

Town of Stettler

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

6:30 P.M.

BOARD ROOM



TOWN OF STETTLER MISSION STATEMENT

WE WILL PROVIDE A HIGH
QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND
THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE,
EFFICIENT AND AFFORDABLE
SERVICES THAT ARE SOCIALLY
AND ENVIRONMENTALLY
RESPONSIBLE

**TOWN OF STETTLER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
6:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. **Agenda Additions**

2. **Agenda Approval**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 5, 2019 5-9

(b) Business Arising from the February 5, 2019 Council Minutes

4. **Citizens Forum**

5. **Delegations**

(a) None

6. **Administration**

(a) 2019 Bank Reconciliation – January 31, 2019 10

(b) Meeting Dates

- **Tuesday, February 26 – 2019-2023 Capital Budget Deliberations – SRC-3:00pm**

- Tuesday, March 5 – Council – 6:30pm

- Tuesday, March 12 – COW – 4:30pm

- Tuesday, March 19 – Council – 6:30pm

- Tuesday, April 2 – Council – 6:30pm

- **Monday, April 8 – Regional Water – 1:00pm**

- Tuesday, April 9 – COW – 4:30pm

- Tuesday, April 16 – Council – 6:30pm (2018 Financial Statement)

- Tuesday, May 7 – Council – 6:30pm

- **Tuesday, May 14 – 2019 Tax Budget Council Deliberations – 3:00pm**

- Tuesday, May 14 – COW – 4:30pm

- Tuesday, May 21 – Council – 6:30pm (2019 Tax Budget and Tax Rate Bylaw)

(c) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$492,925.68
(\$21,196.64+\$69,144.42+\$69,277.28+\$12,369.17+\$43,093.26+\$246,761.41 11-25
+\$31,083.50)

7. **Council**

(a) Meeting Reports

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- 8. **Minutes**
 - (a) None
- 9. **Public Hearing**
 - (a) None
- 10. **Bylaws**
 - (a) None
- 11. **Correspondence**
 - (a) Everyone Has a Role to Play in Ending Exotic Pet Trade 26-35
- 12. **Items Added**
- 13. **In-Camera Session**
 - (a) Unsightly Property Update – Section 17 (1)/ Legal – Section 27 (1) – FOIP Separate Email
- 14. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Councillors A. Campbell, M. Fischer, G. Lawlor, C. Barros,
S. Pfeiffer & W. Smith

CAO G. Switenky
Assistant CAO S. Gerlitz

Press (2)

Absent: Mayor Sean Nolls

Call to Order: Deputy Mayor Lawlor called the meeting to order at 6:30
p.m.

1/2. **Agenda Additions/Approval:**

Motion 19:02:01 Moved by Councillor Pfeiffer to approve the agenda as
presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

(a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January
15, 2019

Motion 19:02:02 Moved by Councillor Barros that the Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of Council held on January 15, 2019 be approved
as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Business Arising from the January 15, 2019 Meeting
Minutes

None

4. **Citizen's Forum:** (a) No one was present at the Citizen's Forum

5. **Delegations:** (a) None

6. **Administration:** (a) 2019 Emergency Management Appointment

The Town of Stettler is currently a partner of the Stettler
Regional Emergency Management Agency which
oversees emergency management responsibilities for all
municipalities within the County of Stettler boundaries. This
program involves preparedness for, response to, and
recovery from, emergencies and disasters.

Lee Hardman is the current Director of Emergency
Management and Chad Jackson is the current Deputy
Director for all municipalities within the region. Based on
the retirement of two Deputy Directors last year, it is
recommended that both Lee Hardman and Chad Jackson
be reappointed in their roles, and that Clint Sime be
appointed as a Deputy Director of Emergency
Management.

Motion 19:02:03

Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council reappoint Lee Hardman as the Director of Emergency Management, reappoint Chad Jackson as a Deputy Director of Emergency Management, and appoint Clint Sime as a Deputy Director of Emergency Management as recommended in the 2019 Emergency Management Appointment Memorandum.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(b) Taxes Receivable as of December 31, 2018

Motion 19:02:04

Moved by Councillor Barros that the Town of Stettler Council accept the Taxes Receivable as of December 31, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(c) CAO Report

Motion 19:02:05

Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Town of Stettler Council accept the CAO Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(d) Regional 911 Service Agreement Renewal

Stettler Regional Fire Department is currently dispatched by the City of Red Deer 911 Emergency Communications Centre. The current five (5) year agreement for fire dispatching services expired December 31, 2018.

The new proposed agreement is for the same five-year term with a 3.5% cost increase per year. As the annual cost of the agreement is shared between the County and Town of Stettler, the 2019 service fee of \$29,195.40 will cost the Town of Stettler \$14,429.71.

The City of Red Deer provides a consistent, well-trained group of 911 dispatchers and continue to meet the expectations for the region. The Stettler Fire Advisory Committee previously discussed the proposed Fire Dispatch Services Agreement renewal and the financial implications, and recommends that the Town of Stettler Council approve the agreement.

Motion 19:02:06

Moved by Councillor Pfeiffer that the Town of Stettler approve the new five-year Fire Dispatch Services Agreement with the City of Red Deer as recommended.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

(e) Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, February 5 – Council – 6:30pm
- Thursday, February 7 – Brownlee LLP – Emerging Trends 2019 – Calgary
- Monday February 11 – 2019 Strategic Planning Workshop – 3:00pm

- Tuesday, February 12 – COW – 4:30pm
- Tuesday, February 19 – Council – 6:30pm
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Motion 19:02:07

Moved by Councillor Smith to cancel the COW Meeting scheduled for February 12th.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

- (d) Accounts Payable in the amount of \$487,395.50

Motion 19:02:08

Moved by Councillor Pfeiffer that Accounts Payable in the amount of \$487,395.50 (\$10,171.80 + \$23,594.04 + \$138,766.20 + \$34,705.98 + \$98,211.87 + \$93,794.31 + \$88,151.30) for the period ending February 5, 2019 for having been paid, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Council:**

Councillors outlined highlights of meetings they attended.

- (a) Councillor Barros

- January 22 – Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts Opening Banquet
- January 23-27 – Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts - Scorekeeping & Attendance
- January 31 – Tidiness Meeting for Heartland Beautification

- (b) Councillor Campbell

- January 18 – Red Deer River MUGS
- January 19 - Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

- (c) Councillor Fischer

- January 22 – Campus Alberta Strategic Planning
- January 22-27 – Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts
- January 24 – Talk of the Town with Mayor Nolls
- January 29 – Cook Murders Presentation at the HUB
- February 5 – SURF Meeting

(d) Councillor Lawlor

- January 16 – Stettler Library Board
- January 17 - Heartland Youth Centre Boys Group
- January 22 - Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts Opening Banquet
- January 23 - Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts
- January 29 – Cook Murders Presentation
- January 30 - Recorded Heartland Youth Centre commercial for bowling fundraiser
- February 1 – Signed accounts payable cheques & approved council agenda

(e) Councillor Pfeiffer

- January 22 – Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts Opening Banquet
- January 23 – Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts Opening Ceremonies
- January 28 – Stettler F.C.S.S. Meeting

(g) Councillor Smith

- January 21 – Museum Meeting
- January 22 - Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts Opening Banquet
- January 23 - Jiffy Lube Alberta Scottie's Tournament of Hearts Opening Ceremonies
- January 28 - Stettler F.C.S.S. Meeting
- January 29 - Cook Murders Presentation

Motion 19:02:09

Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Town of Stettler approve the Council Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

8. **Minutes:**

(a) Stettler Adult Learning Council - January 22, 2019

Motion 19:02:10

Moved by Councillor Barros that the Town of Stettler approve the minutes (a) for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

9. **Public Hearing:**

(a) None

10. **Bylaws:**

(a) None

11. **Correspondence:**

- (a) AUMA – Defamation: Who Can Sue? Can You?
- (b) Heartland Youth Centre Bowl for Kids – February 22
- (c) Hospice Society Fundraiser – February 9 at the Stettler Community Hall

Motion 19:02:11

Moved by Councillor Smith that correspondence items 11(a-c) be accepted for information.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

12. **Items Added:**

(a) None

13. **In-Camera Session:** (a) None

14. **Adjournment:**

Motion 19:02:12

Moved by Councillor Campbell that this regular meeting of the Town of Stettler Council be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO

**TOWN OF STETTLER
BANK RECONCILIATION
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019**

Net Balance at End of Previous Month	\$	6,987,328.41
ADD: General Receipts (summarized below)		1,116,725.64
Interest Earned (Prime 3.95% less 1.65% = 2.30%)		15,428.67
Investments Matured		-
SUBTOTAL		8,119,482.72
LESS: General Disbursements		800,209.79
Payroll		251,436.55
Investments		-
Debenture Payments		-
Returned Cheques		1,827.97
Bank Charges		952.36
SUBTOTAL		1,054,426.67
NET BALANCE AT END OF CURRENT MONTH (General Ledger)	\$	7,065,056.05
Balance at End of Month - Bank		7,047,169.52
ADD: Outstanding Deposits		71,421.71
LESS: Outstanding Cheques		53,535.18
NET BALANCE AT END OF CURRENT MONTH (Bank)	\$	7,065,056.05
INVESTMENTS:		
ATB Financial - 1 Year Non-Redeemable GIC (2.73%) Maturing Sept.25/19		2,000,000.00
SUBTOTAL		2,000,000.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AND ON DEPOSIT	\$	9,065,056.05

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019

MAYOR

ASSISTANT CAO

GENERAL RECEIPTS SUMMARY		
Tax	AR	245,826
Utility	AR	273,519
SMRWSC	Water	25,267
Hiw ay 12/21	Water	24,121
Alta Gas	Franchise	90,813
ATCO	Franchise	55,689
Alberta Finance	FCSS 1st 1/4 Grant	45,737
SRC	Minor Hockey	14,754
AHS	AHS Rental	15,959
County of Stettler	Fire Agreement	78,326
Library	Salary Repay	23,153
Library	Rent	10,500
SVWS	Admin Contract/Misc	11,692
County of Stettler	Intermunicipal Develop.	15,921
County of Stettler	Small Equip Cost Share	21,729
Other		163,720
	Total	1,116,726

Ranges:	From:	To:	From:	To:
Vendor ID	First	Last	Chequebook ID GENERAL	GENERAL
Vendor Name	First	Last	Cheque Number 73466	73483
Cheque Date	First	Last		

Sorted By: Vendor ID

Distribution Types Included:All

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Bagshaw Electric Ltd.	73466	2019-02-01	\$902.51

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Shop Connect Pressure Washer	21031A	\$757.77	
Shop 6 Cord Ends & 45 Cables	292436	\$144.74	

Cal-Trac Contracting Ltd.	73467	2019-02-01	\$2,331.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Snow Removal Grader Rental	303546	\$2,331.00	

County of Stettler	73468	2019-02-01	\$1,681.06

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

2017 Recreation Agree Adjust	COS-002982	\$469.18	
2018 Recreation Agree Adjust	COS-002981	\$258.19	
Fire 50% Repairs unit#233-238	COS-002984	\$526.98	
Fire 50% Repairs to Squad #19	COS-002978	\$426.71	

Digital Postage On Call	73469	2019-02-01	\$3,212.37

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Office Postage & EFT Fees	2019.01.28	\$3,212.37	

Froese, Jeremy	73470	2019-02-01	\$303.15

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Fire Joint Air Brakes Course	2019.01.28	\$303.15	

Heartland Overdoor	73471	2019-02-01	\$2,793.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Shop Overhead Door Safety Insp	2018-097	\$2,304.75	
SRC Overhead Door Inspections	2018-098	\$488.25	

Kathy's Printing Service	73472	2019-02-01	\$691.95

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Office 5000 Lazer Cheque Blank	4388	\$691.95	

Laseredge Inc.	73473	2019-02-01	\$217.68

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Computer Lemark Printer Maint	15295	\$217.68	

Local Government Admin. Assoc.	73474	2019-02-01	\$551.25

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	

Admin 2019 LGAA Member Renew	00610	\$183.75	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Admin LGAA Membership Renew	00652		\$183.75
Admin 2019 Membership Renew	00631		\$183.75
Merlin Shredding Inc.	73475	2019-02-01	\$315.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Office 2019 Record Shredding	88731		\$315.00
Newton, Jacqui	73476	2019-02-01	\$149.75
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Office/Shut Down/Janitor	2019.01.29		\$149.75
Praxair Distribution	73477	2019-02-01	\$1,711.26
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Pool Chemicals	87024911		\$1,479.10
Pool Cylinder Lease	87276859		\$232.16
Recreation Facility Personnel	73478	2019-02-01	\$441.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Pool Facility Membership Renew	MEM2019-08850		\$441.00
Rocky Mountain Equipment Canad	73479	2019-02-01	\$4,410.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Equip Grave bucket for Backhoe	S03859		\$4,410.00
The Society of Local Governmen	73481	2019-02-01	\$1,050.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Admin 2019 Professional Fees	2019.TAIT.L		\$350.00
Plan&Dev 2019 Professional Fee	2019.GRAHAM.L		\$350.00
GIS 2019 Professional Fees	2019.SCOTT.G		\$350.00
Stewart, Aaron & Callie	73480	2019-02-01	\$103.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Tax Refund Credit Balance	2019.01.25		\$103.00
Tremblay, Eriz	73482	2019-02-01	\$229.10
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Fire Joint Airbrakes Course	2019.01.28		\$229.10
Wesclean Equipment & Cleaning	73483	2019-02-01	\$103.56
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Janitor Supplies	109634		\$103.56
Total Cheques			\$21,196.64

Ranges:	From:	To:	From:	To:
Vendor ID	First	Last	Chequebook ID	GENERAL
Vendor Name	First	Last	Cheque Number	73484
Cheque Date	First	Last		73492

Sorted By: Vendor ID

Distribution Types Included:All

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Canada Post Corporation	73484	2019-02-08	\$2,462.17

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Office/Bylaw/Water Bill Postag	9677524438	\$2,462.17	

Capital H2O Systems Inc.	73485	2019-02-08	\$667.80

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
WTP PVC Valves	15838	\$590.52	
WTP Chemical Line	15850	\$77.28	

Caro Analytical Services	73486	2019-02-08	\$2,044.35

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
WTP Water Analysis	IC1900829	\$81.90	
WTP Water Analysis	IC1900847	\$197.40	
WTP Water Analysis	IC1901472	\$1,765.05	

The City of Red Deer	73490	2019-02-08	\$2,000.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
2019 RARB Membership	399651	\$2,000.00	

Gateway Mechanical Services In	73487	2019-02-08	\$1,552.95

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Mid season start up	562323	\$1,552.95	

Ornamental Bronze Limited	73488	2019-02-08	\$441.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Cemetery Niche Wreath	90220	\$441.00	

Receiver General for Canada	73489	2019-02-08	\$57,496.47

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Town Tax Remittance	PP03-19	\$48,797.43	
Town Tax Remittance	PP03-19.	\$6,954.39	
BOT Tax Remittance	PP03-19.BOT	\$1,744.65	

Vereburn Supply Ltd.	73491	2019-02-08	\$2,557.10

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Fire Joint 1st Adi Supplies	9848	\$1,245.47	
Fire Joint Safety Supplies	9884	\$9.35	
Fire Joint Safety Supplies	10115	\$1,302.28	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Yellow Pages	73492	2019-02-08	\$55.44

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Office Jan Directory Advertisin	19-6831789	\$55.44	
Total Cheques			\$69,277.28
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Ranges:	From:	To:	From:	To:
Vendor ID	First	Last	Chequebook ID	GENERAL
Vendor Name	First	Last	Cheque Number	73493
Cheque Date	First	Last		73511

Sorted By: Vendor ID

Distribution Types Included:All

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Acklands - Grainger Inc.	73493	2019-02-15	\$764.03

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Pool Quick Assem Locker	9059587213	\$764.03	

Arctec Alloys Limited	73494	2019-02-15	\$191.36

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Shop Welding Rods	INV026044	\$191.36	

County of Stettler	73495	2019-02-15	\$2,126.25

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Emergency Response 18-124	IVC029914	\$435.00	
Emergency Response 18-214	IVC030552	\$1,691.25	

Gyro Ag Ltd.	73496	2019-02-15	\$44.10

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Trans Spring pins for bucket	445	\$44.10	

Heartland Glass Ltd.	73497	2019-02-15	\$66.10

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Deadbolt for Door #6	103723	\$66.10	

James Marshall Trucking Ltd.	73498	2019-02-15	\$27,767.68

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Lanes Crushed Gravel	7442	\$21,537.96	
Roads Crushed Gravel	7479	\$6,229.72	

Magee, Shaun	73499	2019-02-15	\$630.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Fire Joine Engrave Two Axes	2019.02.11	\$630.00	

Maruk, Steve	73500	2019-02-15	\$303.15

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Fire Jnt Airbrake Course/Test	2019.02.11	\$303.15	

Meridian OneCap Credit Corp	73501	2019-02-15	\$756.26

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Mar/Apr/May Photocopier Le	190301 454801	\$756.26	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
New West Freightliner	73502	2019-02-15	\$2,697.63
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Trans Head gaskets & misc#2	452528R	\$1,894.57	
Trans Unhectir kunes #2	452661R	\$89.67	
Trans Misc Gasket #2	452703R	\$400.22	
Water Trans Front shocks #3	451660R	\$313.17	
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Praxair Distribution	73503	2019-02-15	\$684.11
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Shop Supplies Mig Welder Gas	87394993	\$227.78	
Pool Chemicals	87504788	\$453.93	
Pool Finance Charges	65750482	\$2.40	
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Pumps & Pressure	73504	2019-02-15	\$132.30
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Hydro Vac Thermocouple	IN680534	\$132.30	
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Recreation Facility Personnel	73505	2019-02-15	\$105.00
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Membership Renewal	MEM2019-01635	\$105.00	
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Red Deer River Municipal Users	73506	2019-02-15	\$1,488.00
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Water 2019 Requistion	2019	\$1,488.00	
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Shaw Cable	73507	2019-02-15	\$147.00
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Comm Hall Jan 17 - Mar 16 Wifi	2019.01.18	\$147.00	
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Shaw Cable	73508	2019-02-15	\$766.50
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Jan to Mar SRC Wifi	2019.02.15	\$766.50	
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Shirley McClellan Regional Wat	73509	2019-02-15	\$3,671.39
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Wtr Trsf Stn Insurance Nov19	SMRWSC-000871	\$3,671.39	
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Town of Stettler - Petty Cash	73510	2019-02-15	\$195.90
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Shop Supplies/Lotto Tickets	2019.02.11	\$195.90	
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Valley Green Landscaping	73511	2019-02-15	\$556.50
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Bylaw Snow Removal	2035	\$556.50	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
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	Total Cheques		\$43,093.26
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Ranges:	From:	To:	From:	To:
Vendor ID	First	Last	Chequebook ID	GENERAL
Vendor Name	First	Last	Cheque Number	First
Cheque Date	2019-02-05	2019-02-05		Last

Sorted By: Vendor ID

Distribution Types Included:All

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
A.U.M.A.	EFT0001012	2019-02-05	\$6,665.16

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
Council 2019 Membership Basic		20190159	\$6,665.16

Barnes, Roger	EFT0001013	2019-02-05	\$25.00

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
SRC Feb Telephone Allowance		2019.02.01	\$25.00

Border Paving Ltd.	EFT0001014	2019-02-05	\$52,810.00

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
TS87 2018 Paving Program HB		PP#4-2018	\$52,810.00

Dodd, Sonia	EFT0001015	2019-02-05	\$25.00

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
Pool Feb Telephone Allowance		2019.02.01	\$25.00

Ember Graphics	EFT0001016	2019-02-05	\$2,415.10

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
Water Billing Envelopes		14756	\$1,768.71
SRC White Vinyl Seat Numbers		14766	\$646.39

Gerlitz, Steven	EFT0001017	2019-02-05	\$100.00

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
Admin/Office Phone & Travel Al		2019.02.01	\$100.00

Graham, Leann	EFT0001018	2019-02-05	\$175.00

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
P & D Feb Phone & Travel Allow		2019.02.01	\$175.00

Howe, Graham	EFT0001019	2019-02-05	\$25.00

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
SRC/Cemetery Feb Phone Allow		25019.02.01	\$25.00

i. d. Apparel	EFT0001020	2019-02-05	\$81.85

Invoice Description		Invoice Number	Invoice Amount
SRC Staff Coat		90386	\$81.85

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Keen Klean	EFT0001021	2019-02-05	\$735.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Shop Jan Janitor Services	354902	\$735.00	

Newcap Radio	EFT0001022	2019-02-05	\$546.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Jan Misc Advertising	301847-1	\$546.00	

QM Contracting	EFT0001023	2019-02-05	\$1,575.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Water Jan Water Meter Reader	931358	\$1,575.00	

Robbins, Brad	EFT0001024	2019-02-05	\$100.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
P&L Feb Travel Allowance	2019.02.01	\$100.00	

Stettler & District Handibus	EFT0001025	2019-02-05	\$233.05

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Bus Garage Dec Utilities	2864	\$233.05	

Switenky, Greg	EFT0001026	2019-02-05	\$370.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Admin/Office Feb Phone/Travel	2019.02.01	\$370.00	

Tagish Engineering Ltd.	EFT0001027	2019-02-05	\$863.26

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Wtr Trns TS00-2018 General Eng	16677	\$863.26	

Yost, Dustin & Maria Cristine	EFT0001028	2019-02-05	\$2,400.00

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Community Hall Jan Janitor	2019.01.01	\$1,800.00	
Comm Hall Kitchen Deep Clean	2019.01.30	\$600.00	

Total Cheques			\$69,144.42
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APEX Supplementary Pension Pla	EFT0001029	2019-02-12	\$374.85

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Sub Pension Plan Remittance	PP03-19	\$374.85	

Automated Aquatics Canada Ltd.	EFT0001030	2019-02-12	\$3,048.70

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Pool Chemicals/Janitor Sup/fre	0000086052	\$423.70	
Pool Shut Down Supplies	0000085700	\$2,625.00	

Canadian Union of Public Emplo	EFT0001031	2019-02-12	\$742.50

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Union Dues	PP03-19	\$742.50	

Cas Tech Inc.	EFT0001032	2019-02-12	\$634.20

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Computer - 2 new monitors	29980	\$386.40	
Computer 2 - HP toners	29885	\$247.80	

Center Ice Concession	EFT0001033	2019-02-12	\$130.46

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Staff Luncheon for Scottie	026	\$130.46	

Central Sharpening	EFT0001034	2019-02-12	\$257.25

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Zamboni Blades	27437	\$257.25	

Chemical International	EFT0001035	2019-02-12	\$257.49

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Janitor Supplies	106814	\$257.49	

Commercial Aquatic Supplies	EFT0001036	2019-02-12	\$1,235.76

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Pool Facility Flower Meter/Fre	152090	\$1,235.76	

Contact Safety Service Ltd.	EFT0001037	2019-02-12	\$164.06

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
WTP 4 Head Monitor Calibration	778	\$71.66	
WTP BMP Gas	8026	\$92.40	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Digital Connection Office Syst	EFT0001038	2019-02-12	\$468.89
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Office Photocopies 12.30-01.29	191353	\$468.89	
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Hach Sales & Service Ltd.	EFT0001039	2019-02-12	\$3,071.78
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
WTP Chemicals & Freight	185482	\$305.55	
WTP Lab Supplies	186235	\$2,766.23	
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Industrial Machine Inc.	EFT0001040	2019-02-12	\$1,243.67
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Replace ice edger battery	32612	\$776.54	
SRC Electric Clutch	32825	\$467.13	
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Lifesaving Society	EFT0001041	2019-02-12	\$641.00
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Pool Programs Advanced Aquatic	5093	\$100.00	
Pool Programs Advanced Aquatic	4895	\$391.00	
Pool Programs Advanced Aquatic	4989	\$150.00	
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Loomis Express	EFT0001042	2019-02-12	\$35.56
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
WTP Freight	8166373	\$35.56	
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WTS Manufacturing & Sales Inc.	EFT0001043	2019-02-12	\$63.00
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Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC L Brackets for DR S-6	1280	\$63.00	
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Total Cheques			\$12,369.17
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Air Liquide Canada Inc.	EFT0001044	2019-02-19	\$20.47

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Shop Supplies	67019478	\$20.47	

Alberta Animal Services	EFT0001045	2019-02-19	\$13,617.38

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Bylaw Jan Bylaw Enforcement	11753	\$13,617.38	

Alberta One-Call Corporation	EFT0001046	2019-02-19	\$37.80

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Water Trans Jan 1st Calls	IN148589	\$37.80	

Bhimani, Akbar	EFT0001047	2019-02-19	\$89.24

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Water Trans Portable External	2019.02.06	\$89.24	

Black Press Group Ltd.	EFT0001048	2019-02-19	\$585.84

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Office Employment Ad/P&D Adv	33617497	\$585.84	

Canadian Tire #671	EFT0001049	2019-02-19	\$154.80

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC C-Clamps	3525	\$49.82	
SRC Tools Tap & Die Set	3539	\$104.98	

ClearTech Industries Inc.	EFT0001050	2019-02-19	\$2,221.30

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
WTP Chemicals & Container Depo	777925	\$2,305.30	

Clearview Public Schools	EFT0001051	2019-02-19	\$2,197.62

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Jan Joint Office Expenses	5764	\$2,197.62	

Dean's Machine Inc.	EFT0001052	2019-02-19	\$552.17

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Trans Weld Hydraulic Cylinder	41989	\$78.75	
Trans Build Plate & Spacers	42001	\$473.42	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Digitex Canada Inc.	EFT0001053	2019-02-19	\$173.65

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
P&L Jan 4 to Feb 3 Photocopies	IN511630	\$173.65	

Gerlitz, Steven	EFT0001054	2019-02-19	\$260.61

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Admin Travel & Subsistence	2019.02.08	\$260.61	

GT Hydraulic & Bearing	EFT0001055	2019-02-19	\$2,718.55

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Parks/Trans/Water Ass Filters	000-309328	\$222.41	
Trans/Wtr Trns/SRC Repair Part	00-308957	\$2,075.44	
Trans4 - X Walk Batteries	000-309995	\$591.74	

Heartland Stationers (2014) Lt	EFT0001056	2019-02-19	\$1,121.44

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Office Stationery	13324	\$35.53	
Office Stationery	13457	\$42.00	
Office Supplies	13468	\$21.67	
Office Stationery	13523	\$58.76	
Office Stationery	13558	\$14.23	
Office Stationery	13633	\$102.52	
Bylaw Animal Licenses Binders	13308	\$56.60	
Shop Office Supplies	13271	\$2.05	
Trans Printer Toner	13631	\$73.45	
Trans Stationery	13619	\$122.05	
WTP Stationery	13503	\$103.95	
WTP Stationery	13581	\$27.83	
Water Trans Stationery	13486	\$40.19	
Water Trans 4 Flash Drives	13600	\$41.79	
Water Trans 1 Flash Drive	13569	\$13.60	
P&L Day Timer	13347	\$73.43	
P&L Office Supplies	13467	\$233.15	
Pool Office Supplies	13493	\$58.64	

Industrial Machine Inc.	EFT0001057	2019-02-19	\$528.37

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Fuel Control Valve #38	32841	\$473.98	
SRC Fuel Filter #38	32935	\$54.39	

Jen Express	EFT0001058	2019-02-19	\$542.71

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Shop/Trans Freight	14574	\$343.13	
Shop/Trans Freight	14630	\$120.15	
Trans & Water Freight	14684	\$79.43	

Joe Johnson Equipment	EFT0001059	2019-02-19	\$2,532.21

Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Sewer Nozzle inserts & Freight	P28060	\$1,290.01	
Sewer Nozzle inserts	P28061	\$1,242.20	

Vendor Name	Cheque Number	Cheque Date	Cheque Amount
Lakeland College	EFT0001060	2019-02-19	\$415.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Fire Joint Instructor Level 1	0000021564	\$415.00	
Municipal Property Consultants	EFT0001061	2019-02-19	\$6,805.31
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Feb 2019 Assessor	17116	\$6,805.31	
Receiver General for Canada	EFT0001062	2019-02-19	\$189,446.00
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Policing Agreement 3rd Qtr	7000746	\$189,446.00	
Rural Municipalities of Albert	EFT0001063	2019-02-19	\$11,614.89
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Trans Fuel Filter #145	90665786	\$107.11	
Trans Valve cover gasket #145	90665788	\$224.89	
Trans Orings unit #145	90666639	\$69.28	
Trans Tappet cover gasket #182	945832317	\$113.95	
Trans Blades & hardware #182	945848119	\$1,167.20	
Trans Rear Tires #6	6481164321	\$2,889.43	
Trans 2 Trucks Turning Signs	1121-50010825	\$437.53	
Water Fuel Filters #152	90674404	\$353.71	
SRC 3 Squeegee Blades	0492783	\$135.39	
Pool i-mop XL Li-Ion Auto #139	0492191	\$6,116.40	
RMA Fuel Ltd.	EFT0001064	2019-02-19	\$10,998.92
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
Parks/Trans/Water Oil	PF-7330-74289	\$1,109.84	
Trans Shell Rotella Oil	PF-7354-74510	\$154.16	
Misc Department Equip Fuel	PF-7306-74027	\$9,734.92	
The Soap Stop	EFT0001065	2019-02-19	\$127.13
Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount	
SRC Janitor Supplies	439945	\$127.13	
Total Cheques			\$246,761.41

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Access Gas Services Inc.	ONL000129	2019-02-13	\$26,685.89

	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount

	Office Joint Jan Gas Bill	201901-3693	\$1,376.92
	Fire Joint Jan Gas Bill	201901-3687	\$1,380.09
	Town Shop Jan Gas Bill	201901-3694	\$1,052.07
	Airport Jan Gas Bill	201901-3686	\$265.55
	WTP Jan Gas Bill	201901-3689	\$7,290.91
	Water Trans Jan Gas Bill	201901-3684	\$290.88
	Sewer 1 Jan Gas Bill	201901-3685	\$601.74
	Sewer 2 Jan Gas Bill	201901-3692	\$250.95
	SRC & Pool Jan Gas Bill	201901-3691	\$12,862.36
	Community Hall Jan Gas Bill	201901-3690	\$597.62
	Parks Lion Jan Gas Bill	201901-3688	\$278.26
	Gear Up Jan Gas Bill	201901-3679	\$438.54

Rogers	ONL000130	2019-02-13	\$33.60
	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount

	Fire Joint 1.19-2.18 Data Flex	1974197729	\$33.60

Shaw Cablesystems GP	ONL000131	2019-02-13	\$5.57
	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount

	Fitness & Pool Mar Cable TV	2019.02.01	\$5.57

Telus Communications	ONL000132	2019-02-13	\$2,688.52
	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount

	Telus Jan 22 to Feb 21, 2019	2019.01.23	\$2,688.52

Telus Mobility Inc.	ONL000133	2019-02-13	\$1,055.69
	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount

	Telus Mobility Jan 22 to Feb21	2019.01.21	\$1,055.69

United Farmers of Alberta	ONL000134	2019-02-13	\$614.23
	Invoice Description	Invoice Number	Invoice Amount

	Trans Tools	304202096	\$104.99
	Wtr Trns Stn Tank Fuel Pump	210913264	\$516.38
	Wtr Trns Stn Fuel Conditioner	210913296	\$36.75

	Total Cheques		\$31,083.50

February 9, 2019

The Mayor and Council Members of The Town of Stettler

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Stettler Alberta T0C 2L0



To The Mayor and Council Members of The Town of Stettler,

I am writing this letter in the hopes that you and the rest of the council/government will consider a law/bylaw to stop the pet trade for exotic species in Alberta. As animal protection laws/bylaws are municipality based, this letter is being sent to most of the major cities and towns in Alberta and all the Alberta MLAs, in the hopes that we can work together to make a province wide change for a better life for wildlife/pets in our province.

Many of the birds, reptiles, fish, and primates are endangered in their natural environment and are listed on appendix I & II of the Convention for International Trade on Endangered Species (CITES). Did you know that Canada is a member of CITES?

“The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement to which governments voluntarily adhere and which seeks to ensure that the trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.”

“The CITES appendices are lists of animals and plants afforded different levels or types of protection from over-exploitation.

Appendix I lists those species deemed most endangered. They are threatened with extinction and CITES prohibits international trade in specimens of these species except when the purpose of the import is not commercial, such as for scientific research, when trade may be allowed if authorised by both an import permit and an export permit (or re-export certificate).

Appendix II lists species not necessarily threatened with extinction at present but which may become so unless trade is closely controlled. International trade in specimens of species listed in Appendix II may be authorised by the granting of an export permit or re-export certificate. No import permit is necessary under CITES. Permits or certificates should only be granted if the relevant authorities are satisfied that certain conditions are met, above all that trade will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.

Appendix III lists species included at the request of a Party that already regulates trade in the species and needs the cooperation of other countries to prevent unsustainable or illegal exploitation. International trade in specimens of Appendix III species is allowed only on presentation of the appropriate permits or certificates.”

A prime example of exotics in the pet trade are the parrots (Psittaciformes). Every parrot species worldwide is listed on either Appendix I or II of CITES. Many of the species are illegal to own as a pet in their native country. Yet we allow the captive breeding, selling and buying of these species in Canada. Some are even imported/smuggled in from other countries.

Parrots are not a domestic species. They have not been domesticated over thousands of years like the dog or cat. A parrot has the mental capacity of a human 2 year old and in the wild many species live up to 50, 80 even 100 years (not so in captivity, average lifespan is about 15 – 20 years because of poor diet, husbandry and stress). Most pet owners tire of a pet bird after about 3 years as they are loud, destructive, need to be challenged/entertained all the time, bond with only one or 2 people, and often don't adjust well to change (new house, new spouse, kids, etc). As most bird species are long lived the need for alternate care is rarely considered by the pet owner. Sanctuaries and rescues are full of birds where the owner has died and no other family member can go near the bird nor do they want the bird. A parrot is not a single generation pet.

Currently worldwide there are thousands of animal/bird rescues for unwanted/abandoned pets. This is a recent problem, within the last 25-30 years.

It's time to step-up and change some laws and attitudes about what species should be in the pet trade. Even domesticated species such as cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs (to name a few) are abandoned by the thousands nowadays. Shelters all over the country are bursting with unwanted pets. Even worse, some pets are abandoned outside to fend for themselves. This has disastrous effects on our eco-system and native wildlife.

One solution to the problem is to make it illegal to breed, sell or buy birds and other exotics.

Many States in the US and countries worldwide have now put laws in place where pet stores can no longer sell breeder cats, dogs and rabbits. Pet stores can only sell/adopt rescue animals and all animals must be spayed/neutered. There are hefty fines and in some places jail time, for those that don't abide by the laws. This is something that should be done in Canada and take it one step further to include birds and other exotics. Did you know in Alberta it is illegal to keep a migratory bird as a pet, even a wildlife rehabber cannot keep a migratory bird that has a non-releasable injury. That bird must be euthanized. So why do we allow exotic species that are not native to our environment or even our climate, in the pet trade?

I urge you to please consider changing laws/bylaws both at the municipal level and the provincial level, so we can stop future generations of unwanted exotic pets from suffering a life of pain, social isolation, neglect and abandonment. Let's make Alberta a leader in Canada in animal protection and conservation.

If changing laws/bylaws are not an option, would your council/government consider funding a rescue/sanctuary in Alberta for the thousands of unwanted exotics pets, parrots and others species.

I have enclosed some websites of rescues and nature specialists that have more detail about the problem society has created with the pet trade. Also attached is an article from Malaysia that is very relevant to us here in Canada.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than willing to help with whatever is needed to bring about change to protect the planet's wildlife.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request.



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“For me, the sight of a parrot living alone, living in a cage, deprived of flight, miserably bored, breaks my heart. And the parrot’s too, perhaps.” Jane Goodall

Most captive parrots have never even seen the sky.

The following are a few organizations that support a legislation that stops the breeding, selling & buying of parrots and other exotics in the pet trade.

The Oasis Sanctuary: <https://the-oasis.org/>

Feather Angels: <https://featheredangels.wordpress.com/>

The Avian Welfare Coalition: <http://www.avianwelfare.org/>

Parrots Forever Sanctuary and Rescue Foundation: <http://parrotsforever.com/>

Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada: <http://awfc.ca>

Three Birds and a Cloud: <https://threebirdsandacloud.wordpress.com>

Animal Matters: www.animalmatters.org

Belize Bird Rescue: www.belizebirdrescue.com

A.P.R – All Parrot Rescue: <http://www.allparrotrescue.com/>

Monkeyland and Birds of Eden: <https://www.monkeyland.co.za/> and <https://birdsofeden.co.za/>

John "Griff" Griffith:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZAwVEpsoMhkQqoAnsLQkZA?fbclid=IwAR2n7-MgLqNx31KnkO42ND-MrPEWuMwIFWnr_1wn3YiUo3L31R1cvAvS4Zk

Meika's Bird House: www.meikasbirdhouse.com

Everyone has a role to play in ending exotic pet trade

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The theme for World Wildlife Day this year, which fell on March 3, is 'The Future of Wildlife Is In Our Hands'. This call to action is a timely and necessary one in Malaysia, which has the unfortunate reputation for its weak enforcement of animal protection laws, and as a hub for wildlife trafficking and the illegal wildlife trade.

The Star's recent exposé of how wildlife traders use social media for the illegal trade of protected species demonstrate that illegal wildlife trade continues to thrive in Malaysia despite the fact that the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 and Animal Welfare Act 2015 have been given statutory footing.

Judging by the comments in social media, it is clear that many Malaysians are not aware of, or are indifferent to, the suffering of wildlife traded as pets. Local celebrities and political personalities are among the individuals known to have purchased and kept protected species as companion animals.

Comments from social media users are largely encouraging and envious, with many expressing the desire to purchase similar animals due to their beauty and the fact that exotic pets are seen as status symbols.

Among the reasons given by wildlife traders and owners to justify the keeping of exotic pets are as follows:

(i) That since the animals' natural habitats have already been destroyed, they have no homes to return to, or since their mothers have been killed, the young have no way of surviving in the wild, and therefore keeping them in captivity as companion animals is the humane thing to do.

(ii) That the animals were bred in captivity and are therefore used to captivity and are dependent on humans.

(iii) That they genuinely love animals and regard their exotic pets as family members, and therefore oppose any attempt to restrict their 'right' to acquire and keep these wild animals or to remove existing exotic pets from their care.

(iv) That there is virtually no difference between keeping wildlife and keeping dogs, cats and other domestic animals as companion animals.

(v) That keeping wildlife in captivity and as pets can prevent a species from going extinct.

However, there are many scientifically-proven reasons why wildlife should not be in captivity and why the wildlife pet trade is a threat to biodiversity, ecosystems and human health and safety.

A threat to biodiversity and individual animals

The wildlife trade threatens both biodiversity and individual animals being traded. Nor is wildlife trade a minor problem, with only a handful of people keeping wildlife as exotic pets.

The Wildlife Conservation Society reports that reports that the threat of extinction of wildlife species due to the wildlife trade is a very real and immediate problem, as the wildlife trade, which is valued to be approximately US\$8 billion annually, is surpassed in scale only by the illegal trade in drugs and arms.

Many exotic species advertised as 'captive bred' are actually poached from the wild, since DNA testing cannot reveal whether an animal was raised in captivity or in the wild, and most consumers and laypersons are unable to tell the difference and uninterested in finding out, as long as they get to acquire a particular animal as an exotic pet.

Captive breeding of wildlife is an expensive and frequently unsuccessful business, and often traders and poachers find it easier and cheaper to capture animals from their native habitats and then pass them off as captive-bred to assuage the guilt of customers.

Wild animals, especially wild cat hybrids such as Bengal cats (i.e. Asian leopard cat and domestic cat hybrids) and serval and caracal hybrids are unsuited to indoor life and have been known to attack and seriously injure their human handlers and other pets. Even if captive bred, hybrid cats that escape or are allowed to roam become prolific hunters, killing native birds and wildlife and smaller mammals including pet dogs, cats and rabbits.

Pet snakes, which are frequently abandoned once their human handlers tire of them, also end up killing birds and other wildlife. Released or abandoned turtles, including the red-eared slider turtle, may carry the salmonella virus and threaten the health of humans and other species. Any released or escaped introduced species will compete with native species for food and territory and cause imbalance in the local ecology.

Many animals die of shock, stress, illness and injury during capture, transportation, transit and captivity. Baby turtles are sealed shut in their shells for transportation. Slow lorises have their teeth and claws clipped without anaesthesia.

Many die due to a lack of treatment, and slow loris populations in the wild are in rapid decline due to the high demand for slow lorises as pets after popular YouTube videos show them being kept as amusing companions. All eight species of slow lorises are now threatened, and the Javan slow loris is now one of 25 the most endangered primates worldwide.

Birds, especially parrots, are sedated and have their beaks cut or taped up, legs bound and wings clipped or tied. Most are sedated and stuffed into bags or cardboard mailer tubes. The Animal Law Coalition reports that 60 percent of wild-caught birds do not survive to reach their destinations.

Contrary to the claim that people who acquire exotic pets do so because they love the said animals and are able to care for them, many exotic pets often end up being released, surrendered to zoos and animal shelters, abandoned or unintentionally killed due to ignorance and neglect.

The Humane Society reports that many pet snakes do not live past one year due to inadequate nutrition. Many animal welfare organisations and veterinarians can also attest to the fact that

exotic pets, especially small animals such as hedgehogs, chinchillas and chipmunks, die from being improperly and roughly handled, especially by children.

Can also endanger human health and safety

Keeping wildlife as pets can also endanger human health and safety. Scorpions, snakes and other venomous or poisonous animals are unlike domestic mammals and do not enjoy human contact.

There are many reports of people being killed or severely injured by their pet snakes and scorpions. Wild cats, sun bears and macaques can maul and cause grievous injury to their human handlers. Monkeys, including macaques, can carry and spread viruses to humans, including the Herpes-B virus.

Lizards and turtles carry the salmonella virus, which can be fatal to humans. Birds, especially parrots, can spread parrot fever and pneumonia, especially through the inhalation of their dry droppings in a cage or aviary.

The only true way to show love and admiration for a particular species is to protect their habitats and wild populations and observe them in their natural environments. Contrary to the popular argument by exotic pet enthusiasts that they can 'learn' a lot about a species by acquiring and keeping them, there is not much to be learned from keeping wild animals indoors confined to small tanks, cages and enclosures, away from members of their own species.

Cats and dogs are different from exotic pets in that they have become dependent on humans for their physical, social and emotional needs through 5,000-30,000 years of selective breeding and evolution.

Even so, cats, dogs and other domestic animals still need exercise, outdoor time, opportunities to play and engage in behavior natural to their species, and the companionship of their own kind. This need is even greater in wild animals that undergo extreme stress from being confined and handled by humans.

People who acquire exotic animals usually do so for their own egos and short-term enjoyment, not because they genuinely care for the welfare and continuance of the species. They have no realistic plans on how to rehabilitate their exotic pets, return them to their native countries or environment or reintroduce them into the wild.

Numerous studies, including by the UK Royal Society, have shown that wild populations are less likely to mate with a captive member of the species, and as such the claim that the captive breeding of exotic pets can restore wildlife populations has no scientific merit.

Despite the existence of laws such as the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010, there are very few regulations in place making it difficult for people to purchase, acquire, or keep exotic animals, especially when proper licenses have been obtained.

Multi-million dollar organised crime network

Also, the international wildlife trade involves a multi-million dollar organised crime network, and poorly-funded, shorthanded government agencies are no match for wildlife traders. Bribery, corruption and plain incompetence makes it difficult for many developing countries to stop the illegal wildlife trade.

Wildlife conservation groups and enforcement agencies in Malaysia rely heavily on ordinary citizens and travelers to be their eyes and ears. However, due to manpower concerns, not all reports can be acted on expeditiously.

It may seem blindingly obvious to social media users that enforcement agencies should just 'call up the number on the Facebook page and catch the offenders'. However, wildlife traders often stay one step ahead and make their movements difficult to trace by using unregistered prepaid mobile phone numbers and ensuring payment is made in advance before the animal changes hands.

In order to aid conservation groups and enforcement agencies, those who wish to report wildlife crime must be vigilant and relay accurate information, such as the species, address, photographic and documentary evidence and contact information, as well as be available to be contacted. Reports can be made through Perhilitan's official website or through their Careline at 1300-80-10-10, or to the 24-hour NGO-run Wildlife Crime Hotline at 019 356 4194.

As consumers and social media users, we must remember that our actions have consequences. Conservation groups and enforcement agencies need our assistance, support and awareness in order to be able to execute their responsibilities effectively.

When we click 'like' on or share photos and videos of wildlife being kept as pets and in captivity, we are condoning, enabling and encouraging the wildlife and exotic pet trade. We are

normalising the practice of poaching, abusing, exploiting and confining wildlife. Instead, we should raise awareness and in our social media comments, draw attention to the threats to wildlife populations, and other animal welfare and safety concerns.

Monkeys and apes that appear to be grinning or yawning are not trying to entertain humans, but are showing aggression and fear. For every slow loris holding an umbrella or a toy, 7-8 others probably died during capture and transportation. We should therefore advise friends and family against purchasing or acquiring exotic pets, and persuade them to adopt from local animal shelters or to visit and support sanctuaries and rescue organisations instead.

Nature-lovers who enjoy watching and photographing wildlife must take extra care not to unwittingly disclose the location of endangered species, including the nests of birds and location of trapdoor spiders, frogs, scorpions and other small animals on social media, which could lead poachers and wildlife traders to them.

We vote every day with our money, and so as people who claim to love animals and the environment, we should not purchase exotic pets or wildlife products such as elephant ivory or crocodile and snake leather.

We should not patronise circuses, petting zoos and amusement parks which keep wildlife in captivity or harm and exploit animals. We should avoid shopping at pet stores that sell exotic pets, and should lodge reports on the sales of wildlife to Perhilitan or wildlife conservation groups that can assist in investigating and acting on our report.

Ending the wildlife trade is not the role of government enforcement agencies alone. The loss of biodiversity, ecological imbalance and threats to human and animal health and safety affect all of us.

We all have a role to play in protecting wildlife and reducing the demand for exotic pets. Keeping wildlife as exotic pets should not be a status symbol, but a symbol of self-deception, ignorance, selfishness and vanity.

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