

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS
COUNCIL**

**held on March 20, 2024
Municipal Office #10, 19447 Hwy 12,
County of Stettler and electronically
Streaming on YouTube.**

Present: Mayor Lorne Thurston (Zoom)
Councilor Bob Huff (Zoom)
Councilor Ed Waugh
CAO, Melissa Beebe
Administrative Assistant, Erin Weinzierl
Delegate - Cheryl Van Dusen

Absent:

Public: (0)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:39 AM

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 24:03:01 Moved by Councilor Huff to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2024

Motion 24:03:02 Moved by Councilor Waugh to adopt the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2024, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Public Hearing: None

5. Delegation/Presentation:

5.1. Cheryl Van Dusen – Short Term Rentals

- Runs a STR of Aug, 2018. Family of 5 works well, and many return (about 8 families come back every year). Open in April and close in Oct.
- Compare with other communities closer to ours, even around the Buffalo Lake. Also look at other lakes like Pigeon and Gull Lake. What are their bylaws.
- Benefits from her Air BnB
 - WS residents often will rent for their families if they cannot house them.
 - Three of her guests have purchased property in the municipality
 - Workers who build the public works shop, stayed at her rental.
 - When the store was open, she sent her renters there.
- Options:
 - Do nothing. She also is taxed on her property by the municipality but also tourism tax for her property.
 - Grandfathering – unsure, but should be mindful.
 - No favourable for licensing personally but
 - Need to meet certain criteria
 - Limit the amount of STR in the community
 - Bylaw
 - Only allowed to have one if they own property already in the summer village, or can check on the property daily
 - Willing to be apart of a committee if council decides to move forward

6. Bylaws & Policies:

6.1. Snow Removal Policy X

Motion 24:03:03 Moved by Councilor Waugh to have administration revise the pushing snow from the driveway across the municipal road section of the Snow Removal Policy X and bring back to the next council meeting on April 17, 2024, for council review.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Business

7.1. Short Term Rentals Survey Feedback Results & Municipal Inquiries of Short Term Rentals

Motion 24:03:04 Moved by Councilor Waugh to table the Short Term Rentals Survey Results & Municipal Inquires of Short Term Rentals to the next meeting on April 17, 2024, for further discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Docks on Shore Request Letter

Motion 24:03:05 Moved by Mayor Thurston to refer back to administration to review the Docks and Mooring Policy, review LUB, Community Standards and Public Lands Bylaws, and bring back suggestions and recommendations back to the next meeting on April 17, 2024, for discussion for temporary dock storage along the shoreline.

MOTION CARRIED

Cheryl Van Dusen withdrew at 10:30am

7.3. Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange AGM Proxy 2024

Motion 24:03:06 Moved by Council Huff to appoint Duane Gladden, Executive Director and CEO of the RMA and Genesis Principal Attorney to act as proxy at the Annual General Meeting of Genesis to be held on Monday April 8, 2024, for the Summer Village of White Sands.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Council Reports:

8.1. Councilor Huff

- Ambulance: new ones are in and running well.
- Hall Society: hoping to see if they can do their refurbishing before the summer, but will be discussed at the council budget discussion. He had Melissa look into where the piano could be moved to Stettler Transfer Station to their Take it and Leave it shed. Problem is to move it and the manpower to move it to Stettler.

8.2. Councilor Waugh

- Senior Housing is tomorrow evening. 2% increase in requisition.
- Stettler Waste – requisition is going up to \$76/person (285 people calculated for the SVWS). It was \$72/person in 2023. The total requisition \$21,660 for 2024.

8.3. Mayor Thurston

- IJD contract will not be renewed at the end of August. Administration is looking for other options.
- Remaining MSI Funding from back from 2019 to current. We will need to used up or will lose it. We could use the LGFF capital to pay off any debentures for the SMRWSC.
- Received phone calls by residents due to budget released in this package. 2024 budget reflects that the SVWS is not sharing and running their own municipality;

therefore, the 2025 budget should be similar to 2024's.

Motion 24:03:07 Moved by Councilor Waigh to accept the Council Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CAO Reports

9.1. Written Report

9.2. Action List

Motion 24:03:08 Moved by Councilor Huff to revisit White Sands Multi-Plex Room Policy and the White Sands Community Hall Agreement to the next meeting on April 17, 2024, for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:03:09 Moved by Councilor Waugh to accept the CAO Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Financial Reports:

10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as of February 29, 2024

10.2. Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of February 29, 2024

10.3. Council Cheque Listing as of February 29, 2024

10.4. Bank Reconciliation Statement as of January 31, 2024

10.5. Bank Reconciliation Statement as of February 29, 2024

10.6. 2024 Draft Operating Budget

Motion 24:03:10 Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept all financial reports from 10.1 to 10.5 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:03:11 Moved by Councilor Waugh to have admin to revise the 2024 budget to show a 4% mill rate increase with a \$800 minimum tax rate, reflecting on what is expected for a return on investments, and bring back to a Special Meeting on April 11, 2024, at 2pm for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Correspondence

11.1. Letter to CEO – Budget 2024 – Municipal Affairs – Ric McIver

11.2. 2024 Minister's Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence – Municipal Affairs – Ric McIver

11.3. Review Municipal Government Act Requirement Related to ICF – Municipal Affairs – Ric McIver

11.4. County of Stettler – South Shore Growth Node Traffic Study

11.5. Buffalo Lake IDP Minutes – February 23, 2024

Motion 24:03:12 Motion Moved by Councilor Huff to accept the correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

12. In-Camera Session: - Personnel – Land – Legal – Other

12.1. Personnel – FOIP Section 18 & 19 (Individual or Public Safety)

Motion 24:03:13 Motion Moved by Council Waugh to move into camera for Legal – Personnel – Personnel – FOIP Section 18 & 19, (Individual or Public Safety) at 12:48 am.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 24:03:14

Motion Moved by Councilor Waugh to move out of camera for Personnel – FOIP Section 18 & 19, (Individual or Public Safety) at 1:06 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Motion 24:03:15

Moved by Mayor Thurston to adjourns the meeting at 1:06pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting Date: April 17, 2024.

Public welcome to attend or stream/watch the video of the meeting on our YouTube channel.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer