

July 14, 2020

The meeting was once again open to the public, with some restrictions due to COVID-19 including limited seating.

Delegation

Sergeant Jane Boehr – RCMP Detachment (by Zoom)

Sergeant Boehr reviewed the quarterly crime statistics with Council.

RCMP Vermilion detachment is open, but the doors remain locked due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing. Criminal Record Checks continue to be processed. Accidents reports and statements are being encouraged to be completed through email.

Traffic violations have been down due to less people on the roads. Well-being checks have increased. Domestic violence calls have remained the same.

Bylaws

Bylaw 7-2020, 8-2020, 9-2020, 10-2020, 11-2020 and 12-2020 – 2020 Local Improvements Bylaws

Bylaws 7-2020 through 12-2020 were presented. On June 1, 2020, the Notice of Intent for the local improvements were mailed to the property owners on 50 Avenue, 47 Avenue, and 57 Street. Outlined in the Notice of Intent was a thirty (30) day petition clause, the petition period closed on July 2, 2020. There were no official petitions received to date and no inquiries for petition information. Each pavement infrastructure project requires a bylaw for the construction of the local improvement. If a portion of the project cost is assessed to property owners, an additional borrowing bylaw is required for the portion of costs that will be borrowed on behalf of the property's owners and then applied against their taxes. Council gave all three readings to Bylaws 7-2020 through Bylaws 12-2020.

The following bylaws were approved for the 2020 local improvement pavement projects:

- Bylaws 7-2020 and 8-2020 - Pavement for 50 Avenue from 51 Street to 52 Street
- Bylaws 9-2020 and 10-2020 - Pavement for 57 Street from College Drive North
- Bylaws 11-2020 and 12-2020 - Pavement for 47 Avenue from 51 Street to 52 Street

New Business

Substance Use/Abuse and Fitness for Duty Policy

The Council for the Town of Vermilion tabled the motion to approve the Substance Use/Abuse and Fitness for Duty policy to help mitigate risk for the municipality. (Administration was asked to provide more clarity to allow policy to be considered at the next Council Meeting.)

National Drowning Prevention Week Proclamation – July 19-25, 2020

Council supports National Drowning Prevention Week (NDPW) during the week of July 19-25, 2020 to call attention to the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada which is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in Alberta is one too many.

AUMA Sustainability in Action Award 2020

The Council for the Town of Vermilion approved a submission to the 2020 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Sustainability in Action Award. The application will be focusing on our #ExploreVermilion efforts, particularly in regard to our #VermilionOnline Festival efforts that were implemented to assist in sustaining our Vermilion business community during the COVID-19 lockdown, and which achieved incredible outcomes with over 80,000 social media interactions and national acclaim.

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.