

Town of Strasbourg



Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers
Strasbourg, Saskatchewan

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Present: Mayor: Kelvin Schapansky
Council Members: Peter Barry
Bo Black
Sherry Burgess
Lorne Gottselig
Bernie Josephson – via conference call
Rodger Yauck
Chief Administrative Officer: Jennifer Gritzfeld

A quorum being present, Mayor Schapansky called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Declarations No declarations of conflict of interest or financial interest were made.

Minutes - Regular 236/2023 Black:Yauck
"THAT the minutes from the November 8, 2023 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer."

CARRIED

EMO Coordinator Thank You 237/2023 Barry:Josephson
"THAT the Town of Strasbourg publicly acknowledge Larry Doetzel's resignation as the Town's Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) Coordinator as of December 31, 2023, and further thank him for his years of volunteer service to the community in setting up the EMO program and chairing it for many years. The Town will dedicate a picnic table at the Lions Park in Larry's name, as well as mention his resignation in the Town's newsletter thanking him for his contributions to the community."

CARRIED

Correspondence 238/2023 Gottselig:Burgess
"THAT the following correspondence from the November 22, 2023 meeting, as presented by the Chief Administrative Officer, be filed:
a) Larry Doetzel re: Resignation as EMO Coordinator
b) RCMP re: Addressing Resourcing Pressure Concerns in Strasbourg."

CARRIED

Reports 239/2023 Burgess:Gottselig
"THAT the Town of Strasbourg acknowledge the following meeting reports:
a) CAO Report
b) Council Reports
i. Councillor Barry reported on the Personnel Committee meeting for the year-end evaluation with the CAO, which also was attended by Mayor Schapansky and Councillor Josephson.
ii. Councillors Barry and Burgess reported on the most recent Recreation Board meeting.
iii. Councillor Gottselig briefly reported on the most recent Rec Centre meeting."

CARRIED

2024 SUMA Fire Resolution 240/2023 Gottselig:Barry
"THAT the Town of Strasbourg approve and submit the following resolution to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) to be included in the resolution package for the 2024 SUMA Convention in Regina, SK:

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Initials

WHEREAS municipalities trying to maintain a decent quality of life for their residents, as well as adhere to the safety and training requirements for firefighters recommended by the provincial government, do not have sufficient capital to maintain the most effective level of service with their fire departments and the cost of having specialized firefighting equipment, as well as the cost of construction for fire halls, has inflated beyond what most municipalities can afford;

WHEREAS fundamental municipal emergency services such as firefighting equipment (trucks, gear, etc.), and fire halls are always considered ineligible projects for the current federal and provincial grant funding, except for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund, which lists fire halls as eligible expenses, but CCBF does not provide adequate funding to cover the cost of most firefighting equipment or fire hall projects;

WHEREAS having well-trained, well-equipped fire departments (volunteer or full time) for all municipalities is imperative for the safety and well-being of all citizens in our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association lobby the provincial and federal government to include firefighting infrastructure such as fire halls and firefighting equipment as eligible projects for provincially- and/or federally-funded infrastructure grants, or create a separate funding stream/granting program for firefighting infrastructure entirely."

CARRIED

2024 SUMA
Animal Resolution

241/2023 Burgess:Gottselig

"THAT the Town of Strasbourg approve and submit the following resolution to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) to be included in the resolution package for the 2024 SUMA Convention in Regina, SK:

WHEREAS smaller municipalities do not always have the financial or personnel resources to have an animal control officer, trained employees, or adequate facilities to handle animal control issues;

WHEREAS various animal agencies such as the Humane Societies and SPCA located in the cities are no longer helping small urban municipalities with animal control issues such as housing or surrendering, and if they are, there is a significant cost associated with it;

WHEREAS animal control issues, such as aggressive/dangerous dogs, are legislatively a grey area, whereby the municipality has to deal with the dogs until they attack or bite, then it becomes an RCMP issue to handle once that happens, but in the meantime the municipality has to deal with worried citizens;

WHEREAS smaller municipalities are not given enough authority or financial resources to deal with animal control issues appropriately or expediently;

WHEREAS animal control issues are divisive in many communities as viewpoints and solutions are on a broad spectrum and create no-win scenarios for municipalities to deal with;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association lobby the provincial government to adjust legislation to provide smaller municipalities with leadership, resources, and funding to effectively deal with animal control issues."

CARRIED

In-Camera
Session

242/2023 Burgess:

"THAT this meeting move into an in-camera session as per Clause 120(2)(a) of The Municipalities Act."

CARRIED
Time: 7:46 p.m.


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243/2023 Gottselig
"THAT this meeting be reconvened."

CARRIED
Time: 7:53 p.m.

Adjourn

244/2023 Black
"THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Strasbourg be adjourned."

CARRIED
Time: 7:54 p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer