MINUTES OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Council: Lyndsay Montina Mayor

Jessie PotrieDeputy MayorScott AkkermansCouncillorHeather CaldwellCouncillorDeb FlorenceCouncillor

Staff: Jeffrey Coffman Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)

Mike Passey Director of Corporate Services

Presenter: Diane Horvath Planner, ORRSC

Mayor Montina called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MOTION: Cllr Florence moved that the Committee move to a Closed Session at 6:02PM, as per Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to discuss:

1. Land transaction

Carried

3.a Closed Session

Attendance: CAO Coffman, CSD Passey, Ms. Horvath

MOTION: Cllr Akkermans moved that the Committee returned to Public Session at 7:20 p.m. Carried

2. 2023 Capital and Operating Budget Motions

MOTION: Cllr Florence moved that Council allocate up to \$225,000 from the *Municipal Sustainability Initiative* grant for an expansion of the 55th Street Public Works building. Carried

MOTION: Mayor Montina moved that Council instruct the CAO to explore options for improving the conditions and space of the current animal holding pens utilized for stray animals, and that Council authorizes the CAO to spend up to \$10,000 for such upgrades with funds coming from reserves.

Carried. Opposed: Cllr Florence

MOTION: Mayor Montina moved that Council instruct the CAO to undertake the necessary planning for a new outdoor rink / court facility, and that planning include options of location, scope of the project, building timeline, budget, funding sources, and projected operating costs, and further that the CAO present the planning document to Council no later than September 30, 2023. Carried

MOTION: Cllr Florence moved that Council instruct the CAO to sign the *Business Investment Loan* agreement with Community Futures, and further that Council dedicate up to \$5,000 in the 2023 Operating Budget in support of local business reinvestment through the *Business Investment Loan* program. Carried

MOTION: Cllr Caldwell moved that Council allocate up to \$75,000 from the *Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Operations* grant, for the purpose of creating a Recreation Master Plan for the Town of Coalhurst. Carried

MOTION: Cllr Akkermans moved that Council directs the CAO to create a functional, user-friendly website and application (app) for the Town of Coalhurst, and further that Council allocate up to \$15,000 from Administrative Reserve for the web and app design, development, and implementation, and further that the CAO creates a communication strategy to ensure that the technology is maximized. Carried

MOTION: Cllr Florence moved that Council dedicate \$1334.50 from taxation for the Town of Coalhurst 2023 Membership Fee for the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association, Carried

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Potrie moved that Council allocate up to \$9,000 from taxation to implement and maintain a functional and useable electronic agenda system for the Town. Carried

MOTION: Cllr Florence moved that Finance Committee recommend the approved Capital and Operating Motions to Council as part of its budget consideration on Dec 6, 2022. Carried

MOTION: DM Potrie moved that the Committee move to a Closed Session at 8:32 p.m., as per Section 23(1)(a) and 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to discuss:

1. Legal matter

Carried

3.b Closed Session

Attendance: CAO Coffman, CSD Passey

Cllr Caldwell moved that the Committee return to Public Session at 9:16 p.m. Carried

4. Adjournment: 9:16 p.m.