# SUMMER VILLAGE OF BURNSTICK LAKE **COUNCIL MINUTES #7 Burnstick Drive** April 26, 2025 - 10:30 am

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Mayor Harold Esche, Deputy Mayor Doug Lindblom and

> Councillor Brenda Madge. Staff: CAO Therese Kleeberger.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 

Mayor Esche called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. **GENERAL:** 

2.1 Agenda:

Res. 14-2025

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lindblom that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda 2.2 Minutes: Regular Council Meeting February 8, 2025

Res. 15-2025 MOVED by Councillor Madge that the minutes of the regular Council meeting Minutes

held February 8, 2025 be approved.

**CARRIED** 

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3. **DELEGATION(S):** None

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 

4.1 Forest Fire Reduction Plan (FFRP) Update

Resulting from the February 8, 2025 Council meeting discussion, Council members gave an update regarding the inquires and information they had gathered to continue further actions towards developing a plan. Some of this includes the following:

- Provincial Forestry added to their 2025 budget a proposal to do a FireSmart project on the outer parameters of the SV.
- FRIAA Grant: potential to complete a grant application under this program.
- Communicating with Clearwater Fire & Rescue with possible participation.

Res. 16-2025 FFRP Report Update MOVED by Mayor Esche to receive the Forest Fire Reduction Plan (FFRP) update for information.

**CARRIED** 

4.2 Election 2025 - Special Ballots, Advance Vote

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# Res. 17-2025 Special Ballots Cancelled

MOVED by Councillor Madge that Council rescind Resolution 05-2025 made at the Council meeting held February 8, 2025 which reads, "that Council provide for special ballots and that a request for a special ballot be made by any of the following methods: in writing, by telephone, in person or by email." due to the requirements of the newly revised Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA).

CARRIED

Advance Vote: Due to the Summer Village being unable to have special ballots under the new LAEA recent amendments, Council discussed the holding of an advance vote.

# Res. 18-2025 Advance Vote

MOVED by Mayor Esche that an advance vote be held on July 12, 2025.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.3 Election 2025 - Elected Officials Orientation & Training

Under Sect. 201.1(1) of the MGA, a municipality, in accordance with the regulations, must offer, and each Councillor must attend orientation training. There are 2 parts:

Part 1: training session prior to the Organizational meeting.

Part 2: EOEP Training Session: scheduled for September 13, 2025 through the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP). Discussion.

# Res. 19-2025 Elected Officials Training

MOVED by Mayor Esche that Council receive for information the update on required elected official's orientation and training.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4.4 CAO Evaluation

# Res. 20-2025 CAO Evaluation

Moved by Councillor Madge to receive the CAO Evaluation completed on April 24, 2025 for information.

#### **CARRIED**

# 4.5 MSI Capital Grant - 2025 Required Expenditure (2020 Allocation)

There is currently approximately \$217,000 in MSI capital grant funding that has to be expended by 2028 (with a certain amount in each of the years until then) or be returned to AB Municipal Affairs. For 2025, the amount is \$75,489 (2020 allocation). Discussion.

# Res. 21-2025 2025 MSI Capital Grant Expenditure

MOVED by Mayor Esche that, for 2025, Council pursue the following projects:

- a) Rehabilitation of the Burnstick Lake connector road, mainly regravelling, and,
- b) Community garage improvements.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

#### 5.1: 2024 Financial Statements

Res. 22-2025 2024 Audited Financial Statements MOVED by Mayor Esche that Council approve the 2024 audited financial statements completed by Scase and Partners, LLP as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5.2: 2025 - 2028 Operating Budget

Council reviewed the final version of the operating budget and had the following comments:

 Major concern regarding the substantial increase in the ASFF education tax requisition. They would like follow up with Alberta Education in this regard.

Res. 23-2025

2025-2028 Operating Budget

MOVED by Councillor Madge that the 2025-2028 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## 5.3: Tax Rate Bylaw 97-2025

BYLAW 97-2025 being a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Summer Village of Burnstick Lake for the 2025 taxation year.

Res. 24-2025	MOVED by Mayor Esche that Bylaw 97-2025 be read a first time.
Bylaw 97-2025	CARRIED
Res. 25-2025	MOVED by Councillor Madge that Bylaw 97-2025 be read a second time.
Bylaw 97-2025	CARRIED
Res. 26-2025	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lindblom that Bylaw 97-2025 be introduced for
Bylaw 97-2025	third and final reading.
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Res. 27-2025	MOVED by Mayor Esche that Bylaw 97-2025 be read a third and final time.

# 5.4: Spring Clean Up Campaign

Res. 28-2025 Spring Clean Up Campaign

Bylaw 97-2025

MOVED by Councillor Madge that Council host the annual Spring Clean Up Campaign starting May 14, 2025 to June 11, 2025.

**CARRIED** 

**CARRIED** 

#### 5.5: Road Maintenance - Alder Ave., Storage Shed Pad

Res. 29-2025 Alder Ave. Maintenance, Storage Shed Pad MOVED by Mayor Esche that Mark Crouch Backhoe Service be contracted to haul gravel in to improve the condition of Alder Ave., and that remedial work be done on the storage shed gravel pad by extending it out an additional foot, leveled, and that cement blocks be placed under the shed.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5.6 Boat Launch Re-habilitation Project

Discussion on improvements to the boat launch.

**Res. 30-2025** MOVED by Mayor Esche that further investigation be done concerning Boat Launch Project upgrades and rehabilitation to the boat launch.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. Reports:

**6.1: CAO Report:** written report provided.

## 6.2: Council Reports:

Mayor Esche: no report.

<u>Deputy Mayor Lindblom:</u> volunteers willing to install the new storage cabinet in the Community garage.

<u>Councillor Madge:</u> lake management programs and information on the ALMS website.

#### Res. 31-2025

CAO, Council Reports

MOVED by Councillor Madge that the CAO and Council reports be received for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### **6.3: Financial Reports:**

Bank Reconciliation Report, Revenue & Expense Report, Actual/Budget Comparison Report.

# Res. 32-2025 Financial Reports

MOVED by Mayor Esche that Council accept the financial reports as presented for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 7. Correspondence, Information Items:

- 7.1. AB Municipal Affairs: letter from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs JUPA's deadline extended to June 10/2025.
- 7.2. AB Municipal Affairs: letter from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
   municipalities required to submit agreements with the federal
  government to Municipal Affairs.
- 7.3. AB Municipal Affairs: letter from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs Budget 2025 increases LGFF capital funding.
- 7.4. AB Municipal Affairs: letter from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs– Budget 2025 education property tax.
- 7.5. AB Municipal Affairs: letter from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs use of Elector Assistance Terminals (EAT's) in upcoming municipal elections.
- 7.6. AB Municipal Affairs: letter from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs– Bill 50 amendments to the LAEA, MGA, Safety Codes Act, New Home Buyer Protection Act, ICF's.
- 7.7. AB Public Safety & Emergency Services Policing Costs (Funding Model).
- 7.8. Electoral Boundaries Commission: review of the province's current electoral divisions.

# Res. 33-2025 Correspondence

Correspondence, Information Items MOVED by Mayor Esche that Council accept the correspondence and information items as presented for information.

**CARRIED** 

#### 8. 8.1 Next Meeting Date:

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9. Adjournment: Res. 34-2025 MOVED by Mayor Adjournment		o adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m.	CARRIED
	Mayor	CAO	

• Council Meeting – June 21, 2025 - #7 Burnstick Drive – 10:30 am.