A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OYEN WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 28, 2019, AT 7:00 PM

As the Regular scheduled Council meeting of May 21, 2019, was not held due to no quorum, the regular Council meeting was changed to May 28, 2019. The Notice of this meeting was given by telephone and E-Mail to each member of Council and was posted for the Public.

PRESENT

Doug Jones  Mayor
Stacey Wiechnik  Deputy Mayor
Blake Hertz  Councillor
James Walker  Councillor
Jack Hauck  Councillor
Ed Hogan  Councillor
Bob Kacso  Councillor

ATTENDING

Debbie Kovitch; Interim CAO/Project Manager, Tracy Wright; Recording Secretary, Lee Tucker; Recreation Director, Jordan Yake; Public Works Representative.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA

Additions to New Business:

h) Signing authority changes and Interim CAO.

C082(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Councillor Hogan to approve the agenda governing the Regular Council meeting of May 28th, 2019 with additions to new business.

CARRIED.

REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER

The Returning Officer, Debbie Kovitch, reported on the By-Election Day was held on May 21, 2019, and having received only one (1) nomination for the position of Councillor, Robert James Kacso was declared elected by acclamation.

COUNCILLOR SWORN IN

Debbie Kovitch, a Commissioner for Oaths, swore in Councillor Kacso, who signed the required Oath of Office and took his place in the Council Chambers. The Oath of Office was then entered into the Minute Book.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

C083(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Councillor Kacso that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 15th, 2019, as corrected.

CARRIED.

C084(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve the minutes of the Budget meeting held on April 29th, 2019.

CARRIED.

C085(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on May 1st, 2019.

CARRIED.

C086(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Councillor Hogan that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on May 9th, 2019.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

OYEN & DISTRICT CURLING CLUB
C087(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Councillor Hogan that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of Pharoah Engineering to complete the structural assessment on the roof and building on the Oyen Curling Rink at a cost of $3,350.00 plus GST.
CARRIED.

RECREATION REPORT
Lee Tucker, Recreation Director, reviewed and discussed his written report with Council. Kurt McBain is applying for Arena and Pool Grant regarding Energy Conservation at our Recreational facilities. Trees are dying at the ball diamonds, Mr. Tucker has sent some pictures for investigation/diagnosis.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
Jordon Yake, Public Works, reviewed and discussed his written report with Council. Street sweeper repairs cost estimated at $20,000.00. Loader fire insurance claim has been started an inquiry regarding a loader loader for the interim. Storm sewer at the hospital lift station requires a new pump. $6000.00 quote for Town of Oyen tree stump removal.

PROJECTS MANAGER/ INTERIM CAO
The Interim CAO/ Project Manager provided a verbal report which was reviewed and discussed with Council.

C088(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Councillor Hertz that the Council of the Town of Oyen accept for information the reports of Interim CAO/Project Manager & Public Works and Recreation Director as presented.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

RFD – GARBAGE CONTRACT
A Request for Decision (RFD) was presented to Council for approval of a three year contract for the Collection of Waste and Refuse for the Town of Oyen.

C089(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that the Council of the Town approve of entering into a three (3) year contract (commencing July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022) with Jason Hagan and Brent Clampitt for the collection of waste and refuse within the Town of Oyen at a cost of $7,792.00 per month ($16.00 per residential/commercial pickup).
CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS
C090(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that Councillor Kacso be appointed as a Director to Special Areas & Oyen Development Corp. and to assume all of former Councillor Lazzari’s committee appointments.
CARRIED.

MD ACADIA No 34 - PROCEEDS-SALE OF HOUSE
A letter of request was received from the MD of Acadia No. 34 for their portion of the funds from the sale of 512 Martin Place, Oyen (Medical Dental House).

C091(19/05/28) RESOLUTION by Councillor Hertz that the Council of the Town of Oyen table the request until next Council meeting.
CARRIED.

Mayor

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Interim CAO
A letter was received for the Oyen Community Handibus Association requesting a 2019 Annual Operating Grant in the amount of $2000.00.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hertz that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of a 2019 Annual operating grant in the amount of $2,000.00 to the Oyen and District Handibus Association. 

CARRIED.

The 2018 Financials and letter of request was received from the Oyen & District Historical Society to be considered for a Cultural Grant to assist in their operations. Tabled until more information is available and the Town Budget is complete.

A letter was received from the Oyen & District Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to block off the area of parking in front of the FCSS building on June 19, 2019 for their Annual pancake breakfast.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hogan that the Council of the Town of Oyen grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to block off a portion of the mainstreet parking in front of the FCSS Community Center.

CARRIED.

Letter from Hon Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing declaring Seniors Week June 2 – 8, 2019.

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that the Council of the Town of Oyen declare Seniors Week June 2 – 8, 2019.

CARRIED.

Mayor and Council submitted verbal reports on activities and meetings attended since the April 15th, 2019, regular Council meeting.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hertz that Council accept for information the verbal Council reports received on activities and meetings that were attended since the April 15, 2019, regular Council meeting.

CARRIED.

An email to David Alderdice from Municipal Affairs RE: Advisory CAO visit July 17, 2019.

Invitation to Prairie Crocus Community Funds Spring 2019 Launch Event – June 6, 2019, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Canalta Hotel in Oyen.

Invitation to 30th Anniversary – Oyen Community Handibus – May 29, 2019 @ 11:30 am at the Oyen FCSS Community Centre.

E-Mail from TC Energy (formerly TransCanada): KXL timing update.

Copy of Big Country Victim Services March 6, 2019 meeting.

Email from Tanya Thorn, Director – Towns South RE: AUMA Update

RESOLUTION by Councillor Walker that the Council of the Town of Oyen accept the list of correspondence as presented.

CARRIED.
May 28, 2019
Special Council Meeting

RECESS
Mayor Jones called for a recess of the regular Council meeting at 8:55 PM.

RECONVENE
Mayor Jones called for the regular Council meeting to resume at 9:05 PM.

IN – CAMERA
RESOLUTION by Councillor Kasco that Council of the Town of Oyen go in camera to discuss matters in regards to labour as per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection Act (FOIP) at 9:06 PM.

CARRIED.

OUT-OF-CAMERA
RESOLUTION by Councillor Hauck that the Council of the Town of Oyen come out of camera at 10:10 PM.

CARRIED.

INTERIM CAO
RESOLUTION by Councillor Hogan that the Council appoint Debbie Kovitch as the Interim CAO with salary based on the Chief Administrative Officer’s 2019 Grid, Level 3, plus the Town portion of benefits effective May 13, 2019.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hauck that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of paying out the banked hours and overtime to Debbie Kovitch during the time from June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, as Interim CAO and approving carry over of holidays.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of contracting Mr. Gary Peers to assist in the administration and drafting of Plans and By-Laws that were/are required to be completed and approve the Interim CAO to negotiate the contract fees.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Kasco that the Council of the Town of Oyen approve of him contacting the applicants that had previously applied for the CAO position to see if they would be interested in the vacant CAO position and report back to Council members on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION by Councillor Hertz that the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be advertised with a deadline of June 14, 2019, to receive applications.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION by Deputy Mayor Wiechnik that the regular Council meeting be adjourned at 10:30 pm.

CARRIED.