

MINUTES OF THE August 13TH 2024 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor MacCumber, Councillors, Pain, Smith, Payne, Willett and CAO Rolfe.

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 July 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 Candice from Bernie Schmidt Realty has inspected the 2 homes and submitted her valuation to CAO Rolfe. The forms have been submitted to Land Titles for possession of the Village under Tax Forfeiture. They will be listed asap once hearing back from Land Titles.

Website: Draft of the new website has been received. It is looking great. The transition will happen asap.

Subpoena: Mayor MacCumber appeared in court for a second time. All charges were reduced to \$1. Mayor MacCumber was not asked to submit any documents. The documents will be stored in case they are needed in the future.

Water: A letter of support has been sent by Mayor MacCumber, as per previous discussions, to the Honourable Rebecca Shultz in support of the letter The Town of Milk River sent regarding the long and short term solutions to our current water shortage.

Carbon Tax Letter: CAO Rolfe gathered the information requested on the amount of Carbon Tax we have spent in the past year. The amount is approximately \$15,000. A letter will be drafted and sent to MP Motz and other Government Officials stating council's opinion of the carbon tax.

Financial Statement: The July 2024 Financial Statement was presented and discussed. Councillor Smith moved to approve the July 2024 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

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

New Business

Customs Write-off: Canada Customs, through the PILT program, does not pay minimum taxes levied on properties assessed for taxes. Councillor Payne moved to write off \$2921.23 from the Canada Customs accounts that they will not pay. Carried unanimously.

MLA Hunter

Priorities: MLA Grant Hunter has asked for our priorities on certain items. Council discussed priorities as per his questions. The 2025 priorities that will be submitted are; highway 4 resurfacing in specific areas between Milk River and Coutts (Provincial Projects category). Additional water storage for the Village of Coutts. (water and wastewater program/water for life category).

Garbage Pick

Up: The Town of Milk River has issued a credit for 2 weeks of residential pick up as their truck was in the shop. Councillor Pain moved to issue a credit of \$5 for all residential utility bills. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Councillor

Willett: Attended the SouthGrow executive meeting.
Attended the Quad Meeting

Councillor

Payne: Attended the quad meeting.

Councillor

Pain: Attended the Handibus meeting
Attended the Chinook Arch Library Meeting
Attended the Fire Department Meeting
Attended the quad meeting

Councillor

Smith: Attended the Quad Meeting

Mayor

MacCumber: Attended the healthcare housing meeting
Attended Court for the subpoena.
Attended a meeting with the Premiere about water
Attended the Quad Meeting
Attended the Milk River Watershed meeting.

Correspondence: No correspondence

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Smith moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm.


MAYOR


CAO

CAO Report – August 13, 2024

1. Public Works: Paul is still off and doing physio. Also taking some courses online.
2. Taxes are being paid
3. Sat in on various water meetings virtually
4. Attended the Quad Meeting
5. Attended the Handibus Meeting – new program to be announced shortly
6. Worked on Documents for MAP #2, interview is August 20th

	GENERAL	GRANT FUND AMIP	REC GIC	RECREATION	TOTALS
BOOK ENTRIES:					
Net Balance from the Previous Month:	\$439,026.66	\$ 18,519.17	\$ -	\$ 26,405.24	\$ 483,951.07
Receipts for the Month	\$ 339,865.03			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 341,665.03
Bank Account Interest Earned	\$ 2,048.73	\$ 78.54		\$ 0.75	\$ 2,128.02
GIC Matured + interest CRAS Interest					\$ -
Loans Received:					\$ -
SUB-TOTALS:	\$ 780,940.42	\$ 18,597.71	\$ -	\$ 28,205.99	\$ 827,744.12
LESS:					
Disbursements for the Month:	\$60,750.48				\$ 60,750.48
NEW GIC's					
ASFF School Taxes					\$ -
Transfer to AMIP chequing					\$ -
Revolving Loan Interest / Bank Fees/NSF	\$ 27.56				\$ 27.56
Loans Paid:					\$ -
Sub-Totals	\$ 60,778.04	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 60,778.04
NET BALANCE at end of Month:	\$ 720,162.38	\$ 18,597.71	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,205.99	\$ 766,966.08
BANK STATEMENT:					
Balance at end of Month - Bank:	\$ 587,226.85	\$ 18,597.71		\$ 28,205.99	\$ 634,030.55
Balance at end of Month - Investments:					\$ -
CASH ON HAND at End of Month:	\$ 145,240.92				\$ 145,240.92
SUB-TOTALS:	\$ 732,467.77	\$ 18,597.71	0.00	\$ 28,205.99	\$ 779,271.47
LESS:					
Outstanding Cheques:	\$ 12,305.39				\$ 12,305.39
NET BALANCE at end of Month:	720,162.38	\$ 18,597.71	0.00	\$ 28,205.99	\$ 766,966.08
OUTSTANDING CHEQUE LIST:			RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:		
Number	Amount				
2024276	\$2,878.25			Taxes	\$174,792.94
2024277	\$2,392.88			utilities	\$11,649.61
2024280	\$100.00			Office	\$397.25
2024821	\$150.00			Franchises	\$2,132.23
2024282	\$300.00			WCB Payment	\$4,320.96
2024285	\$881.66			Op Grant Ag Soc	\$7,320.00
2024288	\$24.40			MSI Capital	\$134,712.00
2024289	\$5,578.20			Telus Int. Lease	\$4,500.00
Total	\$12,305.39			Cemetery Plot	\$40.00
				rounding	\$0.04
				Total	\$339,865.03
				Catholic Cemetery	\$2,067.19
				Cemetery Project	\$94.23available
THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL ON THIS 13th DAY OF August 2024					
			 MAYOR		
			 C.A.O.		

ATTACHMENT FOR AUG 13/24 MEETING

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

AMSC	1,860.70 Aug Benefits
AMSC	6,681.27 gas & electricity
Caro	432.08 water testing
CMRSWSC	3,826.90 2nd half of requisition
County of Warner	3,610.99 dust control on gravel roads
Glenns plumbing	185.85 repair water leak in manhole
Linde	304.90 cylinder lease
MR Home hardware	147.17 shop supplies, new lock for water plant, keys
Ridge Regional Safety Svcs	450.00 yards
Ridge Water Svcs	1,513.26 jun 2-jun 29 operator costs, 1 pail of chlorine
Southgrow	224.00 annual membership fee
Telus	159.50 cell phones
Telus	30.26 fire siren
Town of Milk River	2,912.00 transfer station requisition 2024
Town of Milk River	795.00 July garbage (680 discounted for missed weeks)
Town of Milk River	15,170.62 water June 1-July 31 13,918 m ³
Town of Raymond	2,308.51 street sweeping (456.75 will be reimbursed by customs & duty free)
Westech	210.00 toilet rentals
zone 3	45.30 copier maintenance
TOTAL	40,868.31

Village of Coutts

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Cheque Listing For Council

2025-Jul-2
1:57:07PM

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
Cheque #	Date					
2024273	2024-07-15	ROLFE, LORI A				
2024274	2024-07-15	BYRTUS, JENELLE				
2024275	2024-07-15	GOLDSMITH, PAUL				
2024276	2024-07-29	ROLFE, LORI A				
2024277	2024-07-29	MACCUMBER, KELLY J				
2024278	2024-07-29	MACCUMBER, SCOTT				763.33
2024279	2024-07-29	PAYNE, MEGAN				299.50
2024280	2024-07-29	WILLETT, JIMMY				100.00
2024281	2024-07-29	SMITH, TANYA				150.00
2024282	2024-07-29	PAIN, STEPHEN				300.00
2024283	2024-07-29	BYRTUS, JENELLE				
2024284	2024-07-29	GOLDSMITH, PAUL				
2024285	2024-07-29	ATB FINANCIAL	JULY 2024	JULY 2024 RRSP	881.66	881.66
2024286	2024-07-29	BYRTUS, JENELLE	JULY 24 MILEAGE	MILK RIVER X 10	244.00	244.00
2024287	2024-07-29	MACCUMBER, SCOTT	JULY 24 MILEAGE	LETHBRIDGE X 2, COALDALE X 1	417.24	417.24
2024288	2024-07-29	PAIN, STEPHEN	JULY 24 MILEAGE	HANDIBUS MILK RIVER	24.40	24.40
2024289	2024-07-29	RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA, CANADA RE	July 2024	JULY 2024 REC GEN	5,578.20	5,578.20
2024290	2024-07-29	ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	aug 2024	AUG	1,918.05	1,918.05
2024291	2024-07-29	TELUS	AUG 2024 PHONES AUG 24 SG	AUG 24 INTERNET PHONES AUGUST 2024 SG 911 LINE	330.38 44.47	374.85
2024292	2024-08-07	THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA, LAND TITLES	AUG 2024	LAND TITLES	20.20	20.20

Total 23,349.57

*** End of Report ***