



MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on November 12, 2024, 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Those present were Mayor Randy McKnight, Deputy Mayor Carey Beth Gillis, Councillors Harold Keith, Charity McDonald, Lindsey Ganong and Stephen Muir.
Staff: Angela McLean and Jackie Clement

Amendment to Agenda: Add item C under Correspondence, Invitation to Nutrien Civic Centre Open House.

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda with changes.

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

No recording of Conflicts of Interest.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

CAO's REPORT:

The CAO's Report was presented. Councillor Ganong wanted to confirm that the Unsightly Premises enforcement cost to Valley Waters cost would be \$34,000. Councillor Ganong also asked what the Recreation plan was and why did the grant not receive approval. The plan was to identify our assets, evaluate the conditions, cost of investment to upgrade, provide recommendations. Questions were asked about designations for Community Warming centres. The CAO confirmed that only the Municipal Building in Norton is currently designated, but if other locations were officially designated in our Emergency Plan, we could apply for grants for related assets.

Council discussed community mail-outs, such as the Valley Waters Newsletters. The CAO described the challenges with the 5 post office boundaries not aligning with our municipal boundaries. The time required vs. our resources is unrealistic. The CAO will ensure paper copies are distributed to various community locations throughout Valley Waters.

Mayor McKnight asked about the Route 124 variance request and CAO will forward the information.

Councillor McDonald wanted more information on the potential agreement for unsightly premises enforcement (re: shared costs). The CAO explained it would be on a prorated basis and recommended we start with a one year contract.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. KRSC Building Permit Report, September 2024
- B. Invitation to Sussex and Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala
- C. Invitation to Nutrien Civic Centre Open House

NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:

A. Motion: that \$15,000 be transferred from the Sewer Operating Fund to the Valley Waters General Operating Fund.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED

B. CAO delivered a presentation of the Draft 2025 Valley Waters General Operating Budget. As of meeting time, the RCMP costs and final RSC costs for 2025 were not available. The 2025 Draft Budget was presented using a 2.5% inflation increase estimate. Council was asked to submit any feedback or questions to the CAO by November 22. A Special Meeting will need to be called to approve the Budget within the Provincial timelines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:

- A.** RSC Committees: Mayor McKnight requests that the CAO clarify that there has been no activity since the Board dissolved.
- B.** UMNb Zone Reps. There have not been any meetings since the Annual UMNb meetings in Fredericton in October.
- C.** Valley Waters Advisory Committees. Only one Committee (Way of Life) has met, and prioritization work continues.

Councillor Muir asked about using the Norton Rink for an indoor walking track in the summer and other opportunities to be explored for that facility.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Muir


MAYOR


CLERK/TREASURER