad.

9. Recreation Services (Councillor Hegglin, Councillor Orb)

- Lions Park Campground, Museum and Spray Park – facility cleaning rate

Councillor Baragar declared a conflict of interest with respect to the facility cleaning rate.

Councillor Baragar abstained from discussion and voting on the matter and left council chambers at 8:13 pm.

109/21 Orb/Hegglin: That we agree and approve the rate of \$250.00 per month for cleaning of the Lion’s Park Campground, Museum and Spray Park washroom facilities; and the cleaning of the facilities will be completed by Joy Baragar. Carried

At the conclusion of discussing the matter, Councillor Baragar returned to the council chambers at 8:15 pm.

- Hall – reserved parking area (disabled/handicapped)
Council discussed the installation of a disabled/handicap parking on Keats Street in front of the pocket park. Councillor Baragar will discuss details with Public Works regarding signage and painting of area.
- Southey Communiplex – May 26 meeting update
Councillor Orb provided an update from the meeting. Minutes are available upon request from the Town of Southey office.

10. Mayor and Councillors Forum

(any sharing of events, activities or community functions attended, and any work of members on behalf of council for the community.)

11. Unfinished Business

- Connect Energy Agreement

110/21 Hegglin/Hillier: That we will not be renewing the agreement with Connect Energy at this time due to the current rates with SaskEnergy. Carried

12. New Business

13. Adjournment

111/21 Baragar: That we adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Carried