

TOWN OF IRRICANA
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held
March 01, 2021
Virtual Council Meeting (due to COVID restrictions)
MGA: Section 199

ATTENDANCE

As per Section 199(1) of the Municipal Government Act, a Council meeting may be conducted by means of electronic communication. Notice of the electronic version was provided to the public including the way in which it was to be conducted.

As per Section 199(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Councillors participating in a meeting held by means of a communication facility are deemed to be present at the meeting.

Mayor: Frank Friesen
Deputy Mayor: Kim Schmaltz
Councillors: Debbie Day, Jim Bryson, Tracy Shields
CAO: Barrie Hutchinson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Friesen at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA

- (i) Adopt Agenda
Addition of Communication/Information Item J-6: Easter
38:21 Moved by Councillor Shields to adopt the Agenda as amended.
CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

- (i) None

MINUTES

- (i) Minutes from February 16, 2021 Regular Council meeting
39:21 Moved by Councillor Day to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for February 16, 2021, as presented.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (i) CAO Report
40:21 Moved by Councillor Day to accept Committee Reports as presented.
CARRIED

Mayor Friesen called for a short break at 7:08 pm as there were technical difficulties with the sound during the virtual Council meeting.

Mayor Friesen reconvened the meeting at 7:11 pm as sound was repaired.

OLD BUSINESS

- (i) None

NEW BUSINESS

- (i) RFD – Operating Line of Credit
41:21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schmaltz to approve drawing on the Town of Irricana’s Line of Credit, only as required and as set out in Bylaw 03:2015, to a maximum of \$358,654.00, to cover cash flow shortfalls for day-to-day operating expenses from February month end to June 2021, with repayment of borrowed funds in full from the 2021 property tax revenue.
CARRIED

- (ii) RFD – Linear Taxes (Roll 159002 & 159003)
42:21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schmaltz to approve the cancellation of outstanding property taxes for Roll 159002 and Roll 159003, and delete these two tax rolls from the Town’s tax base, as these rail siding linear properties were terminated in 2019.
CARRIED

- (iii) RFD – Write Off Uncollectable Utility Accounts
43:21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Schmaltz to approve the request to write off uncollectable outstanding Utility Account arrears, totaling \$185.22 for the following Utility Accounts:
4700-000: \$102.75 20100-000: \$16.74 48000-001: \$21.16
5450-000: \$ 37.94 23600-001: \$ 1.05 61000-000: \$ 5.58
CARRIED

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION

- (i) Donation Fund Update
- (ii) FCSS Covid-19 Grant Information
- (iii) Fire Hydrant Plaque
Council discussed wording for Plaque
- (iv) Farm Safety – Letter from Executive Director
- (v) MAP (Municipal Accountability Program) Updates
- (vi) Easter – Community Services Board
Board Rep Councillor Shields discussed with Council

44:21 Moved by Councillor Shields to accept Communication/Information items J-1 to J-6 as presented.

CARRIED

FOLLOW-UP/ACTION & STATUS

PUBLIC INPUT

- (i) Due to the online format of the Council meeting, Residents were asked for written questions to be submitted to Town Administration electronically prior to the Council meeting. *As per Motion 32:21 Questions from public to be submitted to Administration by Monday noon of the Council meeting day.*

Mayor Friesen called for a 5 minute break at 7:49 pm

Mayor Friesen reconvened the meeting at 7:56 pm

CLOSED SESSION

- (i) Closed to Public
45:21 Moved by Mayor Friesen to go into Closed Session at 7:57 pm to discuss items of which disclosure may be harmful to the interests of a third party, as per Section 16(1) of the FOIP act.
- (ii) Open to Public
46:21 Moved by Mayor Friesen to reconvene to the public portion of the meeting at 8:51 pm.

ADJOURN

- (i) Adjournment
47:21 Moved by Mayor Friesen to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Mayor Frank Friesen

Barrie Hutchinson
Chief Administrative Officer