

Special Council meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in the Town Council Chambers, June 11th, 2018 commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Tremblay, Deputy Mayor Jones, Councillor Hammond, Councillor Hills, Councillor Malott

ABSENT:

STAFF: Robert Proulx, Chief Administrative Officer
Gizele St Jean, Manager of Corporate Services

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tremblay called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Friends of Legal Library Society Presentation
2018 Operating Budget
2018 Capital Budget
Bylaw #01-2018, Tax Levy Bylaw

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

10317

Resolution #10317

Moved By: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Agenda for the June 11th, 2018 Special Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

Friends of Legal Library Society

Mayor Tremblay welcomed Friends of Legal Library Society – Yvonne Friesen, Andy Beaton, Jenny Baril, Blaine McCrea and Trish Brown. On May 18th, 2018 a Proposal for a Legal Municipal Library was prepared by the Friends of Legal Library Society and presented to Administration for Council's review. Ms. Baril requested a meeting with Council to discuss the proposal in more detail and to answer any questions Council may have.

Libraries are no longer just about accessing books as times have changed. Libraries are key partners in community development and sustainability, are able to support arts and culture through drama clubs, book studies and hosting performers, economic development (employment and putting money into local businesses) social support and programming for residents of all ages. Unlike arenas, which are no less important but much more expensive, libraries provide programming and services for a fraction of the cost. Ms. Baril mentioned if the youth of the community are not into sports in Town, then there are no activities for them. The Town has good infrastructure which can be utilized for a library. When asked if the Friends of Legal Library have officially received their Society status at this time, Ms. Baril indicated as a result of an error on the form, the form was sent back, but they will be resubmitting the papers shortly.

The Friends of Legal Library Society conducted an online survey about the support for the idea of a library among residents of Legal and surrounding area. Some of Council did not see the survey mentioned above. Out of the 147 completed surveys received, ninety (90) percent were in support of having a physical library in Legal with only about six (6) percent being strongly against. Libraries are thought of as primarily books, however eighty (80) percent of survey respondents cited access to programs as a service they look for in a library. Forty five (45) percent wanted access to computers and internet. Deputy Mayor Jones would like to review the respondent's

survey results for demographic purposes. Mayor Tremblay seemed to feel some comments were not included in the proposal and questioned why. There seemed to be some inconsistencies with the proposal presented to Council.

It was proposed the creation of the Legal Library be a collaboration between the Town of Legal and the Friends of Legal Library Society. Once Town Council passes a bylaw to create the library board, the Friends of Legal Library will be there to support the work forward with time, energy and fundraising.

Two possible variations for the proposed vision were presented:

- 1) Library is located in a building owned by the Town, the Friends of Legal Library Society or the library itself on Main Street where no monthly rent or mortgage payment is necessary which would be accomplished by collecting money for the purchase of the building through fundraising and grants; or
- 2) Library is permanently or temporarily housed in a leased space in the old studio building on Main Street.

Other possibilities mentioned by the Friends of Legal Library Society were the Fete au Village Society is looking to build a new building for use during Fete therefore possibly part of this proposed new building as library space would also be suitable. Or an addition to the existing Citadel building could also be a possibility if it suited the Town's vision better. Councillor Hills asked about possibly utilizing the Club 60 Roses facility. Ms. Baril indicated they had discussed this option with the Club 60 Roses and it was not available with the hours the library would like to operate. They also checked into Legal School but for security reasons this would not be an option as the library would be open to the public. The school has procedures that must be adhered to regarding the security of the children.

Hours of operation would depend on the needs of the community and funding. The proposal suggests about thirty (30) hours per week.

Councillor Hammond inquired about the type of revenue they would be looking for to which Ms. Friesen and Ms. Baril indicated they would pursue Provincial and Federal grants, private donations, donations from corporations and matching grants along with fundraising. The Friends of Legal Library Society are willing to undertake a fundraising campaign to raise the purchase price and renovation cost of a building. They feel such a project can, in itself, build community by giving friends, neighbours, businesses and service organizations the opportunity to work together for a common goal. The Annual projected expenditures and incomes were provided in the report in more detail.

Community Building is what a library can bring into Legal. Council thanked everyone for coming and will be reviewing and discussing the proposal.

2018 Operating Budget

10318

Resolution #10318

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Jones

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal adopt the 2018 Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

2018 Capital Budget

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Resolution #10319

Moved By: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal adopt the 2018 Capital Budget as presented.

CARRIED 5-0



Bylaw #01-2018 Tax Levy Bylaw

10320 Resolution #10320 Moved By: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that Bylaw #01-2018 being a Bylaw of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta to authorize several rates of taxation imposed for the year 2018 be given first reading.

CARRIED 5-0

10321 Resolution #10321 Moved By: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED Bylaw #01-2018 being a Bylaw of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta to authorize several rates of taxation imposed for the year 2018 be given second reading.

CARRIED 5-0

10322 Resolution #10322 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Jones

RESOLVED Bylaw #01-2018 go into third and final reading.

CARRIED 5-0

10323 Resolution #10323 Moved By: Councillor Hammond

RESOLVED Bylaw #01-2018 being a Bylaw of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta to authorize several rates of taxation imposed for the year 2018 be given third and final reading.

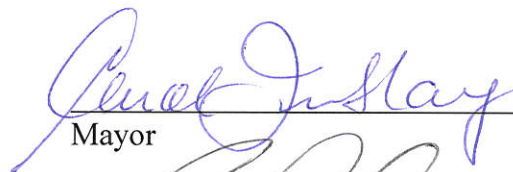
CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT


10324 Resolution #10324 Moved By: Mayor Tremblay

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer