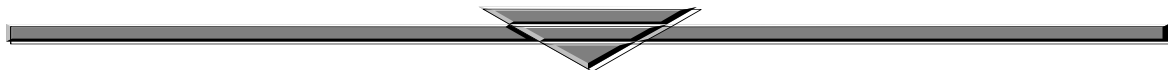


TOWN OF STETTLER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2018

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA



1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Organizational Minutes of October 24, 2017 2-5
3. Appointments of Deputy Mayors

Motion 17:10:01 Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council approve the schedule of appointments to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Town of Stettler on an eight (8) consecutive month rotational basis with each Councillor holding the Office once during the term commencing as follows:

Scott Pfeiffer	November 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
Gord Lawlor	July 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019
Malcolm Fischer	March 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019
Cheryl Barros	November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
Wayne Smith	July 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021
Al Campbell	March 1, 2021 to 2021 Organizational

4. Establishment of Committees of Council 6-15
re: Appointment of Representatives of Council and
Members-at-Large to Boards and Committees
5. Council Code of Conduct – Review 16-23
6. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor Sean Nolls

Councillors Cheryl Barros, Al Campbell, Malcolm Fischer, Gord Lawlor, Scott Pfeiffer & Wayne Smith

CAO G. Switenky
Assistant CAO S. Gerlitz

Press (2)
Special Guest David MacNaughton
Public and Town Staff (+15)

Absent: None

1. **Oaths of Office – Mayor & Councillors**

CAO G. Switenky highlighted that this is the 40th Council of the Town of Stettler since incorporation in 1906, and expressed that he knows wholeheartedly that this group will support the Town's Mission Statement as follows:

***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.***

CAO G. Switenky stated that in accordance with provincial legislation (MGA & LAEA) governing municipalities it is now time to swear in the new Town of Stettler Council who will guide this organization for the next four years.

CAO G. Switenky explained that the Oath of Office should not be taken lightly. According to the Oxford dictionary, an oath is a "Solemn promise, often involving a divine witness, regarding one's future actions or behaviors."

He explained further that taking this Oath of Office is your promise to the citizens of Stettler and your fellow Members of Council, and it gives you the credibility that comes with the responsibility of your promise.

CAO G. Switenky introduced and welcomed Special Guest David MacNaughton to jointly administer the Oath of Office to Mayor Sean Nolls.

CAO G. Switenky and David MacNaughton jointly administered the Oaths of Office individually to all Councillors.

2. **Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 2096-17**

CAO G. Switenky explained and all Members of Council signed the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 2096-17.

3. **12:15 P.M. – Council Pictures**

Photos of the new Town of Stettler Council were taken.

4. **Call to Order** Mayor S. Nolls called the Organizational Meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

5. **Introductory Comments**

Mayor Nolls welcomed all Members of Council, both new and incumbent, and congratulated them on being elected.

Mayor Nolls expressed his sincere appreciation to Dick Richards, Will Brown and Darcy Bachman for their dedicated and valued years of service on Council to the Town of Stettler.

Mayor Nolls stated that going into this term he would like to stress the importance of functioning as a team. It doesn't mean we have to agree on everything, but it does mean is that we are open to debate on the issues in a mutually respectful manner and at the end of the day that we all support the ultimate decision of the table. He further stressed the importance of treating Colleagues and Administration with respect given that there will be opposing views on some issues.

Healthy and spirited debate will occur respecting many issues facing Town Council. Throughout the term of office individual Council Members will likely not vote with the majority on some motions, however once a vote has been taken, the resulting majority decision is Town Council's official position. In order to provide responsible and good government, and to assist the entire organization in functioning effectively, efficiently and collectively, all Council Members must support and endorse decisions based on the democratic processes prescribed in the *Municipal Government Act*.

Mayor Nolls also stressed that previous Councils have worked hard in the past to nurture and strengthen our relationship with our municipal neighbors/partners in the County and in the Villages. It is imperative that we continue to foster these relationships which will allow us to move the entire community of Stettler forward.

6. **Discussion re: Appointment of Deputy Mayors**

CAO G. Switenky advised that Section 152(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* requires a Council to appoint one or more Councillors as Deputy Chief Elected Official (Deputy Mayor) so that only one Councillor will hold that office at any one time, and the office will be filled at all times.

Mayor Nolls explained that usual practice has been to appoint Councillors on a rotational basis for eight month terms. The result is that each Councillor would hold the office of Deputy Mayor once during the four year Council term.

CAO G. Switenky explained that the term is 48 months and that equal rotational options for serving as Deputy Mayor could be 8, 4, 2 or 1 month.

Mayor Nolls opened discussion regarding whether Council Members desired to change this historical practice of rotating the position of Deputy Mayor on a (one time) continuous/consecutive basis throughout the term.

Brief discussion ensued regarding individual Council Members opinions for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

It was mutually agreed to continue as in the past with each Councillor serving as the Deputy Mayor for a continuous 8 month period only once during their four year term.

CAO G. Switenky suggested that Councillors be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor in the sequential order of highest number of votes attained during the recent election.

Motion 17:10:01 Moved by Councillor Campbell that the Town of Stettler Council approve the schedule of appointments to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the Town of Stettler on an eight (8) consecutive month rotational basis with each Councillor holding the Office once during the term commencing as follows:

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MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

7. **Establishment of Committees of Council/Appointment of Representatives of Council and Members at Large to Boards and Committees – Policy II-7(m) - Town Council Committee Classification System & Policy II-3(b) – Council Remuneration**

Mayor Nolls presented the list of Municipal Council Appointments and Board & Committee Appointments.

CAO G. Switenky highlighted Town Policy II-7(m) Town Council Committee Classification System which classifies Council's Committee/Boards/Agencies and establishes related guiding principles.

CAO G. Switenky highlighted Town Policy II-3(b) – Members of Council Remuneration and Council and Council Appointed Board Members-at-Large Reimbursement for Meetings, Subsistence and Accommodation.

Information respecting the various structures of Committees, Boards, and Agencies along with their normal meeting commitments was also presented for information purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding mutually agreed amendments to address meeting conflicts, if any. It was concluded that Mayor Nolls would address any conflicts in a Councillor's schedule as necessary once individual meeting dates are finalized for external and joint agencies.

Motion 17:10:02 Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Town of Stettler Council accept the list of Council Appointments and Board and Committee Appointments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

8. **Discussion re: Council/Committee Meeting Dates and Time**

Mayor Nolls reviewed the Council and Committee of the Whole Meeting dates and times.

It was mutually agreed that there will be no change to Regular Council Meeting times or days of the week being the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Motion 17:10:03 Moved by Councillor Fischer that the Town of Stettler Council accept that Regular Council Meeting dates and times will remain as the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

It was mutually agreed that Committee of the Whole Meetings will remain the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion 17:10:04 Moved by Councillor Smith that the Town of Stettler Council accept that Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting dates and times will remain as the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

CAO G. Switenky requested that Council Members let Administration know in advance if they are unable to attend any meeting. It was also noted that the *Municipal Government Act* allows Council Members to attend and vote at meetings via electronic means.

CAO G. Switenky noted that the next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for November 7th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion 17:10:05 Moved by Councillor Pfeiffer that the Town of Stettler Council reschedule the November 21, 2017 Regular Council Meeting to Monday, November 20, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

9. **Banking Resolution – Signing Authorities**

CAO G. Switenky explained the reason for a generic banking resolution. Discussion ensued regarding the ability for any one member of Council to sign together with the CAO or the Assistant CAO.

Motion 17:10:05 Moved by Councillor Barros that the Town of Stettler Council authorize a combination of elected and non-elected officials to sign cheques and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Town subject to the following restrictions:

The Mayor and Assistant CAO jointly;
or the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) jointly;
or any one Councillor and the Assistant CAO jointly;
or any one Councillor and the CAO jointly.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

10. **Adjournment:**

Motion: 17:10:06 Moved by Councillor Campbell that this Organizational Meeting adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

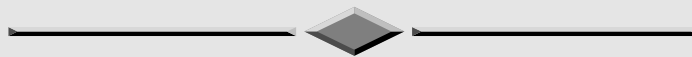
MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

Mayor

Assistant CAO



TOWN OF STETTLER
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
2018-2019

BOARD & COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

October 16, 2018

**TOWN OF STETTLER
COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
2018-2019**

MAYOR – NOLLS

DEPUTY MAYORS

Councillor Scott Pfeiffer	November 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
Councillor Gord Lawlor	July 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019
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Councillor Al Campbell	March 1, 2021 to 2021 Organizational

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MAYOR NOLLS, COUNCILLORS BARROS, CAMPBELL, FISCHER, LAWLOR, PFEIFFER AND SMITH

***CAO SWITENKY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO THE ABOVE COMMITTEE**

**ALL COUNCIL BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
OCTOBER 16, 2018
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

MAYOR NOLLS

Airport Advisory Board (Alt)
Ambulance Association
County of Stettler Housing Authority
Municipal Emergency Management Agency
Physician Recruitment
Police (RCMP) Liaison
Regional Fire Advisory (Alt)
Intermunicipal Development Plan
Regional Collaboration
Stettler Ag. Society Liaison
Stettler Health Services Foundation
Stettler Regional Emergency Advisory
Waste Management Authority
Union Negotiations (2017)

FISCHER

Campus Alberta
Development Authority (MPC)
SRC Updating
Municipal Emergency Management Agency
Regional Fire Advisory
Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (Alt.)
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (Alt.)
Regional Water Services
Shared-Use Recreation Facilities SURF Planning
Stettler Wellness Network
Waste Management Authority

LAWLOR

Ambulance Association
Board of Trade
Citizens Recognition
Development Authority (MPC)
Library Board
Municipal Emergency Management Agency
Parkland Regional Library
Performing Arts Centre Advisory Board (Alt)
Physician Recruitment & Retention
Stettler Health Services Foundation (Alt)
Union Negotiations (2017)

SMITH

Airport Advisory Board
Beautification
Board of Trade (Alt)
Development Authority (MPC)
FCSS
Museum Board
Municipal Emergency Management Agency

CAMPBELL

Battle River Watershed Alliance
Canadian Badlands
Development Authority (MPC)
Library Board (Alt.)
Municipal Emergency Management Agency
Parkland Regional Library (Alt.)
Red Deer River Municipal Users Group
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
Regional Collaboration
Regional Water Services
Union Negotiations (2017)

BARROS

Beautification
Development Authority (MPC)
Municipal Emergency Management Agency
Museum Board (Alt)
Regional Fire Advisory
Physician Recruitment & Retention
Regional Water Services (Alt.)
Stettler Health Services Foundation

PFEIFFER

Board of Trade
County of Stettler Housing Authority (Alt)
Development Authority (MPC)
FCSS
Municipal Emergency Management Agency
Performing Arts Centre Advisory Board
Regional Collaboration
Waste Management Authority (Alt)

Note: Subdivision Authority – Mayor and All Councillors

**TOWN OF STETTLER
BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2018-2019**

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

COUNCILLORS BARROS AND SMITH
**MEMBERS AT LARGE - ROB SPENCER, GRACE FIX, JOHN LEARD, KELLY KILGOUR,
WILL BROWN, GRAHAM SCOTT & VACANT (1)**
PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES – ALLAN KING, **BRAD ROBBINS** & JACQUI NEWTON
CAO GREG SWITENKY

CAMPUS ALBERTA

COUNCILLOR FISCHER

CANADIAN BADLANDS LTD.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL
STACEY BENJAMIN

CITIZENS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR LAWLOR
**JOHN GRANT
DICK RICHARDS**

COUNTY OF STETTLER HOUSING AUTHORITY

MAYOR NOLLS
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR PFEIFFER)
MEMBER AT LARGE – TRAVIS RANDELL

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

COUNCILLORS PFEIFFER AND SMITH
MEMBER AT LARGE – GELAISA LONG

INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MAYOR NOLLS
CAO GREG SWITENKY
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER LEANN GRAHAM

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MAYOR NOLLS AND COUNCILLORS FISCHER, LAWLOR, SMITH, CAMPBELL, BARROS
AND PFEIFFER
CAO GREG SWITENKY
STETTLER REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR JOHN BISHOP

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

COUNCILLOR LAWLOR
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL)

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

COUNCILLOR PFEIFFER
(ALTERNATE COUNCILOR LAWLOR)

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

MAYOR NOLLS, COUNCILLORS LAWLOR AND BARROS

POLICE (RCMP) LIAISON

MAYOR NOLLS
CAO GREG SWITENKY
RCMP SGT. PHIL PENNY

PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES

PARKLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING

RED DEER RIVER MUNICIPAL USERS GROUP

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR FISCHER)

RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR FISCHER)

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

MAYOR NOLLS AND COUNCILLOR PFEIFFER

REGIONAL WATER SERVICES

COUNCILLORS CAMPBELL AND FISCHER
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR BARROS)
CAO GREG SWITENKY

SHARED-USE RECREATION FACILITIES SURF PLANNING

COUNCILLOR FISCHER

STETTLER AG. SOCIETY LIAISON

MAYOR NOLLS
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR PFEIFFER)

STETTTLER DISTRICT AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

MAYOR NOLLS AND COUNCILLOR LAWLOR

STETTTLER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MPC)

COUNCILLORS CAMPBELL, FISCHER, SMITH, LAWLOR, PFEIFFER AND BARROS

STETTTLER HEALTH SERVICE FOUNDATION

MAYOR NOLLS AND COUNCILLOR BARROS
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR LAWLOR)

STETTTLER MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD

COUNCILLOR LAWLOR
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL)
LIBRARY MANAGER – MATT BARABASH
MEMBERS AT LARGE –GAIL PETERSON, VICKI LEUCK, ANDREW BRYSIUK & WILL BROWN

STETTTLER REGIONAL BOARD OF TRADE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

COUNCILLORS LAWLOR AND PFEIFFER
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR SMITH)
CAO GREG SWITENKY

STETTTLER REGIONAL FIRE ADVISORY

COUNCILLORS BARROS AND FISCHER
(ALTERNATE MAYOR NOLLS)
CAO GREG SWITENKY

STETTTLER REGIONAL EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAYOR NOLLS
DEPUTY MAYOR (ALTERNATE)
STETTTLER REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR JOHN BISHOP

STETTTLER REGIONAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED/APPROVED BY THE STETTTLER REGIONAL PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT & RETENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

STETTTLER SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY

ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

STETTTLER SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

**MEMBERS AT LARGE – VACANT, DOUG DELKER, DICK RICHARDS, WILL BROWN & PETER SIMONS
(ALTERNATE SALLY HURLEY)**

STETTLER TOWN & COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

COUNCILLOR SMITH
(ALTERNATE MAYOR NOLLS)
TOWN LIASON MELISSA ROBBINS
COUNTY OF STETTLER – JAMES NIBOURG
**MEMBERS AT LARGE – CAM ANDRES, HENRY JOHNSON, CALVIN CONNELL & NORM
LYSTER**

STETTLER TOWN AND COUNTRY MUSEUM BOARD

COUNCILLOR SMITH
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR BARROS)
MEMBER AT LARGE – JIM AINSWORTH

STETTLER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

MAYOR NOLLS AND COUNCILLOR FISCHER
(ALTERNATE COUNCILLOR PFEIFFER)
CAO G. SWITENKY
(MEMBER OF OPERATING COMMITTEE)

STETTLER WELLNESS NETWORK

COUNCILLOR FISCHER

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

MAYOR NOLLS, COUNCILLORS LAWLOR AND CAMPBELL
CAO G. SWITENKY

TOWN SOLICITOR

BROWNLEE, LLP

TOWN ASSESSOR

DON SHERIDAN, A.M.A.A. & TERRY WILLOUGHBY, A.M.A.A.
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY CONSULTANTS (2009) LTD.

TOWN AUDITOR

GITZEL & COMPANY

**TOWN OF STETTLER
INFORMATION OF BOARD/COMMITTEE STRUCTURES,
MEETINGS, ETC. (WHERE AVAILABLE)**

AMBULANCE BOARD

Two Councillors
Meetings: Minimum Four times a year - Call of the Chair
Where: County of Stettler Municipal Office
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Contact: Tim Fox – 742-4441

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Two Councillors, Administration
Seven Members at Large
Meetings: Once a Month (First Thursday)
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Where: SRC
Contact: Jacqui Newton – 742-4411

CANADIAN BADLANDS

One Councillor & Tourism Manager
Meetings: Call of the Chair

CITIZENS RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

One Councillor & Two Members at Large
Meetings: Call of the Chair

COUNTY OF STETTLER HOUSING AUTHORITY

One Councillor
One Member at Large
Meetings: Once a month (Third Thursday)
Where: Willow Creek
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Betty Tschritter - 742-2953

INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mayor, CAO & Development Officer

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

All Members of Council
CAO & Disaster Services Director
Meetings: Call of the Chair
Where: County Office
Contact: John Bishop – 741-6133

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

One Council
Meetings: Quarterly
Where: PRL Lacombe Office
Time: 1:00 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

One Councillor

Meetings: Call of the Chair

PHYSICIANS RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Mayor and Two Councillors

Meetings: Call of the Chair

POLICE (RCMP) LIAISON

Mayor, CAO and RCMP Sgt.

Meetings: Call of the Chair

RED DEER MUNICIPAL RIVER USERS GROUP

One Councillor

Meetings: Every Two Months

Where: Drumheller

Time: 1:00 p.m.

RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

One Councillor

Meetings: Call of the Chair

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

Two Councillors & CAO

Meetings: Quarterly – Call of the Chair

Where: Stettler Fire Station

Time: 12 Noon

Contact: Veronica Salmon - 742-8305

REGIONAL WATER SERVICES

Two Councillors & CAO

Meetings: Call of the Chair

SHARED-USE RECREATION FACILITIES SURF PLANNING

One Councillor

Meetings: Call of the Chair

STETTLER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Five Councillors

Meetings: Call of the Chair

Contact: Angela Stormoen - 742-8305

STETTLER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Two Councillors and One Member at Large

Meetings: Once a month (Third Monday)

Where: FCSS Office

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Contact: Arlene Uhrich - 742-2337

STETTLER HEALTH SERVICE FOUNDATION

One Councillor

Meetings: Call of the Chair

STETTLER REGIONAL BOARD OF TRADE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Two Councillors (Ex Officio)
Meetings: Once a Month (Second Tuesday)
Where: Tourism/Board of Trade Office
Time: 12 Noon
Contact: Stacey Benjamin – 742-3181

STETTLER TOWN & COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Councillor & Director of Operational Services
Meetings: Quarterly - Call of the Chair
Where: Stettler Airport
Time: 12:00 Noon
Contact: Angela Stormoen - 742-8305

STETTLER MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD

One Councillor (One Alternate)
Four Members at Large
Meetings: Once a month (Third Thursday)
Where: Stettler Public Library
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Matt Barabash - 742-2292

STETTLER SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY

All Members of Council
Meetings: At Regular Council Meeting
Contact: Leann Graham - 742-8305

STETTLER SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

Members-at-Large (5) with (1) Alternate
Meetings: Upon Receipt of a Complaint
Contact: Leann Graham - 742-8305

STETTLER TOWN AND COUNTRY MUSEUM BOARD

One Councillor & One Member at Large
Meetings: Once a Month (Third Monday)
Where: Museum
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Karen Wahlund – 742-4534

STETTLER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Two Councillors & CAO
Meetings: Quarterly
When: Call of the Chair
Where: County Office
Contact: Tim Fox - 742-4441

UNION AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

Three Councillors and CAO
When: Call of the Chair

BYLAW 2096-17

A BYLAW of the Town of Stettler, in the Province of Alberta to establish a Code of Conduct regarding the conduct of Council, council committees and other bodies established by the council; the conduct of councillors and the conduct of members of council committees and other bodies established by council.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 145 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes regarding the conduct of council, council committees and other bodies established by the council; the conduct of councillors and the conduct of members of council committees and other bodies established by council;

AND WHEREAS, the public is entitled to expect the highest standards of conduct from the members that it elects to Council;

AND WHEREAS, the establishment of a Code of Conduct for members of Council is consistent with the principles of transparent and accountable government;

AND WHEREAS, a Code of Conduct ensures that members of Council share a common basis and understanding for acceptable conduct extending beyond the legislative provisions governing the conduct of councillors;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Stettler, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

TITLE

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Councillor Code of Conduct" Bylaw.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. The intent of the Town of Stettler Councillor Code of Conduct is to declare the standard of behavior and actions for Town of Stettler elected officials. These standards are to ensure the highest public confidence in, and respect for local government and interpersonal relationships, to ensure effective leadership in, and through, the elected Council, and to ensure that Council and Councillors act with the highest level of integrity and ethical behavior.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. *Councillor*: means all elected officials including the Chief Elected Official (Mayor)
- 3.2. *Conflict of Interest*: means a situation where a Councillors personal or private interests actually, or may be perceived as influencing the Councillor on a matter of public interest which is, or may be, before Council, including situations which may result in common law bias which included direct or indirect pecuniary interest, prejudgement, closed mindedness or undue influence. A Conflict of Interest situation also includes using the Councillors position, confidential information, Town of Stettler employees, materials or facilities, for personal or private gain or advancement or the expectation of personal or private gain or advancement. A Conflict of Interest may include advancing the personal or private interests of the Councillors family, friends, neighbors, or business associates. If a Councillor or Council does not believe the Councillor is free of bias there is a conflict of interest.
- 3.3. *Pecuniary Interest*: means those situations as defined and regulated by Part 5, Division 6, of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26.

4. PRINCIPLES

- 4.1. This Code will be used to guide the behavior of Councillors and provide a mechanism of accountability.
- 4.2. Councillors agree to sign the Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct as provided in Schedule A.

5. CODE OF ETHICS

- 5.1. In providing for good governance of the community, the Town of Stettler Council has adopted the following ethics to apply to all Councillors to ensure that they act honestly, in good faith and in the best interest of Town of Stettler as a whole.
- 5.2. Councillors agree to act honestly, in good faith and be prepared to be held accountable for their actions at all times.
- 5.3. Councillors agree to respect the personal views of other Councillors.

- 5.4. Councillors will refrain from any public or private criticism of our administration / employees.
- 5.5. Councillors agree to engage in respectful, fulsome, and healthy debate on ALL matters in Council Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings, Council Committee Meetings, and at Special Council Meetings.
- 5.6. Council decisions are made by majority vote by Councillors. The decision of Council must be accepted and respected by all Councillors even if some individual Councillors do not agree with the majority decision.
- 5.7. Councillors agree that they may publicly express their opinions on Council matters but not so as to undermine the standing of Council in the public and in the community.
- 5.8. Councillors agree that unless specifically authorized by Council to represent Council's position on any matter, a Councillor is to ensure that any public statements made are clearly stated to reflect the personal opinion of the Councillor, not the opinion or position of Council.
- 5.9. The Mayor agrees to always represent the opinion or position of Council when speaking publicly, except where statements are identified as solely representing his/her opinion.
- 5.10. Councillors must adhere to the Pecuniary Interest requirements as established in Part 5, Division 6 of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26*.
- 5.11. Councillors agree to act with integrity, professionalism, and respect when interacting with other elected officials and government officials, administration / employees, contractors, and members of the public.
- 5.12. Councillors agree to demonstrate fairness, accountability, and impartiality in all Council matters.
- 5.13. Councillors agree to conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their position as an elected official and representative of Town of Stettler and Councillors agree to consider the welfare and interests of Town of Stettler as a whole.
- 5.14. Councillors agree to keep in the strictest confidence ALL matters discussed in the absence of the public (in camera) at a Council Meeting, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council Committee Meeting, Special Council Meeting, or any matter discussed in confidence with another Councillor or Town of Stettler Administration.
- 5.15. Councillors agree to not make improper use of his/her position as a Councillor by:
 - 5.15.1. Gaining or attempting to gain or advance, directly or indirectly, a personal or private interest for him/herself or another person;
 - 5.15.2. Causing or attempting to cause detriment to Town of Stettler Council, any individual Councillor, any member of Town of Stettler administration / employees, any member of the public, or third parties;
 - 5.15.3. Seeking personal benefit or gain from any information obtained through his/her position as Councillor.
- 5.16. Councillors shall recognize and respect the importance of their commitment towards personal compliance with all Town of Stettler bylaws, policies and general rules. Councillors must be seen to set a good example for "Above the Laws" within their jurisdiction. Where matters of any type of non-compliance are identified, Councillors will promptly make every effort and/or give suitable attention towards satisfactorily rectifying the identified concern or situation.

Some publicly common examples where (easily recognizable) non-compliance concerns or situations may occur include; but are not limited to the following: developmental permits, pet licensing, timely sidewalk snow/ice removal, untidy premises/weed control/boulevard & rear lane tidiness, disturbing noise and recreation vehicle/trailer on-street parking.

6. APPLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

6.1. Governance

- 6.1.1. A Council Meeting, Committee of the Whole Meeting, or Special Council Meeting is the appropriate forum for healthy and diligent debate on all matters before Council, or anticipated to be before Council.

- 6.1.2. All Councillors will be given an in-depth opportunity to address matters before Council in a full, open, transparent, and professional manner with the goal of good governance through healthy debate.
- 6.1.3. Council decisions, resolutions, or direction, are made by a majority vote of Councillors. The decisions of Council must be accepted and respected by all Councillors regardless of any personal view of the decision(s) made.
- 6.1.4. Councillors making statements regarding their position on any matter regarding decisions of Council, must make those statements with the utmost of respect to the decision of Council, to Council, to any Councillor, and to any other person(s) associated with the applicable decision.
- 6.1.5. All Councillors, including the Chair, shall feel confident to ask questions and to express their views in any Council session without the fear of interruption and shall feel confident in the Chair's impartiality in controlling the debate.
- 6.1.6 Councillors shall always endeavor to understand and respect the opinions of other councillors, who are acting in good faith, moral character, and in accordance with all the principles and laws governing the matter being discussed. Rude, embarrassing, condescending, threatening and/or intimidating statements or actions of a Councillor (s) during any Council session is not acceptable under any circumstances.

6.2. Expenditures

- 6.2.1. Councillors shall act responsibly when incurring expenses always being mindful and respectful that the expenditure of public money must have value and benefit to the municipality.
- 6.2.2. Councillors shall avoid waste, abuse, and extravagance in the provision or use of public money.
- 6.2.3. Councillors shall be open and accountable with respect to all expenditures, Per Diems, and/or any and all other expenses incurred.
- 6.2.4. Councillors shall strictly adhere to all Town of Stettler policies and guidelines addressing expenses and reimbursement.

6.3. Interaction with Administration and the Public

- 6.3.1. Councillors will respect the professional opinions of Town of Stettler Administration and/or any legal opinions and be mindful that the Chief Administrative Officer is exclusively responsible under the **Municipal Government Act** for directing staff.
- 6.3.2. Councillors shall not abuse relationships or interactions with Town of Stettler Administration / employees by attempting to take advantage of their position as Councillors. Councillors will at all times, refrain from any behavior which is or may be perceived as bullying of administration / employees.
- 6.3.3. Requests for information will be directed to the Chief Administrative Officer or in the manner specified by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 6.3.4. Councillors will treat all people with respect and courtesy and in good faith without bias;
 - 6.3.4.1. Recognizing there are legitimate differences in opinions;
 - 6.3.4.2. Equally regardless of race, culture, religion, language, gender, disability, education or occupation;
 - 6.3.4.3. Dealing with all persons in good faith and without bias, ensuring fairness and equity of access to available Town services;
 - 6.3.4.4. Providing adequate and substantive opportunity for persons to state their position on any matter before Council.
- 6.3.5. Councillors will not instigate, be involved with, or condone personal attacks on other Councillors, members of administration / employees, or members of the public.
- 6.3.6. Councillors will not criticize in public regarding the performance of any member of administration / employee but will instead refer any question of performance of an employee to the Chief Administrative Officer.

6.3.7. Prior to taking any action, Councillors should ask themselves whether their intended action will ultimately be supported by other Councillors and Town of Stettler. This test is designed to promote objectivity in the mind of a Councillor to best ensure appropriate conduct. Councillors will, if in doubt, consult the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, or the Chief Administrative Officer prior to taking the planned action.

6.3.8 Council members must keep in mind they are always a representative of The Town of Stettler; accordingly, when engaging in social media activities, even via private channels, Town Councillors are encouraged to identify when the views expressed are theirs alone and not official Town of Stettler communication.

6.3.9 Council members may participate in political events and/or contribute to a political party or candidate at their own expense and in conformity with legislation.

6.4. Pecuniary Interest

6.4.1. The decision with respect to whether or not any Councillor may have a Pecuniary Interest is the individual Councillors decision to make. The Councillor may discuss this with Council and seek the advice of the Mayor or the Chief Administrative Officer.

6.4.2. It is the individual responsibility of each Councillor to seek independent legal advice, at their own cost, with respect to any situation which may result in Pecuniary Interest.

6.4.3. Should a Councillor believe that he/she may have or may reasonably be perceived to have a Pecuniary Interest in a matter before Councillor Council Committee, he/she shall follow the Pecuniary Interest disclosure and procedure requirements as established in Part 5, Division.6 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 including:

6.4.3.1. Stating the general nature of his/her Pecuniary Interest at the meeting prior to any discussion of the matter. This shall be done on every occasion the matter arises before Council or Council Committee.

6.4.3.2. The Councillor shall not discuss the matter with Council, other Councillors, Council Committee, or Council Committee members either publicly or privately.

6.4.3.3. The Councillor shall leave Council Chambers, or any meeting room in which a meeting is being held, should the matter be discussed and shall not return until such time as discussion has ended or voting on the matter has been concluded.

6.4.3.4. Councillors with Pecuniary Interest in any matter may stay in the Council Chambers, or any meeting room in which a meeting is being held, if the Councillor is seated in the gallery and addresses Council or the Council Committee in the capacity as a taxpayer, elector, or owner and if the Councillor has the right to be heard pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* or any other enactment.

6.4.4. When a Councillor believes that he/she may have a Pecuniary Interest in a matter before Councillor Council Committee, he/she shall notify the Mayor or Chair of the meeting prior to the matter being considered, that he/she has a Pecuniary Interest in the matter.

6.5. Conflict of Interest

6.5.1. The decision with respect to whether or not any Councillor may have a Conflict Interest is the individual Councillors decision to make. The Councillor may discuss this with Council and seek the advice of the Mayor or the Chief Administrative Officer.

6.5.2. Should a Councillor believe he/she may have or may reasonably be perceived to have a Conflict of Interest in a matter before Council or Council Committee he/she shall:

6.5.2.1. Stating the general nature of his/her Conflict of Interest at the meeting prior to any discussion of the matter. This shall be done on every occasion the matter arises before Council or Council Committee.

6.5.2.2. The Councillor shall not discuss the matter with Council, other Councillors, Council Committee, or Council Committee members either publicly or privately.

6.5.2.3. The Councillor shall leave Council Chambers, or any meeting room in which a meeting is being held, should the matter be discussed and shall not return until such time as discussion has ended or voting on the matter has been concluded.

6.5.2.4. Councillors with a stated Conflict of Interest in any matter may stay in the Council Chambers, or any meeting room in which a meeting is being held, if the Councillor is seated in the gallery and addresses Councilor the Council Committee in the capacity as a taxpayer, elector, or owner and if the Councillor has the right to be heard pursuant to the **Municipal Government Act** or any other enactment.

6.5.3. When a Councillor believes that he/she may have a Conflict of Interest in a matter before Councilor Council Committee, he/she shall notify the Mayor or Chair of the meeting prior to the matter being considered, that he/she has a Conflict of Interest in the matter.

6.5.4 Councillors, in their role, may accept gifts, event tickets, hospitality, discounts or other benefits associated with their official duties and responsibilities if it meets all of the following conditions:

- a) is a normal accepted expression of courtesy of a business relationship and
- b) received as a normal or necessary incident to fulfilling the Councillors duties
- c) received as an incident of protocol or social obligation
- d) would not raise questions about the Councillor's objectivity and impartiality
- e) would not compromise the integrity of Council or The Town.
- f) Councillors will file a disclosure with the Chief Administrative Officer or designate for all accepted gifts, event tickets, discounts, or hospitality valued at greater than \$50.

6.5.5 Councillors or any member of their family will not solicit or accept any gift or other advantage (i.e. gifts, event tickets, hospitality or discounts) that could, or be perceived to, influence the member of Council in the exercise of an official power, duty or function.

6.5.6. Councillors will refuse or return improper gifts or benefits; if there is no opportunity to refuse or return an improper gift or benefit, or where refusal or return may be seen as offensive for cultural or other reasons, the gift or benefit must be disclosed and turned over to the Chief Elected Official or Deputy Chief Elected Official to make a suitable disposition of the item.

6.5.7. It is the individual responsibility of each Councillor to seek independent legal advice, at their own cost, with respect to any situation which may result in a Conflict of Interest.

6.6. Bias

6.6.1. A Councillor shall be impartial to discussion or presentation of any matter that requires a decision of Council.

6.6.2. Councillors may attend open houses or exchange information with potential applicants, developers, and special interest groups prior to a formal submission or application being submitted to Town of Stettler and the Councillor must:

6.6.2.1. Make it clear to the potential applicant, developer, or special interest group that the Councillor can provide only general information on the process, but cannot give any indication of the chance of success of the submission.

6.6.2.2. Must suggest that the applicant, developer, or special interest group seek independent professional advice.

6.6.2.3. If applicable, encourage potential applicants, or developers to seek preliminary information on their submission by consulting with Town of Stettler Administration.

6.6.2.4. Once application or submission has been filed with Town of Stettler and where Council will have a decision making role in the approval process or where the Councillor may sit on a Board or a Committee that may hear any subsequent appeal, Councillors will not meet with the applicant, developer, or special interest group. Councillors will not meet with the applicants, developers, or special interest groups prior to any Public Hearing or formal consideration by Council of the application, submission, or appeal hearing and decision being issued by Council or an Appeal Board.

6.6.2.5. All Development inquiries will be directed to Town of Stettler Administration.

6.6.2.6. Any information forwarded by an applicant, developer, or special interest group to a Councillor with respect to a pending application or submission, shall be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer who will accept the information and determine what further distribution or disclosure of the information is required .

6.6.2.7. In the event that any application, submission, or action should proceed to any type of legal action or court proceeding, no meeting is allowed between Councillors, applicants, developers, special interest groups, or any other entity initiating or involved with the legal action.

6.7. Confidentiality

- 6.7.1. Information provided to Council and to Councillors will not be used for any purpose other than to exercise their role as a Councillor.
- 6.7.2. Councillors will not release any information which is to be treated as confidential in accordance with the **Municipal Government Act** and will, at all times, recognize the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** regarding the access, use, and release of personal information.
- 6.7.3. Councillors will treat all private correspondence, both oral and written, between other Councillors, between themselves and the Chief Administrative Officer, as confidential until the parties agree that the information can or should be made public.
- 6.7.4. Councillors shall not release, disclose, publish, or comment on confidential information including, but not limited to, any information received during a Meeting conducted in the absence of the public, until such information is disclosed at a Public Meeting. This obligation continues in perpetuity. 6.7.5. Councillors shall not release any information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege unless expressly authorized by Council, through a Council resolution, to do so.
- 6.7.5. Councillors shall not misuse confidential information which they have knowledge of by virtue of their position as Councillor that is not in the public domain, including emails and correspondence from other Councillors or third parties such that it may cause harm, detriment, or embarrassment to Town of Stettler Council, other Councillors, Town of Stettler Administration, members of the public or third parties. Councillors shall not use confidential information that it may create a benefit for themselves.

7. USE OF TOWN RESOURCES DURING ELECTION PERIODS

- 7.1. Public resources must not be used in any way that would influence the electorate in an election, except in regard to supporting the actual election process. Council and individual Councillors commit to complying with the following procedures:
 - 7.1.1. Council will not authorize or request the Town, print, publish (including digitally on the internet), or distribute an electoral advertisement, unless it only contains information regarding the election process. Any electoral advertisement that can be taken to be intended or likely to affect voting in an election if it contains an express or implicit reference to, or comment on:
 - The election
 - A candidate in the election; or
 - An issue submitted to, or otherwise before the voters in connection with the election.
- 7.2. Council and individual Councillors will ensure that the Town of Stettler resources are not used inappropriately in any way that may influence voting during an election period, or provide an undue advantage for any candidate during a general election period from Nomination Day until the end of the Council term.
- 7.3. The Chief Administrative Officer will ensure that all members of staff are advised in regards to the application of this Code.
- 7.4. No Town of Stettler administration / employee will, as part of their employment with the Town, undertake any activity that may affect voting in the election, except where it relates only to the election process and is authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer.
 - 7.4.1. No Councillor shall ask, or shall there be any direction, motion, or resolution from Council for administration / employee or administration / employee member to authorize, use, or allocate a Town of Stettler resource for any purpose that may influence voting in an election, except where it relates to the election process and is authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 7.5. At the end of the Councillor term of office, Councillor agree to promptly return all items supplied by the Town for their municipal use.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 8.1. From time to time difficulties may occur in relationships between individual Councillors. It is expected that Councillors in this situation will use their best efforts to resolve such issues so that they do not interfere with the effective functioning of Council.
- 8.2. Councillors shall not use public forums to discuss issues they may have or be having with other Councillors or with Council.

8.3. Where there are issues that cannot be resolved between the parties and the view of the Mayor is that the impact or potential impact is such that the good governance of Town of Stettler may be affected, then a decision to proceed to dispute resolution or discipline will be required by a resolution of Council.

8.4. Resolution procedures are as follows:

8.4.1. The Mayor shall discuss the issues with the relevant Councillor(s) and attempt to mediate an outcome acceptable to both parties which will allow for an opportunity to apologize and recommend no further action. Should the dispute involve the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will undertake the action.

8.4.2. Councillors will at all times, attempt to resolve their issues without the need for external assistance as a demonstration of unity and teamwork.

8.4.3. Should a matter not be resolved after internal mediation has taken place, Councillors are able to seek advice from the Chief Administrative Officer in an attempt to find solutions.

8.4.4. Should the matter still remain unresolved, the Mayor, at his/her discretion, may request in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer, to appoint an external professional mediator to assist Council to work through the issues with the relevant parties. In the event the dispute involves the Mayor, this decision will be made by the Deputy Mayor.

8.4.5. Should after external mediation, the matter still remain unresolved, an independent arbitrator shall be appointed by Council to work with the parties and develop recommendations on how the dispute can be resolved.

8.4.6. Council shall consider these recommendations in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, and may, on return to the open meeting, adopt a resolution based on the arbitrator's recommendations.

8.4.7. All Councillors will abide by these resolutions.

8.5. In the unlikely event that a Councillor refuses to sign the Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct or clearly violates any of the terms of the Town of Stettler Councillor Code of Conduct or any provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* then the Mayor may recommend to Council that disciplinary action may be taken on the offending Councillor. In the event that the Mayor is the offending Councillor then this recommendation will be made by the Deputy Mayor.

Disciplinary procedures are as follows:

8.5.1. For a Councillors first offense Council may choose to privately discuss the matter, offer an opportunity to apologize and may recommend no further action. Should further action be taken then the penalty may be the loss of all or some of the offending Councillors appointed Committees.

8.5.2. For a second offense the penalty shall be the loss all of the Councillors Committees, all conference attendance including AUMA and FCM Conventions.

8.5.3. For a third offense, all of the above and a \$500 penalty. Penalty to be deducted from the Councillors monthly honorarium.

8.5.4. For all other offenses all of the above and \$1,000 penalty. Penalty to be deducted from the Councillors monthly honorarium.

8.5.5. Should a Councillor have three or more offenses, in addition to the above penalties, Council will direct a letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting an investigation into the conduct of the Councillor and requesting his/her removal from Council.


9. EFFECTIVE DATE

9.1. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it has received third reading and has been duly signed.

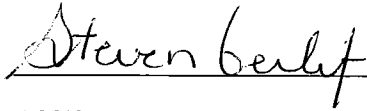
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READ a third time and finally passed this 19th day of September, A.D. 2017.



MAYOR



ASSISTANT CAO

Schedule A

STATEMENT OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

I, _____ do solemnly swear to uphold the Town of Stettler Councillor Code of Conduct, as per Bylaw 2096-17 at all times while serving as a municipally elected official representing Town of Stettler. I have read and understand the Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw 2096-17 and further agree to ALL the terms and conditions as specified in the Bylaw.

Dated at Stettler, Alberta this ___ of _____, 2017.

Councillor

Chief Administrative Officer