## ADDITIONS AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ONOWAY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ONOWAY CIVIC CENTRE AT 9:30 A.M. (in person public attendance is limited – virtual via Zoom) MEETING IS BEING AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDED

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS

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- 7a) Covid-19 Discussion
  - 6. Nov. 9 email from resident Christy McInnes
- 7e) Mayor's Request for Feedback from Councillors
  - a) What you heard on the Campaign Trail
  - b) Personal Goals for next 4 years

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Feedback has been received from Mayor Kwasny; Councillor Murray and Councillor Winterford

#### 8. COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Pg 11-13 c) Councillor's Reports
Councillor Winterford's Nov 4, 2021 Onoway Community Hall Meeting Report

#### debbie@onoway.ca

From:

cao@onoway.ca

Sent:

November 9, 2021 3:56 PM

To:

'Jason Madge'; debbie@onoway.ca

Cc:

penny@onoway.ca; 'Shelley Vaughan'

Subject:

FW: Vaccine policy/mandate

Deb please put on additions agenda.

#### **Wendy Wildman**

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From: Christy McInnes >

Sent: November 9, 2021 3:17 PM

To: rwinterford@onoway.ca; rmurray@onoway.ca; bconinx@onoway.ca; ljohnson@onoway.ca; lkwasny@onoway.ca

Cc: LacSteAnne.Parkland@assembly.ab.ca; cao@onoway.ca

Subject: Vaccine policy/mandate

Good afternoon,

The meeting that was held on the 28th of October with regards to implementing a vaccine policy.

#### Mr. Kwasny's key points:

This is a provincial mandate. As nouns the difference between recommendation and mandatory is that recommendation is an act of recommending while mandatory is (dated|rare) a person, organisation or state who receives a mandate; a mandatary.

#### As an adjective mandatory is

obligatory; required or commanded by authority.

My understanding that a vaccine policy was not mandated by the provincial government that it indeed was a recommendation from them. So which is it? If this was mandated by the government would there not already be in place a policy?

Mr. Kwasny again stated that they do request that all municipalities, they are not forcing them they are asking them to partake and do their best effort to follow that guideline. Mr. Kwasny also stated that I'm sure that if you



take it one level up and you go and talk to Shayne Getson he will tell you that's his mandate. To make sure that he can have the municipalities in his jurisdiction try and meet that. I am sure that is a goal of his that achieve something that is 100% compliance but probably that won't happen. Having said that if you're not in sync with your MLS there's a good chance that when you knock on his door and say I'd like some funding to pave that road over there. He might just tell you what one of our MLA'S from the past told us, your request is right on the bottom of my pile because you're not representing me very well in the community. Having said that I'm sure that by following, by implementing provincial guidelines for ourselves here that our MLA will definitely recognize that and will not hold future opportunities for us if we ask him for grants and what have you. At least he won't have that against us.

I am inserting a clip of Mr. Getson please have a listen and see what he really has to say about all of this. November 1st, 2021 - Evening Session - Legislative Assembly of Alberta - YouTube go to 1:50:22 and have a listen to what Mr. Getson really thinks. He states and I quote "I get very concerned when we start talking about making mandatory vaccinations. They all voted against that. Let's not go down that road. We also voted against vaccine passports.

Mr. Kwasny then goes on to say that town council is acting on behalf of the entire community and what does the community want? He says, I am very sure that out there 95% or 90% of the people are going to say try and follow the guidelines if not better, and to me that's good enough for me. Stay within the provincial guidelines we are being fair to our ratepayers and protecting them.

What I don't understand is simply this. You have not set up a poll on this, there has been no discussion with the residents as a whole nor has there been a discussion with the businesses in our community. After all this will affect the whole community. I am absolutely ashamed of how this is being handled by the people we voted in. You do not speak for me at all. This is an absolute violation of bodily autonomy and something that you do not have the right to decide, implement or enforce. I would like to know how implementing this is keeping me as a taxpayer and a community member safe. I don't feel safer by this whatsoever, what I do feel is that this will be the same old way of handling things within council. That indeed nothing has changed except the faces. I also feel that you are over stepping your bounds as a Mayor and as a member of council if this is indeed voted in. You have a chance to do the right thing here and respectfully I hope that you do what at least 3 of you said to me and that was that you think that it is and individuals right to choose, that no one should make that decision for you.

So I would like Mr. Kwasny and council prior to making this a decision that council will then vote on, have something where the people (all of the community) are aware and understand that there are again peoples jobs on the line. People that have worked hard for the community and come with a vast amount of experience that are about to have to choose between their jobs and getting vaccinated. That you as a council with the exception of one, are not standing up for the rights of the individuals and are in fact doing exactly what the Federal and Provincial governments are doing and that is taking away our right to decide what we put into our bodies. That according to him and Mr. Winterford, if once vaccinated, when the question was asked who would be liable for any damages from the vaccine that they both said that the liability falls on a federal level. I would like for either Mr. Winterford or Mr. Kwasny to show me where the federal government has said that it will be liable for anything that should happen with taking the vaccine.

Lastly I would like to commend Mrs. Coninx for standing up and realizing that this is an individual choice. If only you had all taken the time to listen to what she was saying or to ask to see the data she had with her. I hope in the future that you will all listen in these meetings. That you will respect when each other is speaking and learn to be quiet. That phones will be at least silenced and that you will come with an open mind. That personal agendas will take a back burner to what really matters for our community. That you all can work together for



what is in the best interest of our community. Lastly, that you don't make any of us for one single moment regret the decision to have you represent us.

Respectfully,

Christy McInnes

#### debbie@onoway.ca

From:

Len Kwasny < lkwasny@onoway.ca>

Sent:

November 5, 2021 6:31 AM

To:

debbie@onoway.ca

Subject:

Re: Draft Minutes from Council meeting and material for November 10 meeting

The following are the concerns I heard from our residence when campaigning door to door:

- -Taxes to high
- -Employees not living in town
- -Health care workers parking personal vehicles in front businesses on Lac Ste Anne Trail
- -Sewer not working properly in front of apartments on Lac Ste Anne Trail N
- -Broken curb in alley on Yoeman Dr. allowing water to flow onto gravelled alley causing unnecessary damage to alley
- -Buried convert on the NWC of 47 ave & 50 St allowing water to flow across pavement, causing icy intersection during winter months
- -Seniors are having difficulty accessing the dental facility on 51 St. across the street from Country Automotive due to stairs in sidewalk.
- -Staff being rude while dealing with residences that required town assistance

#### My Personal Goals:

- 1). Review and update all Bi-laws, policies and procedures
- 2). Work toward reduction of taxes such that we may be able to be competitive with our surrounding municipalities.
- 3). Meet with all business owners within the town and record all concerns as well and look for opportunities they may suggest.
- 4). Review and update the 1, 3, 5, 10 year capital plan to assure it is addressing current day concerns.
- 5). That a residential subdivision of 30 or more lots be developed and lots available for sale. This would also mean we would have to implement an active marketing plan. I realize that this is an aggressive goal but in moving forward it is important, as the longer we wait the more we can loose out on the opportunities that exist.

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 3, 2021, at 3:54 PM, debbie@onoway.ca wrote:

Council: Once I have draft minutes completed after your meetings, I provide the draft minutes to you for review.

Attached are your draft minutes from the organizational meeting held on October 28. I'm working on the regular meeting minutes.

I would appreciate your comments and any proposed changes prior to putting them on the November 10 agenda. Thank you.

Further to our Procedural Bylaw and the Mayor's request of Council, can you please ensure that I receive the Record of Concerns and the Councillor Goals that the Mayor requested of you in order to be able to include them in next week's meeting agenda, by noon Friday.

Please feel free to call me or email if you have any questions.

Thank you.



#### debbie@onoway.ca

From:

Robin Murray <rmurray@onoway.ca>

Sent:

November 8, 2021 5:25 PM

To:

debbie@onoway.ca

Cc:

Len Kwasny; Lisa Johnson; Bridgitte Coninx; Robert Winterford; Wendy Wildman; Jason

Madge

Subject:

Re: Draft Minutes from Council meeting and material for November 10 meeting

#### Good Afternoon Everyone!

My apologies for not getting this to you by Friday noon but there are just not enough hours in a day lately.

Here are the list of concerns that I heard while campaigning:

I will start with some of the election concerns that cannot be changed but can be noted for next election:

- Special Ballots should have been made available especially during a pandemic when many people may have been in quarantine.
- For those people that work out of Town, the Advance Poll was held to close to the Election.
- Why wasn't there a "Help Wanted" ad for Election Workers? Many local people just finished taking the training and working for the Federal Election that may have been interested in working the Municipal Election.
- Why was the Election not held in the Town owned Community Hall?

The following concerns pertain to current and ongoing issues:

- Taxes are too high
- Town utilities are too high
- Several residents claimed to be treated with disrespect by staff on numerous occasions
- The unkept condition of the berm at 53rd Street and 49th Ave. (Shaul). Residents were assured several years ago that it would be seeded to grass and kept tidy.
- Also at this address, two pipes sticking above the asphalt in the intesection, causing tire damage and actually one caused injury to a child when he fell off his bike a year or more ago (took 17 stitches to his knee). I just took a drive and see that one of the pipes has been ground down and covered but the other is still a potential hazard.
- Several residents say their concerns fall on deaf ears.
- Lack of weed control on Town property
- Unsightlies not being dealt with
- The patch paving where a sewer line was repaired on 47th Avenue between 51st and 50th Streets has settled quite a bit and creates a lot of noise when large trucks drive over it.
- Also near this location, the road in front of the residents houses that runs to the back alley at 47th Avenue is in terrible condition and has been for years.
- Why has there been such a large turnover in PW staff and why have the vacant positions not been advertised?
- Why does the newest Town truck not have a Town of Onoway sticker on it?

I could go on, but you get the picture.

My goals as Councillor for the Town of Onoway:

To work with Council, Staff, and experts in their field to:

- attract and retain new Commercial and Industrial Business which will in turn attract residential development
- to revitalize the Downtown Core
- to look at cost cutting measures and efficiencies in order ease the tax burden on our residential base
- to review and update policies and bylaws
- to encourage public engagement
- and to continue with the work already started, to make Onoway an attractive, inviting Town.



I look forward to the next four years working with all of you!

See you all Wednesday morning!

Robin

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R Winterford.

#### **Committe Business:**

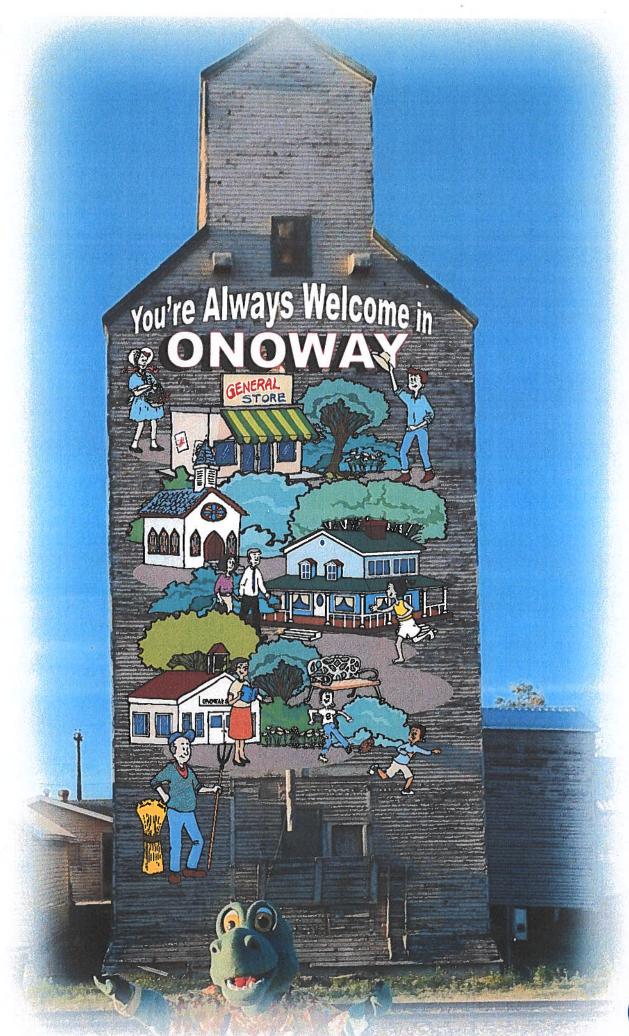
- 1) EDC.. Met with Ashley as followup to their last meeting:
  - 1) Covid concerns vs Business..
  - 2) Meeting participation/enhancements/content
  - 3)potenital sponsorships
- 4)Sign on #43 needs to be expanded (assistance needed due to to construction restrictions)
- 2) Beautification:..Town boxes (volunteered to purchase 6 maybe to eight depending on location)
- -plan to have these boxes purchased and managed by organizations/companies) watering?
  - cost to purchase?
  - -final cost with metal artwork attaches and a brass name shield of donar.
  - need to find out which organizatons to purchase these
  - need to find best main street locations
- need to confer with horiculture person near town hall on best flowers to plant, how to manage and how to trade out seasonally
- \* Signage: 1) working to mural grain elevator.. see attached for referrance only
- 2) Agreement by new owner on mural for front face of his building that would be consistant with his business theme. See attached
- 3) Library Fundraiser: See attached info

20x4 foot sign schedued for Nov 15th once sponsors are secured.

#### Questions arising from campaigning door to door:

1) the 3000 names submitted still did not move debenture forward on paving of regional road whn advised they only need 1800.. WHY?

- 2) why is the sidewalk not finished across from car wash?
- 3) why are my children having to go to Alberta Beach for soccer and baseball when we have parks and diamonds in town?
- 4) Why is there not more visablility/transparency to council's actions/how get we be more engaged?
- 5) What is the town doing to create more opportunities/jobs for our children?
- 6) What is being done to reduce drugs in Elk Park and the park next to the apartment building across from the high school?
- 7) What is being done to remove the graffetti under the overpass cominig into town.
- 8) What more can be done to engage seniors?
- 9) Where arre we with community gardens?
- 10) Better election access and information ( a general question raised numerous times)





#### **Community Hall: Onoway Facility**

#### **Enhancement Association Report**

Thursday Nov 4,2021

**Committe Members:** 

Nov 4th, 7pm , Onoway Community Hall

Agenda: attached:

Agenda items added: Golden Club Seniors Christmas

Commenced: 7:05

Minutes approved:

1) Treasures Report: \$1750. made from Casino, bringing Casino cash to \$3334.17

\$2000.00 GIC

General Accounts: \$18,649.51

- 2) Old Business: News on Equas Grant still outstanding with Chirs Yeoman.
- Raffle Box ..AGLC has removed ceiling for 1/2 & 1/2 online (timing vs other organization also using raffle breifly discussed)
- dates discussed for raffle Nov15- Dec 15, 2021
- Lease discussion ( printed copies where not available as only odd pages printed, photo copiees

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out of toner).

- Discussed problem on wording and additions which increse docment from 18 to 24 pages.
- -concerns Landlord vs Tenant on major repairs and upkeep, snow removal and grandfathered items like sewer and parking.
- -question on wetherr the building was viable for sale
- 3) New Buisness:
- -Grant money ask for \$2200 FCSS (received \$2100.00 already)
- -Need for an accounting program i.e Simply
- -Allocation of funds a) Childrens movie night Nov 27th (need to register)
  - b) Childrens workshop
  - c) Advant Calander
  - d) Seniors tea Dec 17th 2-4pm
  - f) floor curling dates discussed

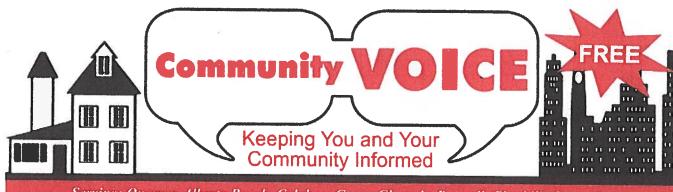
Needs:- volunteers for seniors Nov 25th 8-4pm

- Practical donations: Christmas decorations -tree, table cloth etc.

Meeting Adjorned: 8:38

Date of Next Meeting: TBD

**Town Member Report: Bob Winterford** 



Serving: Onoway, Alberta Beach, Calahoo, Gunn, Glenevis, Darwell, Cherhill, Sangudo, Mayerthorpe, Rich Valley, Barrhead, Whitecourt, Stony Plain and Spruce Grove

**April 24, 2018** 

#### CELEBRATE SPRING WITH THE LAC STE. ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Submitted by Eunice Woronuk, President | Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir

Spring has sprung -- finally! The Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir invites you to celebrate it by enjoying (at least) one of the choir's performances over the next month. Director Debbie Rosen, with help from accompanist R.J. Chambers, leads almost 60 members in a variety of musical pieces from classic to pop.

The first performance for this popular community group will be 7 p.m. on Friday, May 4 at the Onoway Legion (4808 50 St.). Come for dinner and stay for the concert, or just come for the mu-

sic. Everyone is welcome, with admission through a free will donation.

The choir will entertain residents at the Chateau Lac Ste. Anne Seniors' Centre (5123 - 49 Ave., Onoway) at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 9. Although this performance is primarily for residents, the general public is welcome.

On Wednesday, May 16, the choir travels to Zion United Church (15 Paradise Estates – off Hwy. 633 west of Alberta Beach). The concert begins at 7 pm, with admission by free will donation.

On Friday, May 25 the Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir

will travel to Spruce Grove for an appearance at St. Andrew's United Church (1A Fieldstone Drive), beginning at 7 pm. Admission for this concert is \$15, with those 17 and under free. We encourage you to buy tickets in advance, but they will also be available at the door. Don't know a member but want to ensure you have tickets? Call 780-951-6494 to make arrangements for yours.

Our traditional Friends and Family performance (where everyone who likes music is a friend!) is the final one this spring.

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### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE ONOWAY COMMUNITY HALL

Submitted by Donna Baldwin

Sunday, April 29th, the Onoway Community Hall Association will be hosting another Sunday Brunch. Based on the success of one that was held in March, we are again hosting another one now in April. With pancakes, sausage, eggs, home made hash browns and all the trimmings, our guests were coming back for more. All you can eat is the order of the day. The brunch will run from 11:00am until 2:00 and will be offered at \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for 10 and under with preschool free. Come on out and enjoy a nice brunch. Bring along a friend or neighbour and celebrate spring.

A very successful Alberta Floor Curling Association Tournament was held at the Community Hall on Thursday, April 19th. Welcoming 16 teams from the surrounding area each team played 3 games. A delicious roast beef dinner was served with a full spread of goodies available throughout the day. Our floor curlers are a great group to pitch in and host these events and prepare for our tournaments. We also have several curlers that attend tournaments in many other communities from Vegreville to Edson, Anselmo, Dapp and many places in between. Door are open for our regular curling locally on Thursdays at 1:00pm at the Community Hall. Enjoy the nice spring weather that has finally arrived and see you at our upcoming events.



