

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

## MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

PRESENT: Chairman Jadwiga Dolega-Cieszkowski, Mayor Trevor Hay, Councillors Roxan Foursha, Art Garrett, Greg Carlson, Jason Hunter, Superintendent Bob Bors and CAO Darcy Olson.

ABSENT:

1. Called to Order:  
Chairman Dolega-Cieszkowski called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. In-Camera: An In-Camera Session, to discuss Human Resources, was held prior to the meeting.
3. Conflict of Interest: None
4. Minutes:  
Protective Services and Public Works January 8, 2024 Minutes were reviewed by the Committee.
5. Financial Statement:  
The Committee reviewed the January 2024 Department Financial Statements.
6. Management Reports:  
**Public Works Report for January 2024** was discussed. Superintendent reported that a new escape cylinder is required for confined entry. The useful life of the old escape cylinder has expired.  
**Water Treatment Plant Reports for January 2024** were reviewed by the Committee.  
**Fire Department Report for January 2024** was reviewed by the Committee.
7. Water Security Agency – Waterworks Compliance Inspection:  
Committee reviewed a Waterworks Compliance Inspection Report conducted by Scott Klippenstein, Environmental Protection Officer on January 31, 2024.
8. Snow Removal Complaint – Kendra Gregory:  
Committee reviewed a complaint regarding the Town's snow removal operations. The main concern of this complaint is that the Town buries the sidewalk when removing snow from the streets. The solution offered would be to haul all the snow from the streets leaving the sidewalks clear. The practice of clearing the snow from the streets and placing it on the boulevards, when available, or sidewalks has been done for years. The main reason for this practice is the cost of alternatives and the time that it would take to physically remove the snow. The Town hauls the snow from the downtown core and has calculated the fuel costs to be approximately \$1,500. Hauling the rest of the Town snow is estimated at a cost of \$6,500 in fuel costs, as well as an additional 9 days of uninterrupted work. Only 20 blocks per day would be cleared of snow as this is the most that can be hauled per day. A new schedule would have to be developed so that ratepayers would know when they can expect snow removal, as well most residential streets would need to have parked vehicles removed to allow for the passage of the heavy equipment. A new bylaw would need to be implemented which would give ratepayers a specific amount of time to remove parked vehicles to allow for snow removal operation and if they did not remove the vehicle it would need to be towed at the ratepayer's expense. Problems with parked vehicles would also delay the time for snow removal. All of this is premised on the idea that the Town would not need to purchase additional

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equipment, hire more staff or contract a portion of the snow removal. All would significantly affect the budget and therefore the tax burden of the citizens of Rosetown.

**P-24-002 Recommendation:** That correspondence be sent to Ms. Gregory indicating the that the Town will not be changing the snow removal operations.

9. Funeral Home Snow Removal Complaint:

The office had received an unsigned complaint that all commercial properties that do snow removal are prohibited from piling that snow on Town owned property except the funeral home. The Funeral Home is allowed to pile their snow in the Kinsmen Park adjacent to their property. The Funeral Home was requested, by Council, to pile their snow in the park to create a hill for children to play on. The current pile of snow has numerous tunnels and other excavation done by children.

10. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Snow Removal:

Committee discussed the removal of snow on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to facilitate children going to and returning from school. The North side of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue has a wide buffer strip, left over from a former drainage ditch, and it has no sidewalk from #4 Highway extending to the far side of Aseltine School property. From Aseltine School to Thrasher Street there is a boulevard between the street and sidewalk. For this entire distance there is a space to place snow from snow removal operations that does not affect the sidewalk area, so complete removal of snow would only be done for the last two blocks of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at its furthest distance from the school. Committee chose not to recommend any change to the snow removal policy.

11. Request for Trees – Nancy Burton:

Nancy Burton has requested the Town plant trees in the space between her house at 1205 Aspen Drive and the walking trail located south of Marshall Avenue. Superintendent of Public Works indicated that this area has been left as a grassed area due to the placement of two 6-inch water lines. Public Works does not want to contend with mature trees over the water line if there is a leak. There have been a few trees in the Marshall Avenue right-of-way which has been removed by the arborist. These trees will be replaced in 2024. A letter explaining tree replacement and the reasoning for not placing trees over the water lines will be sent to Ms. Burton.

12. Age Friendly – Mobility Scooter Access:

A letter from Age Friendly passing on concerns from a senior citizen about scooter access was reviewed. Mayor Hay indicated that in the spring he has been invited to ride a scooter and be shown issues that impede scooter access. Superintendent of Public Works indicated that he to would like to take part in the scooter tour. A letter thanking Age Friendly for passing on the concerns of the individual will be sent.

13. Imperial Oil Contaminated Site:

Committee reviewed an email from Imperial Oil regarding migration of contaminants from their contaminated site located at 405 Railway Avenue East. Committee requested Administration to request additional information from Imperial Oil.

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14. Adjournment: Mayor Hay adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Jadwiga Dolega-Cieszkowski, Chairman

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Darcy Olson, CAO