

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on September 10, 2024, 6:59 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Those present were Mayor Randy McKnight, Deputy Mayor Ann Marie Snyder, Councillors Harold Keith, Carey Beth Gillis, Charity McDonald, and Stephen Muir.

Regrets: Councillor Lindsey Ganong

Staff: Angela McLean and Jackie Clement

Amendment to Agenda: Remove Item A Motion to approve 2027-2031 Provincial Municipal Highway Partnership 5-Year Plan. Add new item from Deputy Mayor Snyder regarding a discussion on Valley Waters By-Law 23-06-01 a By-Law Respecting the Duties and Powers of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda with changes.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED

No recording of Conflicts of Interest.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

Introduction, Consideration and Passing of By-Laws and Policies:

A. **Motion:** to proceed to 3rd Reading, by Summary, Police Protection By-Law 24-16-01

Moved by: Councillor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

By-Law 24-16-01, Police Protection By-Law, was read 3rd time, by summary and enacted.

B. **Motion:** to proceed to 1st and 2nd Readings, Procedural By-Law Amendment By-Law 23-01-03

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED

The Procedural By-Law Amendment was read a 1st and 2nd time.

C. **Motion:** to proceed to 1st and 2nd Readings, Code of Conduct By-Law Amendment 23-02-02

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Gillies

MOTION CARRIED

The Code of Conduct By-Law Amendment was read a 1st and 2nd time.

D. **Motion:** to approve Valley Waters Health and Safety Policy "Operation Policy O-24-02"

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

E. **Motion:** to approve Council Committee Membership Policy "Council Policy C-24-01"

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED

CAO's REPORT:

The CAO's Report was presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. KRSC Building Permit Report, July 2024

B. Letter from MP's Williamson and Moore regarding Kings Charles III Coronation Medal. Councillors should forward names to the CAO before Sept. 27.

C. Letter from DTI re: Sale of Surplus Property. Council discussed and are not interested. Remove from Agenda under New Business & Consideration of Motions Item B.

NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:

A. **Motion:** to formally request that the Kings RSC initiate the required work for the Valley Waters Rural Plan.

Moved by: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

B. Deputy Mayor Snyder voiced her concern of Council not acknowledging the work of the CAO and overlooking the yearly performance review required as per By-Law 23-06-01. CAO Angela McLean excused herself from Chambers during discussion. Mayor McKnight will ensure the process is initiated.

B. **Motion:** to accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Deputy Mayor Snyder effective September 30.

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

C. **Motion:** To nominate Councillor Gillis for Deputy Mayor effective October 1.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

The Mayor called three times for further nominations from the floor. There were none.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:

A. RSC Committees: Mayor McKnight reported the RSC Oversight Committee is preparing to evaluate the CEO. There is an RSC Board Meeting tomorrow night at 6:30pm in Sussex Corner, and a Primary Health Care Meeting tomorrow night at 6:30pm at the High School. Both meetings are open to the public. Councillor Muir indicated that the Nutrien Civic Center has reached out to lawyer regarding the Conflict of Interest. The new Council Committee Policy recommends that non-Council members sit on external boards and committee to ensure no Conflict of Interest occurs. This will be reviewed for the Nutrien Board at the next Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Snyder has volunteered to remain on this Board after her resignation from Council takes effect.

Mayor McKnight invited Community Development Committee member, Roxanne McKnight, to provide an update. Roxanne indicated lots of hours were spent working on an Action Plan, which has not yet been approved, but the CEO will have the final decision to approve it, rather than the Board.

B. UMNZB Zone Reps. Zone Rep positions were voted on and filled at the meeting in Hampton with one from Butternut Valley and one from Grand Bay filling those positions.

C. Valley Waters Advisory Committees. No meetings over the summer, will reconvene in the Fall.

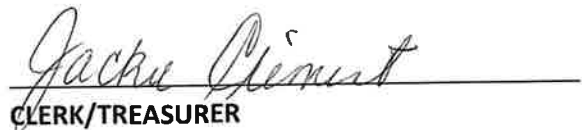
D. Councillor Keith inquired to Mayor McKnight if the plan from Horizon Health was to get the hospital open 24 hours again. Mayor McKnight indicated the plan is to sustain the hours we currently have using the Virtual Care Model and staffing.

E. Councillor Keith inquired about any information on the Norton Elementary School as he does not notice any work being done at this facility and only hearing rumors. Mayor McKnight indicated they only heard about the schools' closure and students being moved to Sussex same as the parents, which was via Facebook. CAO McLean had reached out to request a tour of the facility for the Mayor but it was denied. She will request an update.

Motion: To adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder


MAYOR


CLERK/TREASURER

