

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LONGVIEW
In the Province of Alberta, held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Held in Longview Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Lyons
Deputy Mayor Penner
Councilor Klassen

Chief Administrative Officer Roy Tutschek

The meeting was moved to the community hall to accommodate attendees.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

24 public in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lyons called the Meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.
The meeting was moved to the Village of Longview community Hall to accommodate more attendees.

AGENDA

Resolution 092-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that the agenda be accepted as amended, add to **BUSINESS** as **11.1(a)** discuss recent Western Wheel newspaper coverage of the Twin Cities market. Add Bill 20 discussion as **BUSINESS 11.8**. Add Village clean up details as **BUSINESS 11.9**.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESIDENT

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolution 093-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 16 and Special Council meetings April 25 and the Special Closed Legal Consultation Meetings April 26 and May 9, 2024, be adopted as presented. The Special May 5, 2024, Council meeting minutes be amended to include the move of the meeting to the community hall, adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

CAO presented Action Items.

CAO directed to find volunteers to put out plants. Consider Karen Wight for discounted flowers, John/Florence Wagenaar, Winnie,

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Kirk as a start to see if anyone is available/interested in doing the flowers again.

REPORTS

CAO Report CAO Tutschek presented the April 2024 CAO report.

Council Reports April 2024 Council reports were presented.

Reports to Council

Mayor Lyons

April-May 2024.

- Missed FRESC meeting.
- Next Recreation Board meeting May 28, 2024.
- Council meetings as per minute review above.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Penner

From April 9, 2024 – May 15, 2024

General

- Attended Council meetings: April 16, April 25, April 26, May 5
- FOIP training – continued
- Alberta Municipality webinar May 8 re Provincial Bill 20

Longview School

- Next meeting May 23, 2024, at 6pm in the school. Childcare is provided. All welcome

Municipal Planning and Commission

- no meetings

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Sheep River Regional Utility Corporation

- meeting was April 18 in Foothills County Chambers
- concern over water licenses and population growth for Diamond Valley. Currently all water licenses are enough for the community to grow
- concern over water levels and drought – will be monitored
- strategies are being taken to ensure that water treatment plants are operating efficiently

Casino meeting – Longview School, volunteered for Longview school casino.

Councilor Rose Klassen

April/May 2024

April 22 School casino

April 23 Westwinds

Discontinued Covid employment vaccination requirements.

Westwinds along with other local organizations are proposing to participate in the Alberta Safe Suite Program to assist seniors fleeing abuse, and secure funding in the Housing Hands Up Program to help support and prevent homelessness in our local communities.

Helped 4 families with this program in 2023

April 25 Public engagement meeting

April 26 special meeting lawyer

May 5 Special meeting

May 6 FCC grant application writing with Ivor

May 7 Library

Looking into having two presentations:

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Calgary Stampede Traveling Display

stampede history and how it relates to today

Support for Seniors

Jennifer Mallamo would like to have a presentation to determine what are the needs for support

In search of a glass display or fish tank about 30cm wide to build a I Spy display for the children

May 8 ABMunis webinar

Discussed Bill 19 and 20

370 municipal representatives attended

Bill 20 proposes substantial and highly concerning changes to the Local Authorities Election Act and the MGA that would change local democracy as we know it

76% of the representing ABMunis municipalities voted that ABMunis should advocate for Bill 20 to be rescinded.

To help strengthen the call for Bill 20 to be rescinded we should - talk to MLA

- write a letter to Premier
- pass a motion
- residents be informed

May 8 finalize grant writing with Ivor

May 8 special meeting lawyer

May 14 submitted FCC Agri grant with CAO

Resolution 094-24 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Penner that the reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

April 2024 Bank Reconciliation.

April 2024 Accounts Payable Cheque Register.

April 2024 YTD Revenue and Expense report.

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Resolution 095-24 **MOVED** by Mayor Lyons that the April 2024 Financial Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Dave Marshall.

Last week asked for Engineers report. Council pdf packages, couple pages from engineer, sealed, signed, appears small portion of an engineer's report. No reason given for additional structural reinforcements. Normally on roof only see asymmetrical structural reinforcement is if there is asymmetrical load. I assume a load is being added to the roof. Also, additional steel rod, ties across required. If going to double the amount of rods must be adding load to the roof. If add load to roof its going to want to push down and out. If enough load will get bending in between rods. Must be to stop building movement from any additional load. Addition of hurricane straps. Not required anywhere in the Alberta building code. We do not have hurricane force winds. Only time used if adding component to the roof to stop lift. My guess to what would add weight and lift to the roof is solar panels. Solar panels are good. However, this is a \$180,000 dollar project, less electrical, say \$30,000, a \$150,000 project, we need clarity from project proponents that is \$150,000 related to just the roof component? If it is solar panels, this should be disclosed, since this community hall is already covered on contract for net-metering to do with sewer pumps. Adding panels on the community hall would be breaking that contract. The community hall is in the net metering load coverage area. If add net metering to the hall, its double dipping, getting paid twice by the provider. Rest of Alberta rate payers would be paying for that.

The roof is perfectly sound, straight structure, no bowing or bending after 70 years. My initial request was we need an engineering report, not two sheets of paper. To tell us why we need this structural reinforcement. If engineer comes back and says he thinks the building is falling apart then I recommend we get another engineer to give and opinion.

Budget items. Solar started with 47k bill credits, 2022. 2023, decreased 13.5% but power rates went up between 2022-2023. But net paybacks have decreased.

This year, Year-To-Date (YTD) May 2024 vs YTD May 2023 45% decrease in net back.

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Mayor Lyons.

No plans for solar the Council is aware of. The project is still in beginning stages.

Dave Marshall.

Please provide rationale for why this roof work needs to be done and stamp that.

Deputy Mayor Penner.

I hope the CAO will have discussions with the project planners regarding these comments and we can have all of those answers.

Shiela Cannon.

I would like to read a statement to clarify our position about the Longview pasture.

The Cannon family and Stuart our son, who lives in the Village entered into a lease agreement to use pasture land. The original agreement was made with a previous Mayor. We were to maintain the fence on the perimeter of the property at our expense with an ongoing lease that would be revisited every 5 years. Page and barb wire fence was agreed to if a long-term lease could be made. Solar panel fencing was not a part of that original agreement. That original long-term agreement we feel was broken by the newer administration and Council and we were told there would be year to year lease, maybe. We took the initiative to fence the sewage lagoon. If that fence is part of the signed, sealed agreement with the Village, then we stand corrected. If not, then we feel we still own that specific portion of fence and we would like to dismantle it and salvage our property.

We were not successful in the newest bid for the pasture and received a letter from the Village stating that if we took that fence, that appropriate action would be taken including seeking damages for trespassing and contacting the RCMP damages for theft of property. We feel that fence is still part of our property. When we received this letter, we took everything pertaining to our cattle, water troughs, hoses, panels around propane tanks. We

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felt because we felt the lease had been broken, we would be able to take that fence down. We did not want cattle in the sewage area.

In your letter you mentioned Page and barb wire for the entire external boundary and we did fence around solar at no charge to the Village. My husband suggested many things to make this back to a long-term lease. Keep getting told year to year maybe. My Question is why isn't that section of the fence ours?

CAO.

There are a number of things that have been mentioned from a legal point of view. The Village already has already had the Village lawyer look at these. So, to be fair, I need to do some follow up with specifics. I would not do this justice, respectfully said to everyone here, to try and engage specific points at this point. So, I would suggest a statement to us that can be followed up on behalf of the Village. We will do our best to be as responsible and fair as we can from a legal point of view.

Shiela Cannon.

That would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the Village, Council. We have been very pleased to be part of the Longview Community. When I receive threat letters of RCMP I do not feel proud to be part of the Community.

Sharon Nickerson-Kroeker.

I am not proud to be in the community. The more you give, the less you are appreciated. Lisa, you said at start of meeting 'sorry you cannot hear us. We will look into a sound system'. That was bought for the Village. Somewhere there is a \$4000 sound system. Do you know where it is?

Deputy Mayor Penner.

I know where it is. I suggested we take steps. I agree.



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An attendee said:

But nothing is being done. Do not have a way to sit at home and listen.

Ashley Grady.

Did EDC not discuss that Kirk would put solar panels on the roof?

Councilor Klassen.

Would have been past Council when Karen McCleod was in term. Kathie Wight and Cliff Ayrey did look at putting solar panels up. The building could not hold the weight. They kyboshed it.

Deputy Mayor Penner.

It was mentioned in EDC as a possibility, but no project plan was ever brought forward to Council.

Mayor Lyons.

It has not come to Council.

Ashley Grady.

Is it that these structural supporting items are being put in place in the reno now, so that later a solar could be seen to be workable, because then support structures are in place?

Mayor asked a resident to leave the meeting. The resident did not leave. Order was restored when Mayor acknowledged Christina Weir had a question.

Christina Weir.

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Question about community hall renovations impact to neighboring businesses. Cost of restoration to the bar. Has that been considered?

Is electrical and wheelchair access being looked at regarding the community hall renovation project?

Mayor Lyons.

Electrical is being looked at. Regarding outside work, we need look at the stairs, they are slippery and dangerous for people. Direction of doorway opening also needs attention and possible signage.

An attendee said:

Regarding legal advice for quotes. Have attempted to get quotes. Not clear how to take the lawyer. Because lawyer said good to get 3 quotes and this is a big job, you will be getting 3 quotes?

Mayor Lyons.

As was said in other meetings, they have tried to get more than one quote. The engineers have even reached out to other people to get more quotes. One is all we have so far.

An attendee said:

Did you put out a request for proposal?

I would ask Council to look at it from a community building point of view. You are not building a good community.

Mayor Lyons.

What is not building a good community is people going onto Facebook and bashing Council. People do not know the information they are speaking about.



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Christina Weir.

Deputy Mayor Penner: ' [business owner name] you better think twice about having a market without going through us ', and then suddenly it's shut down.

Mayor Lyons.

I doubt that.

Christina Weir.

Are you calling the business owner a liar now?

Marj Bird.

I sent letter to CAO and Council. Did not receive a response.

Regarding the questionnaire for the Animal Control Bylaw. In the May 5, 2024, minutes. It is decided you will go ahead with doing door to door because it is the most cost-effective way of delivering the questionnaire. My question is why was it not put into the most recent utility bill? How going to deliver the questionnaire to property owners who do not live here, they own land and they pay taxes.

Mayor Lyons.

How will it affect them if they do not live here?

Marj Bird.

They may move here later.

Mayor Lyons.

We wanted to be out in the public and deliver the questionnaires.

If you do not want it delivered you have the option.

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An attendee said:

Will you be donating your time while delivering or will you be submitting for compensation?

Mayor Lyons.

We will discuss that as a Council.

An Attendee said:

I came here to talk about the Market and the Cannon property.

You idiots,

An attendee said:

The CAO said you guys all volunteered.

CAO.

Yes, I did send an email saying that.

Mayor Lyons.

Question period is over.

Christina Weir.

Why discuss grazing lease in Camera.

Mayor Lyons.

That was left up to Administration.

Christina Weir.

No, it should be up to Council.

Over half the gallery left the Council meeting.

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BYLAWS

**10.1 Bylaw 427-20,
FCSS Advisory
Board – further
discussions.**

Resolution 096-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that Bylaw 427-20 FCSS Advisory Board be tabled till June 2024 Regular Council meeting for review of all edits.

CARRIED

**10.2 Bylaw 470-24
Emergency
Management
Amended 443-22.**

CAO directed to report back why 5d was removed, seems it is needed as the mechanism for Council to take action.

**10.3 Bylaw 472-24
Borrowing Credit
Card Bylaw – 2024.**

Resolution 097-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that **Bylaw 472-24 Borrowing Credit Card Bylaw – 2024**, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the municipality to incur indebtedness as a credit card holder, receive 1st Reading as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 098-24

MOVED by Councilor Klassen that **Bylaw 472-24 Borrowing Credit Card Bylaw – 2024**, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the municipality to incur indebtedness as a credit card holder, receive 2nd Reading as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 099-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that **Bylaw 472-24 Borrowing Credit Card Bylaw – 2024**, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the municipality to incur indebtedness as a credit card holder, proceed to 3rd and final Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Resolution 100-24 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Penner that **Bylaw 472-24 Borrowing Credit Card Bylaw – 2024**, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to authorize the municipality to incur indebtedness as a credit card holder, receive 3rd and final Reading.

CARRIED

**10.4 Bylaw 473-24
Establish
Subdivision
Authority.**

Resolution 101-23 **MOVED** by Mayor Lyons that **Bylaw 473-24 Establish Subdivision Authority**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the province of Alberta, to establish the subdivision authority of the village of Longview, receive 1st Reading as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 102-24 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Penner that **Bylaw 473-24 Establish Subdivision Authority**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the province of Alberta, to establish the subdivision authority of the village of Longview, receive 2nd Reading as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 103-24 **MOVED** by Councilor Klassen that **Bylaw 473-24 Establish Subdivision Authority**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the province of Alberta, to establish the subdivision authority of the village of Longview, proceed to 3rd and final Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 104-24 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Penner that **Bylaw 473-24 Establish Subdivision Authority**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the province of Alberta, to establish the subdivision authority of the village of Longview, receive 3rd and final Reading.

CARRIED

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BUSINESS

**11.1(a)(i) Municipal
Planning Services to
be the Subdivision
Authority (SDA).**

Resolution 105-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons on behalf of a unanimous Council, that a decision be carried in the **BUSINESS** section to decide who will be the SDA and that Municipal Planning Services be designated the Village of Longview Subdivision Authority for 1 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11.1(a)(ii) Hotel
Market discussion.**

Resolution 106-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that the CAO reach out to the hotel owner to clarify potential options to facilitate markets. The gallery attendees are encouraged to provide helpful ideas to Council/Admin. Also, the CAO bring the Fees and Fines Bylaw to a Council meeting with a definition of markets, for example, private versus public.

CARRIED

Further Discussion:

Mayor Lyons opened up for further general discussion and made the comment that it is unfair that certain residents are targeting one particular Council member.

**11.1(b) Longview
and District
Recreation Board
draft new Bylaws
further discussion.**

Resolution 107-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that the Village CAO present to the Foothills County CAO and Council representative the recommendation that regarding the new draft Longview and District Recreation Board Bylaw, there be members at large, able to vote as follows: 2 for the Village, 3 for the County. In addition, there can be one Council member from each of the Village or the County, these 2 can vote however no Council member can be Chair of the Longview and District Recreation Board, due to the optics resulting.

CARRIED

**11.2 Public
engagement -
finalize
questionnaire.**

The questionnaire and Mayor introductory letter were finalized. CAO to seek a facilitator who will carry out the role for free. The CAO is the default facilitator.

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**11.3 Community
Hall Feasibility
Study update.**

CFEP is still on hold. Seniors representatives investigating Community Energy Conservation Program. The village would need to front the money.

Contractors accepted the engineer's diagrams for the purpose of quotes. The Engineer sought out a 4th quote, but it was declined due to workload. Extra weight is due to extra insulation and weight of extra boards. Anchors required because the structure is floating on foundation, not attached. Walls need be taken down to replace insulation and install electrical wiring. The engineering work has all been done on a pro bono, free basis.

CAO to recommend a threshold contribution of MSI funds as part of the budget process.

Mayor Lyons commented, the Council is comfortable that there has been sufficient effort and due diligence. Looking forward to more detailed information in the next phase.

Agrifund 25k has been submitted, steam table, dishwasher, sanitizer, hot water tank.

\$10k for doors and resurface steps as next step.

Success is more likely if seniors apply for the ATCO \$15k for Stove/kitchen appliances.

Resolution 108-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons, Ivor M. obtain door quotes.
CARRIED

Resolution 109-24

MOVED by Councilor Klassen, extend meeting 30 minutes from 9:30 pm.
CARRIED

Recess: 9:21 – 9:32 p.m.

**11.4 RFD,
Defibrillator pads
replacement.**

Resolution 110-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that CAO work with Ivor M. to replace community hall defibrillator pads.
CARRIED

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**11.5 RFD, Sheep
River Shareholder
Agreement to sign.**
Resolution 111-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons, CAO to sign the Sheep River
shareholder agreement.
CARRIED

**11.6 RFD,
Strawberry Tea
contribution
request.**
Resolution 112-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner, that Council approves
Strawberry Tea \$250 contribution.
CARRIED

**11.7 Little New York
Daze contribution
request.**
Resolution 113-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons, that Council approves \$2000
contribution to LNYD.
CARRIED

**11.8 Bill 20
discussion.**
Resolution 114-24

MOVED by Councilor Klassen that Council send the
recommended not in favor letter to the Premier, regarding Bill 20.
CARRIED

**11.9 Village Clean up
details.**
Resolution 115-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that arrangements will be
made so the Saturday Celebration of Life event participants can
prepare Friday night before and that a sign will be posted by 8 am
Friday if clean-up is cancelled due to rain.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Longview Municipal Library Value of Your
Investment 2023.

12.2 Request from the Alberta Provincial Office of the Fire
Commissioner

Deputy Mayor Penner is working on getting access.

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12.3 Awards from the Alberta Recreation & Parks -
outstanding work in your community.

Deputy Mayor Penner will compile a name list.

12.4 Letter to Premier Smith re: clarify funding for
municipalities.

12.5 Quarter 4 Community Policing Report.

12.6 ATCO update & Community Energy Fund.

12.7 Seniors' Week 2024 Community Declaration.

Mayor Lyons signed the declaration of 2024 Senior's
week.

Resolution 116-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner to extend the meeting from
10:05 pm.
CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING
Resolution 117-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons to go into closed meeting at 10:13 pm.
FOIP section 24(1)(c), contract negotiations regarding Morrison
Rd. right of way frontage lands. Council, having considered legal
advice, plans in this Council meeting to make a decision and
related motion regarding the next steps for the Morrison Rd. right
of way lands.
CARRIED

Resolution 118-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons to come out of closed meeting at
11:00 pm.
CARRIED

No residents are waiting to re-enter the meeting.

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that CAO contact the Village solicitor to
prepare an exclusive lease and November 2021 purchase re-offer,
regarding Morrison Rd. right of way frontage lands.

Councilor Klassen requested a recorded vote.

Councilor Klassen abstained.

Resolution 119-24

Mayor Lyons and Deputy Mayor voted in favor.

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CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 120-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor



CAO

