

Town of Coronach - Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Coronach held at
212 1st Street East, Coronach, Saskatchewan on April 9, 2024, at 6:00pm

PRESENT: Mayor Cal Martin presided with Councillor Jim Achtymichuk, Councillor Leanne Kuski, Councillor Ron Mamer, Councillor Nathan Guskjolen, Councillor Corbin Greenwood, Councillor Claire Manske and Chief Administrative Officer Renea Paridaen.

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum present Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

AGENDA:
106.2024 Achtymichuk/Greenwood:
That the agenda be amended and accepted as follows:
OLD BUSINESS: 5. R.M. Fire Truck Letter added 6. Development Permit- Fence added
NEW BUSINESS: 15. Hall Board Addition Appointment added

Carried.

MINUTES:
107.2024 Kuski/Guskjolen:
That the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

108.2024 Mamer/Achtymichuk:
That the special meeting minutes of March 27, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
109.2024 Guskjolen/Mamer:
That the Town of Coronach acknowledge all consent agenda items listed and THAT they be read, filed, and accepted.

Carried.

REPORTS:
110.2024 Manske/Guskjolen:
That the first meeting after the November 13, 2024 Main Municipal Election, be held on November 19, 2024 instead of November 12, 2024.

Carried.

111.2024 Greenwood/Guskjolen:
That all committee reports be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Claire Manske left Council Chambers at 6:29p.m.

Councillor Claire Manske returned to Council Chambers at 6:31 p.m.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT & ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS:

112.2024

Manske/Mamer:

That the Statements of Financial Activities for the period ending March 31, 2024 and account reconciliations for the month of March 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

LISTS OF ACCCOUNTS:

Mayor Cal Martin declared a conflict of interest with cheque number 9076 and 9085 at 6:45p.m.

113.2024

Kuski/Manske:

That the accounts for approval, Cheques No. 9076 to 9091, direct withdrawal and online payments, totaling \$230,124.47 be approved for payment.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

114.2024

Martin/Guskjolen:

That Council approve CAO to draft and send a letter in response to the lighting concern filed at the Town Office by a resident who resides on 1st St W, and THAT a letter be forwarded to the owner of Lots 18-19, Block 1, Plan BV2817 requesting them to dim the lights.

Carried.

115.2024

Guskjolen/Mamer:

That Council approve the development permit for a fence located at Lots 5-6, Block 2, Plan BV2817, providing it meets setbacks as indicated in the Zoning Bylaw, pending it meets building inspector approval, and THAT since the fence will continue onto Lots 7-9, Block 2, Plan BV2817 (a different owner), for all Lots 5-9 be consolidated prior to building.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

116.2024

Kuski/Manske:

That Council change the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting to June 6, 2024, due to Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) training.

Carried.

117.2024

Manske/Mamer:

That Council endorse the following resolution and THAT it be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the the local MP for consideration:

Federal infrastructure funding not keeping pace with population growth

WHEREAS, Canada is experiencing record population growth, having welcomed 1.25 million new Canadians last year alone; and

WHEREAS, According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) we need to build at least 3.5 million additional homes by 2030, and municipalities need to build or expand the infrastructure to accommodate this growth; and

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WHEREAS, FCM has estimated that the cost of the municipal infrastructure required support housing development is, on average, in the range of \$107,000 per unit; and

WHEREAS, According to Statistics Canada the cost of upgrade *existing* municipal infrastructure so that it is in a state of good repair is in the range of \$170 billion; and

WHEREAS, Non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure project without a corresponding growth in revenue; and

WHEREAS, Unlike federal and provincial revenue, municipal tax revenue has not increased in recent years along with inflation, economic growth or population growth; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end, the Canada Community-Building Fund is being renegotiated and the Permanent Public Transit Fund is set to start in 2026;

WHEREAS, The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides more than \$2.4 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural and recreational facilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the federal government work with agreement signatories and municipalities to maintain the CCBF as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the federal government commit, in Budget 2024, to the next generation of infrastructure programs, including a new program for water and wastewater infrastructure and an increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the federal government convene provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a "Municipal Growth Framework" to modernize the way that municipalities are funded in order to enable Canada's long-term growth.

Carried.

118.2024

Achtymichuk/Kuski:

That Taxservice be authorized under Section 22(1) of The Tax Enforcement Act on or after May 7, 2024 to commence proceedings to request title with respect to the following described lands on those with outstanding arrears past May 7, 2024:

Roll 97	Lot 1- Blk/Par 7-Plan CX350 Ext 0
Roll 97	Lot 33- Blk/Par 13- Plan 101163552 Ext 53
Roll 398	Lot 8- Blk/Par 25- Plan 80MJ06578 Ext 0
Roll 540	Lot 27- Blk/Par 13- Plan CX1025 Ext 0
	Lot 28- Blk/Par 13- Plan CX1025 Ext 0
	Lot 29- Blk/Par 13- Plan CX1025 Ext 0

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- 119.2024 Manske/Kuski:
That Council proceed with a needs assessment for Level 1 & 2 Health Care facility for Coronach and area, THAT both the Pretty Valley Lodge and Southwinds Manor be considered for locations, THAT Council is very interested, wants to proceed, and is currently seeking funding.

Carried.
- 120.2024 Achymichuk/Greenwood:
That Schnell's be hired to maintain the Coronach Cemetery for the 2024 fiscal year pending submission of their 2024 Rates to the Town Office.

Carried.
- 121.2024 Kuski/Guskjolen:
That Council re-appoint the following individuals to the Housing Authority Board, effective immediately:

Ronald Powell- Director
Cathy Seidel- Director
Keith Adam- Chair

Carried.
- 122.2024 Greenwood/Guskjolen:
That Council direct CAO to place a tender for aggregate, THAT the tender be for one year from the date of awarding in 2024.

Carried.
- 123.2024 Achymichuk/Mamer:
That Council approve the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Urban Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) Convention in Saskatoon at the Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre from May 28-31, 2024 for additional learning.

Carried
- Councillor Nathan Guskjolen declared a conflict of interest at 8:17p.m. and left Council Chambers.
- 124.2024 Martin/Manske:
That Council accept the resident of PT Lots 20-21, Block 23, Plan 77MJ08776 Weed Control Tender of thirty dollars per hour to spray designated areas around Town on an as-needed-basis.

Carried.
- Councillor Nathan Guskjolen returned to Council Chambers at 8:21p.m.
- 125.2024 Achymichuk/Guskjolen:
That Council approve the Development Permit from the owner of Lot F, Block K, Plan 80MJ15893 for an upgraded telecommunications tower.

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126.2024 Mamer/Greenwood:
That Council appoint Linda Poirier to the Coronach Community Hall Board, effective immediately.

Carried.

127.2024 Greenwood/Kuski:
That Council motion to move in camera at 8:26p.m. to discuss SSR Business, Five Year Capital Plan, 2024 Budget, and Summer Student Hiring as per Sections 16 and 18, under Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried.

Council moved out of camera at 9:30p.m.

128.2024 Achymichuk/Kuski:
That the 2024-2028 Five Year Capital Works Plan be approved as presented.

Carried.

129.2024 Mamer/Manske:
That the 2024 budget as presented with a three point eight percent increase overall be approved as attached hereto.

Carried.

130.2024 Achymichuk/Mamer:
That Council proceed with the following 2024 taxation changes for Town of Coronach residents:


-Scenario C be chosen which consists of- Agriculture /Residential /Commerical minimum land tax increase from \$350 to \$400, Residential/Commerical Base Tax increase from \$450 to \$550, Mill Rate decrease from 14.25 to 11.0 for all property classifications, agriculture mill rate factor to increase from 1.125 to 1.250, residential mill rate factor to increase from 1.0 to 1.27, and commerical mill rate factor to increase 1.125 to 1.310, THAT the discount period be six percent if paid by July 31, 2024, and penalty on taxes increase one percent to nine percent per annum.

Carried

ADJOURN:
131.2024

Greenwood: That this meeting adjourns at 9:35 p.m.

Carried.



Calvin Martin
Mayor





Renea Paridaen
Chief Administrative Officer