

**VILLAGE OF HUSSAR  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Thursday, August 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the council of the Village of Hussar was held at the Sundowners' Senior Centre on Thursday August 12, 2021, commencing at 7:00 pm

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IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Corey Fisher, Les Schultz, Tim Frank  
Kate Brandt, CAO

7 in person and 1 via. conference call

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

ACCEPTANCE OF

AGENDA

2021-08-12-498

MOVED by Councillor Schultz that the agenda be accepted as presented

CARRIED

DELEGATION

RCMP – Cpl. Andrews – Quarterly Mayor’s Report

One person in connection with the break-in at the Hussar store has been arrested. There were 28 engagement sessions which include Bassano Crime Tips and reading programs. There is an increase in sexual fraud where young people are sending naked photos to people that threaten to share them if they do not pay, trying to make young people aware of the situation. One member has been transferred to an anti-terrorism crime unit and a new member will begin in August. There were 4 impaired drivers, 99 tickets were given to speeders going 140 km/h, 12 motor vehicle collisions, 138 pro-active patrols. Body worn cameras are being implemented, the federal government will cover the initial cost of the roll out

Fire Chief – Mike Hager – Fire Department Report

At 27 calls for the year so far, 9 medical, 7 fire calls, 3 motor vehicle collisions, 2 public assists, 2 stand downs and 4 times unable to provide a response. Cluny hall has been shut down which is increasing the number of calls for the detachment. The fleet remains unchanged, maintenance has been kept up on all the trucks. Next year may put in for a bush buggy with the capital budget. There are 11 members, lost 1 member in the last 6 months and gained 1 member. Operational changes include a new dispatch apparatus. When dispatch gets a call they look up the nature of the call which includes what is recommended for that call, this will alleviate too many trucks attending calls. Wheatland County will install Wi-Fi in all the fire halls and trucks will be fit with a tablet and an automatic vehicle locator (AVL). Cluny hall put up their equipment to departments that needed it, Hussar was not in a place to need anything. They are keeping their bush buggy as it was purchased with funds raised by the community. One engine may be held as a spare at the County shop and used if another engine requires repair.

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JG Water Services Update

This year's water usage has not increased significantly during the heat wave. Our water license usage, we are well under our allocated amounts, in the past we have been 1000-1500 cubes under, last year we were below that and this year we are back up to around average usage. The shed will be built soon as it requires a base to elevate it about 6-8 inches higher. The radios were purchased. The Agri-core well quality of the water was not great and therefore has never been used, we have not exceeded our usage allocations, so we have not had to use it. Could consider decommissioning the well. Bulk water system was discussed.

Water Drainage at 217 2 Avenue West – Brian Wilkie

Concerned about the water drainage coming through their backyard. The alley slopes toward the house. Council will walk the area to come up with suggestions to fix the drainage in the back alley.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
2021-08-12-499

July 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Frank that the minutes of July 8, 2021 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

BYLAW REVIEW  
2021-08-12-500

Bylaw Review

MOVED by Councillor Schultz to give bylaw 535-21 being the Noise Control Bylaw first reading

CARRIED

2021-08-12-501

MOVED by Councillor Frank to give bylaw 536-21 being the Records Retention Bylaw first reading

CARRIED

POLICY REVIEW

Policy Review

The following policy was reviewed without changes:

- 4.9 Overtime Policy

2021-08-12-502

MOVED by Councillor Fisher to advise administration to revise Personnel Policy 4.10 Performance Review as per Council's direction for approval at a future regular meeting

CARRIED

BUSINESS  
2021-08-12-503  
Driveway quote

2 Avenue East Driveway quote

MOVED by Councillor Frank to approve quote E508 to fix the driveway at 120 2 Avenue East, expensed from the Village operations account and to install a sleeve with a cap around the water valve for improved access

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2021-08-12-504      Ratify tree trimming quote at campground  
Tree trimming      MOVED by Councillor Schultz to approve quote for Positive Pruning & Maintenance to trim all the trees at the campground above 6 feet and low dead areas as identified and trees at the School property  
CARRIED

Campground trees – FORTIS grant  
Council discussed trees at the campground and will do a walk around for further planning on Friday morning at 10 am

Councillor Fisher called a 10-minute recess at 8:52 pm  
Councillor Fisher called the meeting back to order at 9:00 pm

2021-08-12-505      AUMA Convention  
AUMA Convention      MOVED by Councillor Fisher to register two Councillors in person and one Councillor virtually for the 2021 AUMA Convention  
CARRIED

2021-08-12-506      Weed Spraying Training Course  
Weed spray      MOVED by Councillor Frank to accept as information at this time  
training      CARRIED

2021-08-12-507      Barbed wire fence extension for removal  
Fence removal      MOVED by Councillor Frank to approve the request for the barbed wire fence to be removed from the Village of Hussar boundary by September 30, 2021  
CARRIED

2021-08-12-508      ATCO Franchise fee renewal  
ATCO Franchise fee      MOVED by Councillor Fisher to proceed with the renewal of the Natural Gas  
renewal      Distribution System Franchise Agreement with the following changes:  

- 10-year term
- Effective February 1, 2022
- Franchise fee increase from 25% to 27.5%
- Remove Clause 8

CARRIED

2021-08-12-509      CP Land Purchase Discussion  
CP Land Purchase      MOVED by Councillor Frank to offer \$12,500 to purchase the North portion of CP property and waive any outstanding amounts that may be on their account  
CARRIED

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2021-08-12-510 Bylaw services	<u>Bylaw Services – Wheatland County Draft Agreement</u> MOVED by Councillor Schultz to formally request that Wheatland County provide animal control services in the Village of Hussar as per the draft agreement as presented and to ask if they would be willing to enforce other bylaws in the Village	CARRIED
2021-08-12-511 MRF Agreement	<u>MRF Agreement</u> MOVED by Councillor Fisher to sign the Master Consulting Agreement with MRF Geosystems Corporation	CARRIED
2021-08-12-512 WRC Legal response	<u>Wheatland Regional Corporation Legal Response</u> MOVED by Councillor Schultz to give notice to the Wheatland Regional Corporation Board to be put on the agenda for the next meeting of shareholders and directors to discuss Hussar’s departure and distribution of shares by resolution	CARRIED
<u>DEVELOPMENT</u> 2021-08-12-513 DP 2019-004 extension	<u>DP 2019-004 application for extension</u> MOVED by Councillor Frank to have the accessory building removed from the property as per conditions set forth in the initial application and the extension request. The accessory building must be removed from the property by November 1, 2021	CARRIED
<u>FINANCIAL</u> 2021-08-12-514	<u>July 2021 Financial Reports</u> MOVED by Councillor Schultz to accept the July 2021 Bank Reconciliation and Cheque Listing	CARRIED
2021-08-12-515	<u>FGTF Bank Transfer</u> MOVED by Councillor Fisher to transfer \$100,000 from the Village General Operating Account to the FGTF Grant Term Account	CARRIED
2021-08-12-516	MOVED by Councillor Schultz to extend the meeting until 12:00 am	CARRIED
2021-08-12-517	MOVED by Councillor Fisher to transfer \$145,000 from our Village General Operating Account to the Village Reserves account	CARRIED



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2021-08-12-518  
Term Accounts

Term Accounts – MSI, FGTF, Reserves  
MOVED by Councillor Fisher to transfer the following amounts into term accounts at Connect First Credit Union:  
MSI - \$143,448.90 into a 6-month term  
FGTF - \$150,918.97 into a 6-month term  
Reserves - \$350,000 into a 6-month term

CARRIED

2021-08-12-519  
5 Year Equipment  
plan

5 Year Equipment Plan  
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to make the changes as discussed to the 5-year equipment plan and bring back to the next regular Council meeting for approval

CARRIED

COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS

Councillor Fisher

Hon. Nathan Cooper, MLA met on August 12, 2021. He asked how the Village is doing. It was noted that we have lost nearly \$1,000,000 on assessment over the last 2 years in the Village which has impacted us. Let him know we are leaving the Wheatland Regional Corporation Board. He asked how the campground has been doing this year and if we are going to have an election. Discussed dissolution if we do not have 3 councillors running for office, if we become a hamlet of the County there would be several changes and services that we would not receive anymore, taxes would decrease until infrastructure projects were completed and an improvement tax was implemented. After elections he will come out to a Council meeting. There were discussions around the proposed Alberta Provincial Police Force. Not being able to requisition for the new RCMP charge has forced us to increase our taxes and have to explain to residents why. Discussion about ambulance and the core/flex schedule and how response times have gone up. They have a high number of fatigue time booked off. The ambulances get stuck in Calgary on calls. There was an incident where someone in Strathmore phoned for an ambulance and it took an hour as they had come from the foothills. They are on track to receive 4800 calls this year for ambulance services.

Councillor Frank

Drumheller & District Solid Waste Board will have an executive board meeting on August 19, 2021. Wheatland County will act as host to underwrite the Transtor Capital Replacement Plan, to apply to the Alberta Capital Finance Company on our behalf. Will be reviewing the year end audited financials at the next meeting. Currently reviewing policy and a succession plan.

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Wheatland Regional Corporation met on July 20, 2021. RFP for consulting services tender was discussed, it was decided to forego this exercise for a year. General maintenance ongoing with valve replacement and hydrant repair in both Rockyford and Standard. Truck-fill station is being fully used now, with 825.13 M3 of water sold in June, up from 572.91 M3 in May. Bringing the Corporation \$6,961.17 dollars in water sales for the truck fill in June. To date the total labour hours for the corporation are roughly 798 hours less this year compared to last year, while the total water distribution is 10,466 M3 higher this year compared to this date last year. Board reviewed 4 potential routes for water line hookups in Redland, and County will now explore hookup options. Next Board meeting will be held August 18, 2021.

Hussar Library Board met on July 27, 2021. There are two new members to fill the positions on the board. The library board will be initiating a Bicycle Safety Course in cooperation with our Bassano RCMP detachment. Details to be worked out, and advertisements sent out to Community and surrounding area.

2021-08-12-520

MOVED by Councillor Frank to ratify Nicki Brown and Jennifer Armstrong to our Hussar Municipal Library Board

CARRIED

Cemetery Board, the path for the Cemetery waterline has been mapped out and finalized. Clarke has been notified and he is asking if the Village can order the hose and parts and pay for them through the Cemetery account. He will supply a list and a supplier and is hoping everything can be shipped to the Village. Clarke does not have a firm start date at this time.

Councillor Schultz

Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce received a grant to help with tourism in the area, Tour 564. They will meet with all the municipalities in the area and take video and photos in the area to highlight our municipality to promote tourism.

CAO REPORT

2021-08-12-521

MOVED by Councillor Fisher to build the approach as discussed

CARRIED

2021-08-12-522

MOVED by Councillor Frank to accept the CAO & Public Works reports as presented

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CORRESPONDENCE

2021-08-12-523

MOVED by Councillor Fisher to accept the following correspondence as information:

- a) RCMP support letters from Alberta municipalities
- b) AB Police Advisory Board Quarterly Update
- c) Cancellation of Household Hazardous Waste Funding
- d) Council Code of Conduct
- e) RCMP Retroactive Pay
- f) Bill C-21 Changes to the Criminal Code & Firearms Act
- g) Green New Deal

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL

2021-08-12-524

MOVED by Councillor Fisher that we go into closed session at 11:15 pm as per section 16(1) to discuss lots on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and section 17(1) to discuss a personnel matter

CARRIED

2021-08-12-525

MOVED by Councillor Fisher that the meeting come out of closed session at 11:52 pm

CARRIED

2021-08-12-526

MOVED by Councillor Fisher to direct our CAO to contact our Auditor regarding the discussion we had about the lots on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West

CARRIED

2021-08-12-527

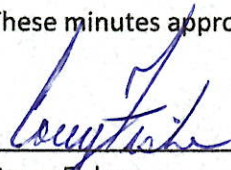
MOVED by Councillor Schultz to change our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to September 16, 2021

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 pm

These minutes approved this 14 day of October, 2021.

  
Corey Fisher  
Mayor

  
Kate Brandt  
Chief Administrative Officer