

MINUTES OF THE JULY 9TH 2024 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor MacCumber, Councillors, Pain, Smith, Payne (Virtual), Willett and CAO Rolfe. Also Sharlene Thielen – resident.

Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor MacCumber.

Agenda: Councillor Payne moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Minutes: Councillor Smith moved to accept the June 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Councillor Payne moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.

Tax Sale The two properties will be put up after an inspection is completed by a Realtor so we can get a proper market value. The vacant lots have signs on them and also listed on Kijiji. No serious inquiries yet.

Website: Jessie from SouthGrow will have a draft of our new website to us this week.

Public Works: Paul has had surgery and we will find out a return to work as soon as the surgeon gives clearance.

Subpoena: Mayor MacCumber appeared in court to answer to the subpoenas, he will return on June 24th.

Canada Day: The Canada Day celebration was moved to the Civic Centre because of rain. There was a good turn out, and the weather cleared enough for the fireworks display.

Financial Statement: The June 2024 Financial Statement was presented and discussed. Mayor MacCumber moved to approve the June 2024 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable: The accounts payable was distributed and discussed. Councillor Willett moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Carbon Tax Letter of Support: A letter will be drafted to sent to the Federal Government regarding Carbon Tax. Since January 2023, we have paid \$15,643.59 in Carbon Tax. It is a substantial burden on our rate payers.

SouthGrow: SouthGrow has asked that we complete a Tourism Survey and send it in. Council collectively completed the survey, and CAO Rolfe will submit it. They are also doing an Affordable Housing Survey. After discussion it was decided that Coutts is most likely not a place to build affordable housing because of lack of services and there are better locations in south better suited to this type of housing.

Water: An update on the failed diversion siphons was held in Malta, Montana just prior to this meeting. It was communicated to the participants that there will be no temporary fix with the result being that there will be no water diverted until the total repair is completed, which is approximately the end of August, 2025. We are currently working with AB Environment and other agencies to determine how we will get water for municipal use once the storage in the Town of Milk River is depleted.

Library

Appointments: Councillor Smith moves to rescind the motion made on February 13, 2024 at the regular council meeting regarding the library appointments and moves to make following motion:
The Village of Coutts appoints the following to the Coutts Library Board, Dena Slezina with a term expiry of February 13, 2027, Michelle Ceasor with a term expiry of February 8, 2025, Darlene Wicks with a term expiry of February 13, 2027, Pat Shearer with a term expiry of February 13, 2027, Deborah Pain with a term expiry of March 14, 2026, and Councillor Stephen Pain with a term expiry of October 21, 2024. Carried Unanimously.

Healthcare

Survey: Mayor MacCumber explained the housing survey the Healthcare Committee completed and their next steps to provide possible housing in Milk River and area.

Committee Reports:

Councillor

Willett: Attended the SouthGrow meeting in Champion

Councillor

Payne: Attended the Ridge Country Housing Meeting

Councillor

Pain: Attended the Handibus meeting
Attended the Library Meeting
Attended a zoom meeting on the watershed

Councillor

Smith: Attended the Chief Mountain Meeting via zoom
Attended the ORRSC AGM & BBQ


Mayor


MacCumber: Attended the Mayors and Reeves Meeting
Attended a virtual meeting with MLA Grant Hunter
Attended a water information meeting and tour of the Milk River Plant
Attended Court on the Subpoena
Attended the virtual meeting on water from Malta

Correspondence: Received a letter from the County of Warner asking support for a Livestock Disaster Grant. Councillor Smith moved to send a letter of support to the County for a Livestock disaster grant. Carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Willett moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report – July 9th, 2024

1. Public Works: Paul is recovering from surgery, doing physio. Also taking some courses online.
2. Canada Day prep
3. Taxes are mailed out
4. Sat in on various water meetings virtual and in attendance
5. Attended the Handibus Meeting
6. Worked on Documents for MAP #2

Attended the Handibus Meeting

JUNE 2024 FINANCIAL

	GENERAL	GRANT FUND AMIP	REC GIC	RECREATION	TOTALS
BOOK ENTRIES:					
Net Balance from the Previous Month:	\$450,947.05	\$ 18,441.99	\$ -	\$ 37,076.19	\$ 506,465.23
Receipts for the Month	\$ 63,417.34				\$ 63,417.34
Bank Account Interest Earned	\$ 1,840.73	\$ 77.18		\$ 0.89	\$ 1,918.80
GIC Matured + interest CRAS Interest					\$ -
Loans Received:					\$ -
SUB-TOTALS:	\$ 516,205.12	\$ 18,519.17	\$ -	\$ 37,077.08	\$ 571,801.37
LESS:					
Disbursements for the Month:	\$59,486.64			\$ 10,671.84	\$ 70,158.48
NEW GIC's					
ASFF School Taxes	\$17,663.70				\$ 17,663.70
Transfer to AMIP chequing					\$ -
Revolving Loan Interest / Bank Fees/NSF	\$ 28.12				\$ 28.12
Loans Paid:					\$ -
Sub-Totals	\$ 77,178.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,671.84	\$ 87,850.30
NET BALANCE at end of Month:	\$ 439,026.66	\$ 18,519.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,405.24	\$ 483,951.07
BANK STATEMENT:					
Balance at end of Month - Bank:	\$ 413,092.68	\$ 18,519.17		\$ 26,405.24	\$ 458,017.09
Balance at end of Month - Investments:					\$ -
CASH ON HAND at End of Month:	\$ 40,605.87				\$ 40,605.87
SUB-TOTALS:	\$ 453,698.55	\$ 18,519.17	0.00	\$ 26,405.24	\$ 498,622.96
LESS:					
Outstanding Cheques:	\$ 14,671.89				\$ 14,671.89
NET BALANCE at end of Month:	439,026.66	\$ 18,519.17	0.00	\$ 26,405.24	\$ 483,951.07
OUTSTANDING CHEQUE LIST:			RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:		
	Number	Amount			
	2024232	\$2,690.06		Taxes	\$49,384.08
	2024233	\$1,565.87		utilities	\$9,857.30
	2024234	\$458.39		Office	\$135.00
	2024235	\$40.91		Franchises	\$2,600.68
	2024239	\$440.58		WCB Payment	\$1,440.32
	2024240	\$300.00		rounding	-\$0.04
	2024241	\$2,555.23			\$63,417.34
	2024243	\$881.66			
	2024244	\$170.80			
	2024247	\$24.40			
	2024248	\$5,223.40			
	2024249	\$186.39			
	2024250	\$134.20			
	total	\$14,671.89		Catholic Cemetery	\$2,067.19
				Cemetery Project	\$94.23available
THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL ON THIS 9th DAY OF July 2024					
			<i>[Signature]</i> MAYOR		
			<i>[Signature]</i> C.A.O.		

Village of Coutts

Cheque Listing For Council

2024-Jul-8
1:57:20PM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
2024231	2024-06-17	TELUS		PAYMENT		826.17
			JUNE 24 CELLS	JUNE 2024 CELL PHONES	102.53	
			JUNE SG LINE	JUNE SG 911 LINE	52.97	
			MAY JUNE INTE	MAY JUNE INTERNET PHONES	670.67	
2024232	2024-06-27	ROLFE, LORI A				
2024233	2024-06-27	MACCUMBER, KELLY J				
2024234	2024-06-27	THIESSEN, KELLY				
2024235	2024-06-27	JOHNSON, TRACY				
2024236	2024-06-27	MACCUMBER, SCOTT				575.70
2024237	2024-06-27	PAYNE, MEGAN				49.50
2024238	2024-06-27	WILLETT, JIMMY				250.00
2024239	2024-06-27	SMITH, TANYA				440.58
2024240	2024-06-27	PAIN, STEPHEN				300.00
2024241	2024-06-27	BYRTUS, JENELLE				
2024242	2024-06-27	GOLDSMITH, PAUL				
2024243	2024-06-27	ATB FINANCIAL				
			June 2024	PAYMENT JUNE 2024 RRSP	881.66	881.66
2024244	2024-06-27	BYRTUS, JENELLE				
			june 24 mileage	PAYMENT MILK RIVER X 7	170.80	170.80
2024245	2024-06-27	GOLDSMITH, PAUL				
			june 24 mileage	PAYMENT MILK RIVER X 2	48.80	48.80
2024246	2024-06-27	MACCUMBER, SCOTT				
			june 24 mileage	PAYMENT COALDALE, MR X 2	173.24	173.24
2024247	2024-06-27	PAIN, STEPHEN				
			JUNE 24 MILEA	PAYMENT MILK RIVER HANDIBUS	24.40	24.40
2024248	2024-06-27	RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA, CANADA RE				
			june 2024	PAYMENT JUNE 2024	5,223.40	5,223.40
2024249	2024-06-27	ROLFE, LORI ANNETTE				
			cOUTTS DAY SENIORS DAY	PAYMENT COUTTS DAY LUNCH SENIORS DAY SNACKS	92.61 93.78	186.39
2024250	2024-06-27	SMITH, TANYA RENEE				
			june 24 mileage	PAYMENT LETHBRIDGE ORRSC	134.20	134.20
2024251	2024-06-27	WILLETT, JIMMY				
			JUNE 24 MILEA	PAYMENT CHAMPION-SOUTHGROW AGM	220.82	220.82
2024252	2024-07-04	ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD				
			JULY 2024	PAYMENT MC	426.31	426.31
2024253	2024-07-04	TELUS				
			JULY 24 SG LIN	PAYMENT JULY 2024 SG 911 LINE	45.53	45.53
2024254	2024-07-05	VILLAGE OF COUTTS				
			PETTY JUL24	PAYMENT CASH	69.30	69.30

Total 19,560.51

*** End of Report ***

ATTACHMENT FOR JULY 9/24 MEETING

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

AMSC	1,860.70	JULY BENEFITS
BENCHMARK	2,154.34	JULY-SEPT ASSESSMENT FEES
CHINOOK ARCH LIBRARY	919.56	JUL-DEC 2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES
COUTTS COMMUNITY LIBRARY	800.00	2024 REQUISITION
MILK RIVER HOME HARDWARE	91.66	LOCKS FOR FUEL TANKS, SHOP SUPPLIES
ORRSC	592.50	JULY-SEPT PLANNING SERVICES
RIDGE AUTO	44.45	SHOP & VEHICLE SUPPLIES
RIDGE WATER	1,244.25	APRIL 21-JUNE 1 OPERATOR COSTS
SAFEGUARD	289.02	1000 LASER CHEQUE BLANKS
SOUTHERN REWIND	69.56	INSPECT MOTOR FOR EXHAUST FAN AT SCHOOL
TELUS	59.91	FIRE SIREN JUNE&JULY
TELUS	117.50	JULY CELL PHONES
TOWN OF MILK RIVER	1,475.00	JUNE GARBAGE
UFA	1,543.41	BULK GAS
VILLAGE/AG	120.00	JULY-AUG WATER BILL
WESTECH SANITATION	210.00	TOILET RENTALS
WORKERS COMP	1,553.33	2ND INSTALLMENT
ZONE 3	102.90	STAPLES FOR COPIER
ZONE 3	61.59	COPIER CONTRACT
TOTAL	13,309.68	