

VILLAGE OF ACME

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2015
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ACME
AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ACME VILLAGE OFFICE,
203 CLARK STREET, ACME, ALBERTA
COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

PRESENT

Mayor	Bruce McLeod
Deputy Mayor	Dennis Kuiken
Councillor	Jason Bates
Councillor	Lucy Ann Daubert
Councillor	Ross Gilmore

OTHERS PRESENT

CAO Brad Mason

Mayor McLeod in the Chair:

Mayor McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda:

014/15

KUIKEN

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the agenda as presented/amended.

CARRIED

2.0 DELEGATIONS - NONE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

4.0 MINUTES

015/15

BATES

The Councillors, all having read the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Acme held January 12, 2015, and there being no errors, omissions or corrections, are approved as distributed.

CARRIED

5.0 BUSINESS

5.1 – Fire Chief Appointment

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a Request For Decision to appoint a Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief per Village of Acme Fire Bylaw 92-4.

016/15

DAUBERT

As per the terms of the Acme Fire Bylaw 94-2, Council appoints Brian Fradgley as Fire Chief and Michael Sawkins as Deputy Fire Chief of the Acme Fire Department effective January 26, 2015.

CARRIED

5.2 – Boom Town Trail Membership

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a report on membership in the BoomTown Trail Community Initiatives Society.

017/15

DAUBERT

Council withdraws from the BoomTown Trail Community Initiatives Society and does not pay the 2015 membership due.

CARRIED

5.3 – Acme School Request

The Village has received an invitation from Kurt Ratzlaff, Acme School principal, inviting all Council members and staff to a meeting and presentation on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Acme School.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence For Action

6.1.1 Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Conference & AGM, March 25-27, 2015.

018/15

DAUBERT

Council approves up to two Councillors attend the Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Conference and AGM on March 25 – 27, 2015 in Strathmore.

CARRIED

6.1.2 MADD Message Yearbook request for support

019/15

GILMORE

Council directs administration to file the MADD Message Yearbook request for information.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Marigold Library System "Freedom To Read" Week

020/15

DAUBERT

Council declares Freedom to Read week from February 22 -28, 2015 in Acme, Alberta.

CARRIED

6.2 Circulated

6.2.1 Palliser Regional Municipal Services 2015 Budget & Municipal Requisition

6.2.2 Marigold Library System 2015 levy rates.

6.2.3 Community Futures Wild Rose January 8, 2015 Minutes

6.3 Council Perusal Basket

6.3.1

6.4 Meetings, Courses and Events

6.4.1 Council Meetings:

February 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

February 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

6.4.2 Courses:

Brownlee Law Emerging Trends Seminar, February 19, 2015

6.4.3 Events:

March 11 – 13, 2015 AUMA Mayor's Caucus and MLA Breakfast

021/15

KUIKEN

Council accepts Information Items circulated, in the Council Perusal Basket, and regarding Meetings, Courses and Events as information.

CARRIED

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 Financial Reports

7.1.1 Accounts Payable – as of January 26, 2015.

022/15 BATES
That the accounts payable as of January 26, 2015 in the amount of \$15,737.06 are approved.
CARRIED

7.1.2 Bank Reconciliation – Monthly

023/15 KUIKEN
That the Bank Reconciliation to December 31, 2014 is accepted for information.
CARRIED

7.1.3 Financial Reporting – Quarterly

7.2 Administrative Reports

7.2.1 Chief Administrative Officer (1st meeting each month)

7.2.2 Public Works (1st meeting each month)

7.2.3 Council Resolution Status

7.3 Councillor Reports

7.3.1 Mayor McLeod

7.3.2 Deputy Mayor Kuiken

7.3.3 Councillor Bates

7.3.4 Councillor Daubert

7.3.5 Councillor Gilmore

024/15 DAUBERT
Moved that all Administrative and Councillor reports, as recorded on the agenda for January 12, 2015 be accepted for information and filing.
CARRIED

8. IN CAMERA –

025/15 GILMORE
Moved to recess the Regular Meeting at 6:47 p.m. in order to hold an “In Camera Meeting” pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA Chapter M-26 and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 16(1)(a) & (c)
CARRIED

8.1 Municipal Affairs

Councillor Kuiken disclosed a pecuniary interest pursuant to Section 172(1) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA Chapter M-26, and left the Council Chambers at 7:21 p.m.

Coucillor Kuiken entered the Council Chambers at 7:36 p.m.

026/15

DAUBERT

Moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Kuiken disclosed a pecuniary interest pursuant to Section 172(1) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA Chapter M-26, and left the Council Chambers at 8:04 p.m.

027/15

GILMORE

By mutual agreement, Council terminates the Property Tax Arrears Auction Agreement dated July 11, 2014 regarding the sale of Lot 25-26, Block 6, Plan 2315AB and refunds the Buyer the purchase price and subsequent expenses in full.

CARRIED

028/15

BATES

Under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, 418(1), Council of the Village of Acme directs administration to offer Lot 25-26, Block 6, Plan 2315AB for sale by public auction at the Council Chambers of the Acme Village Office, Acme AB, on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Further, Council appoints the Chief Administrative Officer as auctioneer. Terms for the public auction include:

- a) Land is offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and the Village of Acme makes no representations and gives no warranty whatsoever on the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject lands for any intended use by the Purchaser.
- b) Payment by cash or certified cheque, 50% of payment due upon sale date and 50% due within 15 days of sale date. GST may apply on properties sold at public auction.

CARRIED

029/15

DAUBERT

Council directs administration to obtain an independent professional appraiser to provide a written report that establishes market value on Lot 25-26, Block 6,

Plan 2315AB for the purposes of establishing a reserve bid for the sale by public auction.

CARRIED

Councillor Kuiken entered the Council Chambers at 8:06 p.m.

030/15

BATES

Council rescinds Bylaw# 2014-04.

CARRIED

031/15

GILMORE

Council reads Bylaw #2015-01, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to amend Land Use Bylaw #2004-04, for the first time.

CARRIED

032/15

KUIKEN

As required by the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, 692(1)(f), Council calls for a public hearing regarding Bylaw 2015-01, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to amend Land Use Bylaw #2004-04, to be held during the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Acme Community Centre.

CARRIED

033/15

KUIKEN

Council rescinds Bylaw #2014-02.

CARRIED

034/15

BATES

Council reads Bylaw #2015-02, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to amend Land Use Bylaw #2004-04, for the first time.

CARRIED

035/15

DAUBERT

As required by the Municipal Government Act , RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, 692(1)(f), Council calls for a public hearing regarding Bylaw 2015-02, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to amend Land Use Bylaw #2004-04, to be held during the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Acme Community Centre.

CARRIED

- 036/15** GILMORE
Council rescinds Bylaw 2013-04.
CARRIED
- 037/15** KUIKEN
Council reads Bylaw #2015-03, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., for the first time.
CARRIED
- 038/15** DAUBERT
Council reads Bylaw #2015-03, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., for the second time.
CARRIED
- 039/15** GILMORE
Council gives unanimous consent to consider third reading of Bylaw #2015-03.
CARRIED
- 040/15** BATES
Council reads Bylaw #2015-03, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., for the third and final time.
CARRIED
- 041/15** DAUBERT
Council directs administration to arrange for the "Municipal Affairs Roles and Responsibilities For Elected Officials Workshop" offered by Municipal Affairs to be held in Acme for all of Council to attend.
CARRIED
- 042/15** KUIKEN
Following each civic election, the Village of Acme will hold a Council Orientation Session that all of Council are required to attend. This session will include a Council Orientation conducted by a third party, and the provision of pertinent information on municipal operations, legislation, roles and responsibilities and process. Administration shall budget for this program in each year a civic election is held.
CARRIED

- 043/15** DAUBERT
To increase the availability of open data regarding Council Meetings and increase transparency, Council directs that Council Meeting Agenda packages are available to the public at 4:00 p.m. on the day of a Council Meeting.
CARRIED
- 044/15** BATES
Council reads Bylaw #2015-04, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to establish Public Hearing Procedures, for the first time.
CARRIED
- 045/15** GILMORE
Council reads Bylaw #2015-04, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to establish Public Hearing Procedures, for the second time.
CARRIED
- 046/15** DAUBERT
Council gives unanimous consent to consider third reading of Bylaw #2015-04.
CARRIED
- 047/15** KUIKEN
Council reads Bylaw #2015-04, being a bylaw of the Village of Acme in the Province of Alberta to establish Public Hearing Procedures, for the third and final time.
CARRIED
- 048/15** MCLEOD
To ensure effective and appropriate communication with Acme residents, Council approves the immediate release of the following statement:
CARRIED

**Village of Acme
January 26, 2015**

As many are aware, a petition from Acme residents was submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on September 29, 2013. The Minister advised the Village of Acme that, as the petition was very close to meeting the requirements of a sufficient petition, a preliminary review would be conducted by Municipal Affairs staff. The review was conducted on January 13, 2015. Resulting from the review, a number of errors or omissions in process were identified, particularly regarding a tax recovery public auction and two rezoning applications, all occurring in 2014.

The Village has reviewed these processes and issues in detail. In order to ensure that due process is completed fairly and transparently, Council made the unanimous decision to reverse the tax sale and conduct the process again in its entirety. Council also rescinded the bylaws regarding two re-zoning applications and the Village will conduct each of those processes again in their entirety. These actions will begin immediately, following all requirements of the Municipal Government Act and any other relevant legislation or policies.

Council, on behalf of the Village of Acme, regrets any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused. During a time of transition between Chief Administrative Officers, Council and administration were acting in good faith and to the best of our knowledge and abilities. The Village was unaware that these process errors had occurred, and we are committed to completing the required process completely and transparently.

Council will be requesting that Municipal Affairs conduct the Roles and Responsibilities For Elected Officials Workshop in the near future, and has taken action to increase the orientation of new Councils following each civic election.

We, as your Council, are committed to ensuring our Village provides the best service available, and does this with integrity and transparency.

Village of Acme Council

049/15

MCLEOD

Council sends correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs Diana McQueen thanking her for the review and advising her of the proactive actions Council has taken to address the findings.

CARRIED

9.

ADJOURNMENT

050/15

DAUBERT

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.



MAYOR



C.A.O.