

Town of Two Hills Annual Public Meeting
Held at the Centennial Hall
At 7:00 P.M., on June 20, 2017

Mayor A. Romaniuk called the Public Meeting of June 20, 2017 to order, at 7:05 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor A. Romaniuk welcomed the general public and introduced the Head Table, providing each Council Member's term of office:

Mayor Arnold Romaniuk –first term as Mayor
Councillor Sonny Rajoo - third term
Councillor Willie Babiuk – second term
Councillor Gerren Saskiw – third term

Absent: Councillor Bruce Gray - second term and Currently Deputy Mayor

Elsie Howanyk, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheila Lupul, Executive Secretary
Lorrett Tatarin, Chief Financial Officer
Terry Stefiuk, Public Works Foreman

Total of 3 Town residents and one reporter were in attendance.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous Public Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016 were made available to the public.

MOVED by resident, Leonard Ewanishan, to adopt the Annual Public Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2016 as presented. **CARRIED**

PRESENTATION

A presentation was prepared and was delivered on a projector for the gallery. The following is a summary of the presentation delivered:

Audited Financial Statement:

The 2016 Audited Financial Statement, prepared by Nelson Ncube, was completed and presented to Council on April 25, 2017 for approval. Nelson Ncube presented the Financial Statement.

Some of the highlights of the report was 2016 showing a surplus of \$1,180.00 in the budget, taxes did not increase at all this year and insurance money for the new rec facility is coming in. Due to the downturn of the economy - It has been a little hard to collect some of the taxes from the residents but progress is being made.

Capital Projects:

An overview of the Capital Projects approved by Town Council for the 2017 year includes: replace water and sewer lines and install a storm system on 49 Street between 47 – 50 Avenues, replacing the sidewalk on 52 Ave from Highway 36 to the alley (south side of 52 Ave) and on 49 Street between 47 and 50 Avenue, a new pump at the Lift Station, a; budget of \$152,000 to rehabilitate roads with SB-90, replace door at Fire Hall, replace the hot water tank at the Library, replace the exhaust system at the Centennial Hall, paint the old medical clinic, and replace the floor scrubber at the Centennial Hall.

Budget and Tax Rate:

Although there is an increase in School and Lodge Requisitions, there is no increase for General Municipal Operations. Minimum tax rates remained the same. The 2016 tax rate was 12.936 for Residential and 29.76 for Non-Residential; the 2017 tax rate is 12.872 and 28.524 respectively. The due date for property taxes is July 31, 2017.

GENERAL QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, the public was given an opportunity to participate and be heard regarding matters considered by the public body, subject to rules established by the chairperson.

Q: The Public Works Foreman, Terry Stefiuk, was thanked by a resident for helping him out during a recent storm and complimented on a job well done in respect to cleaning the gravel from the storm sewer along the highway. The same resident also questioned why our Public Works Department was left with fixing and cleaning up after Alberta Transportation's contractors left. And also his back alley is really bad now when the downpours occur.

A: The Town is still working with Alberta Transportation and identifying trouble spots (when it rains) and notifying the contractors. A deficiency list is being prepared with the intention of presenting it to the minister.

Q: Another resident said his back alley needs work and after living there for 35 years, he has not had a problem till this year.

A: The mayor suggested diverting the water to a nearby field. The Public Works Foreman will investigate the issue.

C.A.O. E. Howanyk reminded everyone that Canada Day Celebrations will be held on July 1, 2017 and it is Canada's 150th birthday so a few extra events are planned. Everyone is welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 and the public were invited to stay for coffee and donuts.