



MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on December 10, 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

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda with changes.

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED.

No recording of Conflicts of Interest.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Ganong

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Ganong

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 25, 2024, Special Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Ganong

MOTION CARRIED.

CAO's REPORT: Councillor McDonald asked about the efficiencies found for our phone system. These were cutting back on number of redundant lines and bundling of services. Councillors McDonald and Ganong wanted more information on why some of the RDC applications were not approved. The CAO explained that RDC only covers a portion of costs, not 100%. Councillor Ganong asked if Canada Summer Jobs is replacing the SEED Program and CAO explain Canada Summer Jobs is Federal and SEED is Provincial, and we will apply for both. There was a discussion on the request for a crosswalk at BES and BRHS. It was suggested that if the school board and parents of the students also submit the request to DTI, there might be more success. Councillor Muir asked about the RSC non common services. The CAO confirmed that they are included in the 2025 RSC budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. KRSC Building Permit Report, October 2024

B. Thank-you letter from Norton TOPS

NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the total budget of Valley Waters (Norton) Wastewater Utility for 2024 will consist of total revenues of \$68,533 and total expenditures of \$68,533.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That \$161,483 be transferred from the General Operating Fund into the Operating Reserve Fund, which is \$75,000 operations reserve, \$82,000 for strategic initiatives, and \$4,483 interest on shared recreation.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: That \$4,000 be transferred from the Sewer Operating Fund into the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

Moved by: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To apply for short-term financing through Bayview Credit Union Ltd. in the amount of \$375,000 to fund the first installment of the firetruck purchase for BVFD, pending the issuance of provincial debentures.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To replace Stephen Muir with Rod Gillis, as the Valley Waters rep on the Nutrien Civic Center Board of Directors

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To approve a performance bonus for the CAO.

Moved: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION TABLED.

Motion at 7:28 pm: to move to an In-camera meeting as per Local Governance Act Section 68(1)j: "labour and employment matters, including negotiations of collective agreements."

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

Return to regular meeting at 7:34 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:

A. RSC Committees: Mayor McKnight clarified that there have not been any Board Meetings. The RSC held a public "Board" meeting to approve the 2025 budget. However, the link to the virtual meeting was very difficult to find until the day of the meeting. The Trustee, Chad Peters, hosted the meeting and acted as the "Board". Councillor McDonald asked about the status of the Branding exercise - since it

appears all committees are inactive. The Mayor does not have that information.

B. UMNZ Zone Reps. There has not been a meeting, but they will resume in the new year.

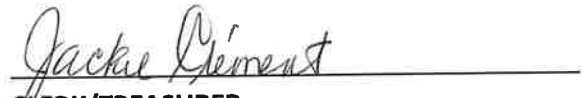
C. Valley Waters Advisory Committees. Meetings will resume in January. Council will need to re-appoint Committee members.

Motion: To adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Muir



MAYOR



CLERK/TREASURER

