

## Council of the Town of Carberry, February 11, 2020

The Town Council met in the council chambers of the Municipal Office on Tuesday night, February 11, at 7:00 pm. The CAO and all members were present, and Mayor Olmstead was in the chair.

### **Delegation:**

Once the opening formalities were completed, the first order of business was a delegation from Steve Denton, who was moved to appear because of a posting on a councillor's Facebook page he considered very inappropriate. He made the case that a councillor is required by the council's code of conduct to model the values and standards of the council, and that the posting in question was sufficiently ill-considered and harmful to warrant the councillor's censure or even removal.

Council took his complaint very seriously, and advised Denton of their powers of censure under the Municipal Act, and assured him that they would advise him of their response after deliberation.

### **By-Laws:**

Two important by-laws were up for their third and final reading and were passed into law. The first, #1/2020, was the Traffic By-Law, which covers all traffic matters within the town; everything from stop signs to parking and snow removal hours. It has been a long time in preparation with appropriate updates and is now law.

The second by-law to be given third reading and passed into law was #2/2020, the Administrative Penalty Scheme. This is the "teeth" of all other by-laws, and is the basis on which the Commissionaires will be able to assess fines, and take other enforcement measures.

### **Unfinished Business:**

As decided at the last meeting, motions were passed to replace Councillor Muirhead with Councillor Sudak on the Public Works Committee, and to replace Councillors Sudak and Tolton with Mayor Olmstead on the Cemetery Board.

The Statistics Canada Cost of Living Adjustment [COLA] was applied annually to the council's indemnity and to the wages of all joint employees. The adjustment will be retroactive to January 1 of the current year.

The four hires agreed at joint councils were confirmed: Twila Gingras was hired as Parks & Rec Labourer effective December 27, 2019; Andrew Istace was hired as Leisure Services Manager as of December 30, 2019; Andrew Cheasley became Manager of Parks, Facilities and Sanitation effective January 20, 2020; and Nelli Sippel was awarded the Office Administration position as of February 3, 2020. All these joint employees' wages will be split 50/50 between the Town and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford.

The Hall Board was dissolved, and its duties were delegated to the Building Committee.

Appointments of the Fire Chief and the two Deputy Fire Chiefs will be open for application until February 20, 2020.

The new Leisure Services Manager and Manager of Parks, Facilities & Sanitation were approved to attend the Rec Connections Conference on March 11-13 in Winnipeg. Costs, which include registration, accommodation, meals and mileage, to be shared 50/50 between the Town and NCL.

Council agreed to go 50/50 with NCL on a full-page ad of support in the program for the Plainsmen Minor Hockey Association's Atom 'B' Provincial Hockey Tournament.

Letters have been sent to two owners of properties on Simcoe Street, requesting action. In one case, it involved a fire inspection. Since there has been no movement, council discussed what options they have to compel compliance. There are several Acts that bear on the problem; it can be regarded as a health and safety matter, a fire prevention matter, or a zoning and planning matter. Just what can be ordered and possibly done by town employees and added to the owner's tax bill is a question for lawyers. At the very least, Development Officer McEntee can be consulted about the range of things that can be done under the Planning Act. The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act also applies, as does the District Health and Social Services Act. Council agreed that it is necessary to determine the powers available, send demands with deadlines, and know the consequences they can bring to bear.

### **General Business:**

All of council and the CAO were approved to attend the Municipal Officials' Seminar in Brandon, April 14-16, with registration, meals and mileage covered from town funds.

Council approved a subscription to "Box of Docs," an online sharing resource that covers all manner of municipal documents to help the CAO and the Administration to prepare by-laws, policies and procedures with the benefit of other municipalities' research and experience.

Council appointed Keith Loney as Weed Supervisor for the Town of Carberry for the year 2020.

In response to several letters of concerns from local citizens, council examined the possibility of extending the 30 kph school speed zone all around the schools' block, adding Ottawa and Second and their intersection to the area controlled. Reports show that these streets have been carelessly used, risking injury to children who must travel them to get to school. Corporal Peters of the RCMP has agreed to step up

enforcement at the four-way stop sign at Ottawa and Second, which will help, but it did seem to the council that including the whole block in the school zone was practical and sensible. Because of the presence of the Child Care Centre, and the year-round use of the playgrounds, there is every reason to make the speed reduction year-round, besides avoiding the re-education needed each September. It may even be advisable to make the reduction apply 24 hours/7 days. The administration will look into the requirements to introduce the change.

Council passed a resolution supporting the Carberry Plains Museum in their application for a grant under the Heritage Resources Conservation Program.

### **Finance and Accounts:**

The Financial Statement for January was referred to council, who approved accounts totaling \$114,829.84 for payment.

### **Communications:**

CNH Industrial Capital wrote to inform council that the Backhoe has been paid in full.

IPC Canada offers a Community Pictorial Directory project in support of the Manitoba 150 celebrations.

Whitemud Watershed sent a reminder of the municipal levy payable to them in two installments.

Manitoba Good Roads sent a membership invitation to council, which was declined.

Ste. Anne Municipality sent a suggestion that each municipality send a per capita support to the STARS airborne ambulance service. Council agreed that the service is important and desirable, but left support to individuals in the community rather than support a provincial initiative with municipal funds.

The Carberry and Area Parks and Recreation Board will hold their annual Sportsman's Gala on April 9, 2020. Council agreed to become a 'gold sponsor' of the event for a contribution of \$500.

### **Around the Table:**

Councillor Sudak initiated a discussion of a letter received from Bill Kalinowich and Edith Anderson which thoughtfully presented several suggestions to council. Council will send a letter of thanks and their responses to the various ideas presented, and to invite them to make a delegation before council.

He also suggested that a letter be sent to Corporal Peters' superiors expressing council's thanks for the excellent service he has been providing. His approachability, readiness to respond, and his community involvement have been exemplary. CAO Stephenson read out an email

that he sent to Staff Sergeant Wikander (Peters' immediate superior) recently that said much the same.

Councillor Muirhead raised once again the condition and misuse of the dumpsters at the head of Main Street. He feels that it will be necessary to make a plan, and stick to it. Lay down a poured pad, put up a fence, and put up a tall enough, slick enough pole to carry lighting and a camera. If need be, (and Kimakowich of TAC Ventures agrees) take the dumpsters right away for long enough to make a point.

Another thing Muirhead mentioned was that there is no picture of the present council for the wall. Council agreed, and will come dressed for a photograph to the March meeting.

CAO Stephenson reported on some considerations that arose from the deliberations about the School Division's ceasing to pick up students at Baron Bay. There may be a need for some added pedestrian infrastructure to get children safely to the walking path along Second Avenue.

He also mentioned a particular dwelling that is becoming quite unsightly because of the homeowner's collection of recyclable material now piled around the building. A letter will be sent.

Mayor Olmstead reported that he has emailed a contact at CP Rail to ask to have the Holiday Train stop in Carberry in 2020. Our turnout and enthusiasm the last time they stopped here impressed the organizers, and it is timely to ask for a repeat performance. Councillor Sudak, who works for CP, has heard that our application would be well thought of.

With that, council went in camera to discuss personnel matters. Coming out of in-camera, Council adjourned at 9:50 PM.