

February 6, 2018

New Business

Tax Recovery Process

The Town of Vermilion has a number of properties in town that are in tax arrears. In accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 418(1), municipalities must sell the property by public auction if the tax arrears are not paid. The property owners have until the closing time of the public auction to pay the taxes owing for the property. Council for the Town of Vermilion has authorized Administration to proceed with the tax recovery process as outlined in the Municipal Government Act. It is important that all property owners keep their accounts current.

Snow Removal of Un-cleared Sidewalks

The Town of Vermilion Bylaw 7-2014, Section 706 (1.1) necessitates that all sidewalks must be cleared of snow and debris within forty-eight (48) hours. The Town may arrange to have the sidewalk cleared and all costs associated shall be added to the property taxes for any properties that are not in compliance with the Bylaw.

Notifications were given to eighty (80) properties to clear the snow from the sidewalk. Twenty-three (23) of which did not comply after a short grace period. A contractor was hired to clear the snow and Council for the Town of Vermilion has authorized the costs to be allocated to the tax rolls.

Transportation Grant – Senior, Handicapped, and Disabled

Each year the Town assists the Vermilion Senior Citizen's Centre by supporting a Transportation Grant Program. This program helps subsidize the cost of taxi services for individuals who require it. This year the amount of \$6,300.00 was provided by Town Council to the program. Seniors who need support from this program should contact Shirley McRobert at the Town Office or contact her at 780-581-2414.

Emergent Items

Pink Shirt Day

Council has proclaimed February 28, 2018 as Pink Shirt Day to encourage residents to proudly participate to promote awareness, understanding and openness about the problem of bullying and share in the commitment to finding a solution.

Committee Reports

Transportation & Utilities

2018 Enforcement Vehicle Tender

In support of the Community Peace Officer enforcing moving violations, a new enforcement vehicle is required. On January 5, 2018 an invitation to tender was delivered to the three local dealerships for a new 2018 Police Package SUV. Two tenders were received and Council for the Town of Vermilion accepted a quote from Webb's Ford Ltd. to supply one new 2018 Police Package SUV for a total of \$40,338 plus GST.

2018 Street Improvement Program – Engineering Proposal

Bar Engineering Ltd. has submitted an engineering proposal for the 2018 Street Improvement Program. The work includes asphalt concrete pavement overlay on Beckie Scott Trail from College Drive (47 Avenue) to the Alberta Provincial Park entrance, roadway reconstruction with a chip seal overlay for Garnett Industrial Subdivision, and an asphalt concrete pavement overlay on 51 Avenue from 50 Street to 52 Street.

Council for the Town of Vermilion accepted both the current and alternate work outlined in the 2018 Street Improvement Program for a total cost of \$105,000 plus GST.

Public Safety & Protection Services

OHV Request

A request was made for the Town of Vermilion to update the Snowmobile Bylaw 10-2000 to include off-highway vehicles. If approved, the OHV users would be limited to operating within the Town limits as both Alberta Transportation and the County of Vermilion River do not permit the use of OHVs on public roadways and there are no approved OHV trails in the County. Council for the Town of Vermilion have decided to not change the Snowmobile Bylaw 10-2000 at this time.

Parks, Recreation, and Culture

Town Facility Beverage Exclusivity Contract

Every five (5) years the Town of Vermilion reviews the beverage exclusivity contract for Town Facilities. Council for the Town of Vermilion has reviewed the proposals from both PepsiCo and Coca-Cola and will enter into a five (5) year contract with PepsiCo.

These Highlights of Council are an informative summary only, as official minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting of council.