

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- A. January 4th 2023 Minutes

4.0 Public Submissions

- A. Milos Tajec 6:00pm

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- A. Wireless Broadband Webinar
- B. Alberta Beach IDP
- C. Lease Lands

6.0 Development Matters

- A.

7.0 New Business

- A. CPO Agreement
- B. Budget
- C. Canada Grant

8.0 Committee Reports

- A. Councillor Reports

9.0 CAO Reports

- A. Disbursements, CAO Action List
- B. CAO Review

10.0 Response to Delegations

- A.

11.0 Additional Items

- A.

12.0 Correspondence

- A. Town of Bonaccord

NEXT MEETING March 1 2023

ADJOURNMENT

3.0 A January 4th 2023 Minutes

Recommendation:

That Council approve the minutes from the January 4th 2023 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Background:

Council Meeting Minutes are attached for review.

MINUTES
SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 4th 2023 @ 5:16pm.

IN ATTENDANCE Mayor Gwen Jones
Deputy Mayor Riley Ekins
Councillor Keir Packer
Matthew Ferris CAO

1.0 CALL TO ORDER Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

2.0 Approval of AGENDA MOVED by Deputy Mayor Ekins that the January 4th 2023 Agenda be approved as presented.

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Res. #2023 – 01

CARRIED

3.0A APPROVAL OF Minutes MOVED by Councillor Packer that Council amends the Minutes be amended by adding the title of the Bylaw and that the December 2022 Minutes be approved as amended.

Res. #2023 – 02

CARRIED

5.0A Interim Budget

Res. #2023 –03 Moved by Mayor Jones that that Council hereby authorize the 2023 Interim Operating Budget based on approving 50% of the prior year (2023) operating budget expenditures excluding any one time special purchases, as per Section 242(2) of the Municipal Government Act, and that this interim budget cease to have any affect at the time the 2023 operating budget is adopted by Council.

CARRIED

MINUTES
SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 4th 2023 @ 5:16pm.

5.0 B LSAF Needs Assessment

Res. #2023 –03 Moved by Deputy Mayor Ekins That Council supports the Lac Ste Anne Foundation Needs Assessment Request being completed and that Administration be directed to provide a letter of support.
CARRIED

5.0C Water Utility Discussion

Res. #2023 –04 Moved by Mayor Jones that Administration be directed to draft a policy outlining where the Village will allow Wild Water Connection.
CARRIED

6.0 Development Matters

7.0 A Assessment Appeal

Res. #2023 – 05 MOVED by Councillor Packer that Council accepts the discussion on Assessment Appeal for information.

CARRIED

7.0B Budget

Res. #2023 – 06 MOVED by Mayor Jones that accepts the 2023 Budget Discussion for information and request Administration to bring back for further further discussion

CARRIED

7.0C Furnace

Res. #2023 – 07 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Ekins that Council authorizes directs Administration to spend an additional \$2000 to replace the shop furnace.

CARRIED

8.0 Committee Reports

A. Council Reports

Res. #2023 – 08 MOVED by Mayor Jones that Council accept the Committee Reports for information.

CARRIED

MINUTES
SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 4th 2023 @ 5:16pm.

9.0 CAO REPORTS

A. Reconciliation, DISBURSEMENTS and ACTION LIST
Res. #2023 – 09 MOVED by Deputy Mayor Ekins that that Council accept the report for information.
CARRIED

10.0 Response to Delegates.

11.0 Additional Info

12.0 Correspondence

Res. #2023 – 09 MOVED by Councillor Packer that Correspondence be accepted for information.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Res # 2023- 10 Being that the agenda matters had been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by Mayor Jones.
CARRIED

These minutes were approved this February 1st 2023.

Mayor Jones

Matthew Ferris CAO

4.0 A Presentation Milos Tajec

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the presentation by Milos Tajec regarding Emergency Management for information.

5.0 A Wireless Broadband Webinar

RECOMMENDATION:

that Council accepts the Wireless Broadband Webinar document for information and further that Administration be directed to not actively pursue new Broadband opportunities unless specifically approached by industry.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

At the Regional meeting it was discussed about future wireless Broadband opportunities and Alberta Beach advised they would provide an update to the webinar they attended.

5.0B Alberta Beach IDP

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the discussion regarding Alberta Beach IDP for information and directs Administration to XXX.

Background:

Alberta Beach has requested that the IDP be reviewed and updated between the four partners. Currently the IDP manages land within all LSAC lands adjacent to the three villages and no lands within the boundaries.

Administration is of the opinion that there has not been significant development in the development area yet to merit a significant update or discussion. That being said Alberta Beach would like the following changes:

- Genal House keeping and Updating
- Items of discussion:
 - Annexation
 - Cost and Revenue Sharing
 - Changes to Land Use Maps
 - 7.4.6 Stormwater Management
 - 6.3.1 would like joint application reviews

5.0C Lease Lands

Recommendation:

That Council XXX.

Background:

Since 1996 the land owners adjacent to the Klinkhammar Parking lot of had a lease of a portion of Municipal Land where they have had structures and other development. Attached is documentation of the history provided by the Surveyor.

Should Council wish to extend the allowance of the land owner. Administration is recommending it not be completed as a lease. The recommendation is that either an encroachment agreement be established or a license. An Encroachment agreement would prevent the uses being expanded and or replaced and only allow the current development to be maintained. A license removes the ability for the non landowners to seek compensation should the Village ever need to cancel the agreement.

Further to that Administration recommends that a fee be charged along with the costs associated with drafting the appropriate agreement should Council wish to allow it.

ALBERTA LAND SURVEYOR'S REAL PROPERTY REPORT

ON

LOT 10, BLOCK 2, PLAN 1588 CL

WITHIN HUDSON'S BAY RESERVE

(NE 1/4 SEC. 22 – TWP. 54 – RGE. 3 – W 5th M.)

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT, ALBERTA

- NOTES: 1. STATUTORY IRON POSTS FOUND SHOWN THUS ----- ●
2. ALL DISTANCES SHOWN ARE IN METRES AND DECIMALS THEREOF
3. BUILDING LOCATION DIMENSIONS ARE TO EXTERIOR FINISHED WALLS
4. LOCATION DIMENSIONS ARE PERPENDICULAR TO PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION VERIFIED BY A NOVEMBER 29, 2022 TITLE SEARCH C. of T. NO. 912 288 901
6. THE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED ON NOVEMBER 26th, 2022
7. MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 4540 SUNSET DRIVE
8. URW STANDS FOR UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY; R/W STANDS FOR RIGHT OF WAY; c.s. STANDS FOR COUNTERSUNK
9. PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO:
- | | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| CAVEAT | 952 175 160 |
| URW (BLANKET EASEMENT) | 942 174 274 |

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this report, which includes the attached plan and related survey, was prepared and performed under my personal supervision and in accordance with the Manual of Standard Practice of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association (ALSA) and supplements thereto. Accordingly within those standards and as of the date of this report, I am of the opinion that:

- the plan illustrates the boundaries of the Property, the improvements as defined in Part C, Section 6.5 of the ALSA's Manual of Standard Practice, registered easements, and rights-of-way affecting the extent of the title to the Property;
- the improvements are entirely within the boundaries of the Property except for the improvements within the lease area
- no visible encroachments exist on the Property from any improvements situated on an adjoining property;
- no visible encroachments exist on registered easements, or rights-of-way affecting the extent of Property.

PURPOSE: This Report and attached plan have been prepared for the benefit of the Property owner, subsequent owners, and any of their agents for the purpose of a land conveyance. Copying is permitted only for the benefit of these parties, and only if the plan remains attached. Where applicable, registered easements and utility rights of way affecting the extent of the Property have been shown on the attached plan. Unless shown otherwise, property corner markers have not been placed during the survey for this Report.

The attached plan should not be used to establish boundaries (e.g. for fencing) because of the risk of misinterpretation or measurement error by the user.

The information shown on this Report reflects the status of this Property as of the date of survey only. Users are encouraged to have the Real Property Report updated for future requirements as subsequent changes to the development on the property will not be reflected.

This document is not valid unless it bears an original signature or digital signature of an Alberta Land Surveyor and a Navland Geomatics Inc. permit stamp.

DATED AT SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA
THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2023

DAVID B. HIGGINS, ALBERTA LAND SURVEYOR
CLIENT: GLEN AND DIANE GIBBS



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NAVLAND GEOMATICS INC.

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PHONE NO: 780-486-1119 CELL NO: 780-996-1009
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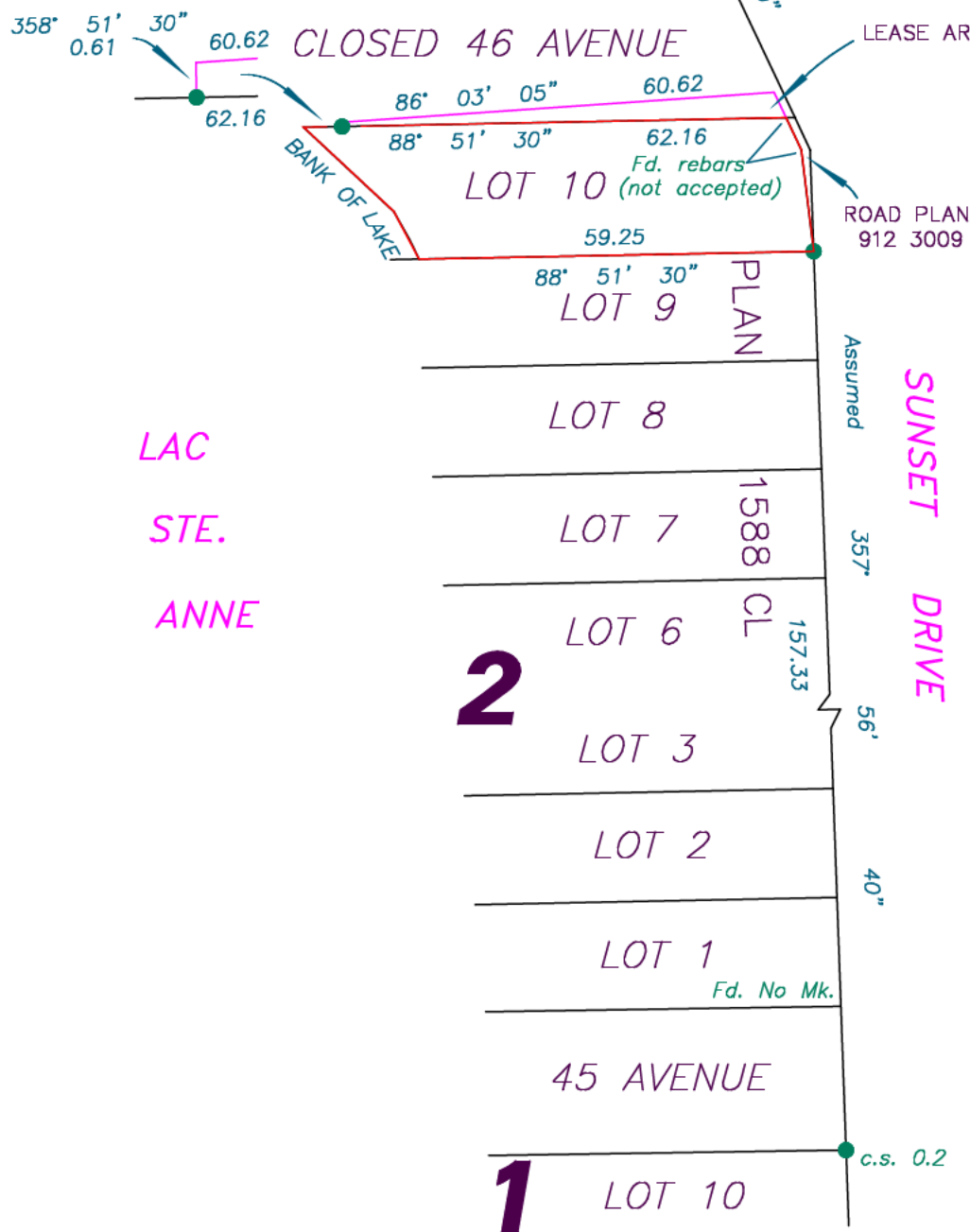


47 AVENUE

DATED AT SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA
THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2023

PLAN 1588 CL
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DAVID B. HIGGINS, ALBERTA LAND SURVEYOR



DETAIL

LOT 10
ROAD PLAN
912 3009

PLAN SHOWING SURVEY OF LOT 10 BLOCK 2 PLAN 1588 CL

SUMMER VILLAGE OF
SUNSET POINT, ALBERTA

SCALE 1:1000

NAVLAND GEOMATICS INC.

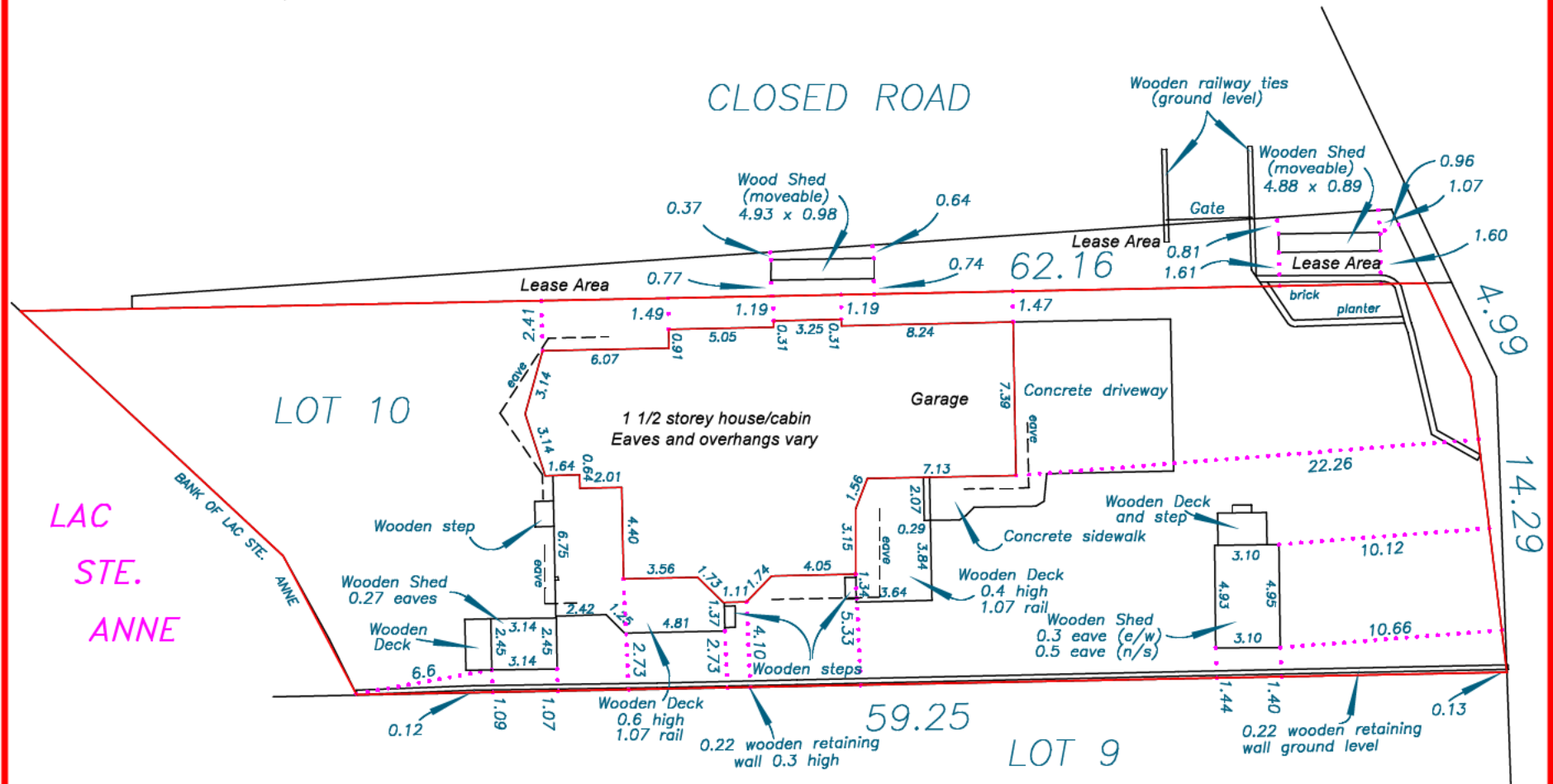
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DATED AT SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA
THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2023

DAVID B. HIGGINS, ALBERTA LAND SURVEYOR



PLAN SHOWING THE LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 10 BLOCK 2 PLAN 1588 CL

SUMMER VILLAGE OF
SUNSET POINT, ALBERTA

SCALE 1:300

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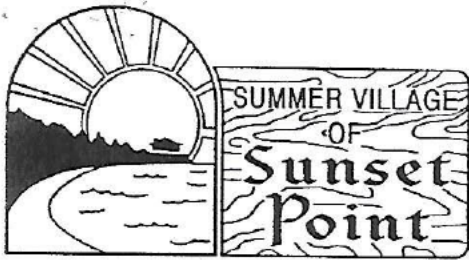
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1-2-97
7808 34A Ave.
Edmonton, AB
T6K 0B4
Feb. 24/97

To Sunset Point Councilors and Bob Tessier, Administrator:

Thank you for reconsidering our request for the lease of the adjoining strip of land next to our property and for the work that was involved in making it effective. Enclosed is the cheque in the amount of \$271.72 as requested for payment of the out of pocket expenses incurred in doing so.

Sincerely,



January 28, 1997

Mr. Mrs. G.

Dear Mr. G.

Re: Lot 10 Blk 2 Plan 1588CL

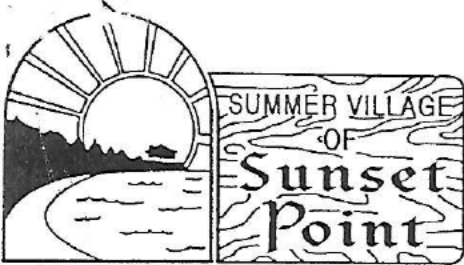
This is further to my letter dated July 29, 1996.

The adjacent roadway has now been closed. Upon payment of the out of pocket cost of \$271.72 the contemplated lease is hereby made effective.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours truly,

Robert L. Tessier
Municipal Administrator



LAND LEASE

July 29, 1996

Re: Lot 10 Blk 2 Plan 1588CL

Council requested that I write to you outlining what it is prepared to do in regards to a portion of the road R.O.W. North of the above noted lot.


Council is prepared to proceed to close the roadway North of your property. Once it is closed it is prepared to enter into a lease agreement with the following conditions:

1. The area to be leased is as shaded yellow on the attached sketch. Council would not consider closing that portion of the Lakeshore Road you requested.
2. The lease is to be for an initial term of 25 years for \$1.00. The lease will have renewal options for 5 year terms at mutually acceptable terms and conditions at the time of renewal.
3. You will be responsible for all costs of road closure including survey, if required, etc. *How Much?*
4. You will be responsible for the payment of taxes on this property for the term of the lease.
5. The lease will be transferrable to any subsequent purchaser of Lot 10 Blk 2 Plan 1588CL.
6. Upon termination of the lease the property is to be left in a condition acceptable to Council.
7. The use of the property shall not cause any contamination.


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If you wish to proceed on this basis please sign and return one copy of this letter.

Yours truly,



Robert L. Tessier
Municipal Administrator

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED:



Mr


Date


Mr:



Date

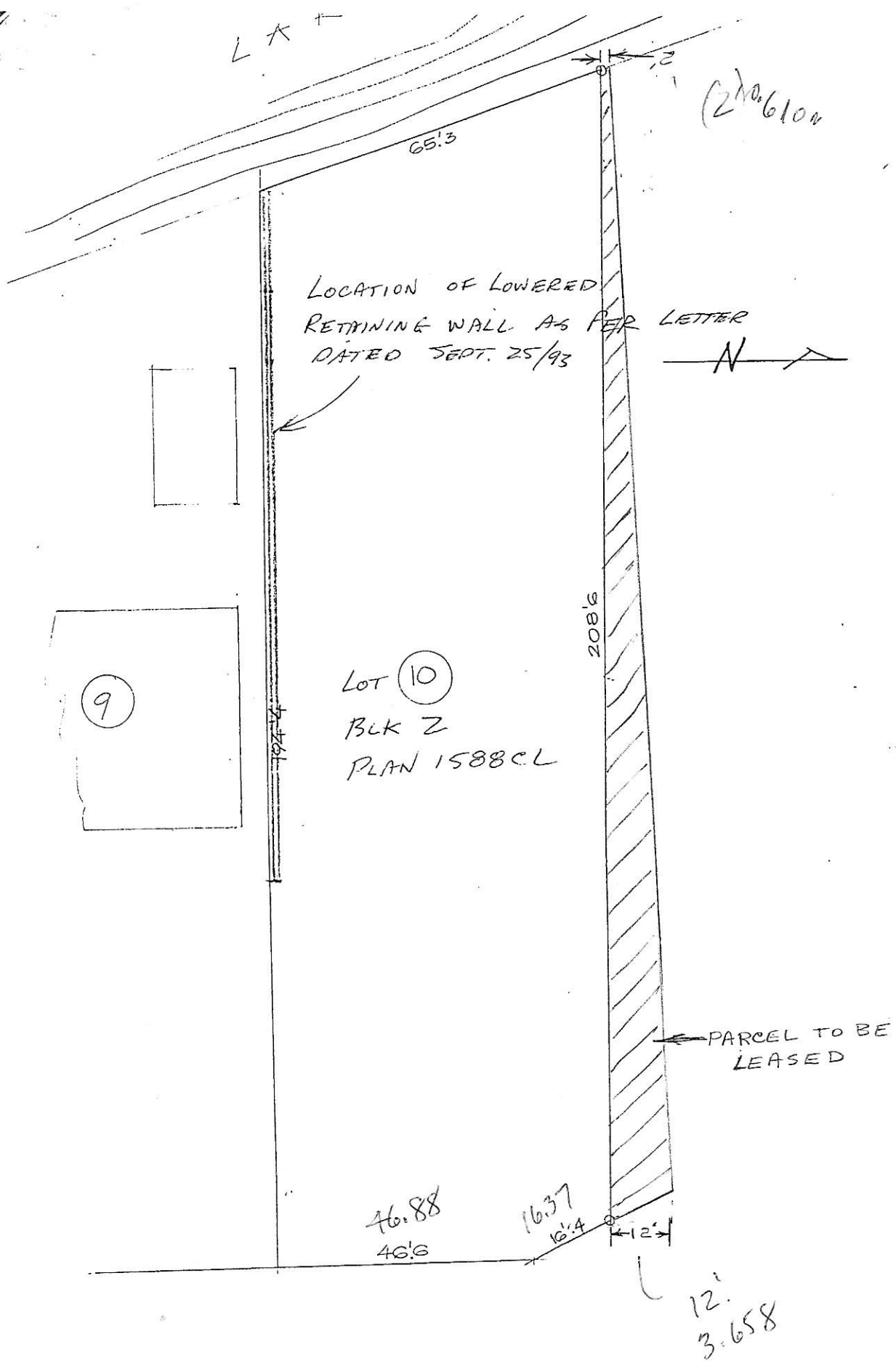
Summer Village of Sunset Point

Dear Councilors:

We are again requesting that you reconsider our proposal of last year to allow us to enclose and maintain the village property between the drainage ditch and our lot, 4540 Sunset Drive, as indicated on the sketch. We feel that this would be mutually advantageous. Thank you for your reconsideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

CLARA B. BROWN



LOCATION OF LOWERED
RETAINING WALL AS PER LETTER
DATED SEPT. 25/93

LOT 10
BLK Z
PLAN 1588CL

(2) 10.6104



PARCEL TO BE
LEASED

12.
3.658

7.0 A. CPO Agreement

Recommendation:

That Council approves the CPO agreement as presented and authorize the Mayor and the CAO to sign the new CPO enforcement Agreement as presented.

Background.

Alberta Beach has provided a new Enforcement Agreement for the Village recognizing the partnership of Val Quentin to full time status

**COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT
ENTERED INTO THIS ____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2022.**

BETWEEN

**ALBERTA BEACH
A Municipal Corporation in the Province of Alberta
(hereinafter referred to as "Alberta Beach")
OF THE FIRST PART**

-and-

**THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT
A Municipal Corporation in the Province of Alberta
(hereinafter referred to as "Sunset Point")
OF THE SECOND PART**

WHEREAS, Alberta Beach has entered into an employment agreement with a Community Peace Officer(s) to supply Community Peace Officer Services, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control to Alberta Beach;

AND WHEREAS, Sunset Point desires to enter into an agreement with Alberta Beach to obtain the Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services of the Community Peace Officer(s) within the boundaries of Sunset Point;

AND WHEREAS, the Community Peace Officer(s) has been appointed by the Alberta Solicitor General as having jurisdiction to enforce within the boundaries of Alberta Beach and Sunset Point the Traffic Safety Act, the Animal Protection Act, the Dangerous Dogs Act, the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Part 9 Division 2, the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act Sections 83/84/87/89/107/108 section 115 subject to section 53 of the Police Act (Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation AR 143/96 section 87.1), the Innkeepers Act, the Petty Trespass Act, the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, the Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act and the Trespass to Premises Act;

AND WHEREAS, the Peace Officer Act, Statutes of Alberta, 2006, Chapter P-3.5, and amendments thereto, requires that an agreement be entered into between Alberta Beach and Sunset Point with respect to the provisions of Community Peace Officer Services through the employment of a Community Peace Officer(s);

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants and provisos contained herein to be observed and performed, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2023 and terminate on December 31, 2023 unless automatically renewed as per clause 11.
2. Alberta Beach agrees to supply Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services through the Community Peace Officer(s) employed by Alberta Beach to Sunset Point. The Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services provided to Sunset Point shall include the following:

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- a) Enforcement of the Animal Control By-law #235, the Noise Control Bylaw #287, the Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw #273, the Parking Bylaw #259, the Traffic Bylaw #245, the Fireworks Bylaw #302 and the Untidy and Unsightly Premises Bylaw #140 of the Summer Village of Sunset Point within the boundaries of Sunset Point;
 - b) Enforcement of the Traffic Safety Act, the Animal Protection Act, the Dangerous Dogs Act, the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Part 9 Division 2, The Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act Sections 83/84/87/89/107/108 section 115 subject to section 53 of the Police Act (Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation AR 143/96 section 87.1), the Innkeepers Act, the Petty Trespass Act, the Provincial Offences Procedures Act, the Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act and the Trespass to Premises Act within the boundaries of Sunset Point.
3. Sunset Point agrees to pay Alberta Beach the sums for the Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services supplied pursuant to this agreement as stated in Schedule "A".
4. Alberta Beach acknowledges that Sunset Point is to receive all fines relating to the enforcement of Provincial Statutes received by Sunset Point as generated from the Community Peace Officer services supplied by the Community Peace Officer(s) pursuant to this agreement. Sunset Point agrees to cover all court or legal costs incurred from enforcing provincial statutes and local bylaw violations in Sunset Point.
5. Sunset Point agrees to insure Alberta Beach's Community Peace Officer(s) under its general liability insurance policy to cover the performance of the Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services by the Community Peace Officer(s) for Sunset Point pursuant to this Agreement. This insurance coverage shall be maintained by Sunset Point in full force and effect throughout the term of this agreement.
6. Sunset Point agrees to be liable for the actions of the Community Peace Officer(s) while the Community Peace Officer is on duty or otherwise supplying Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services to Sunset Point pursuant to this agreement.
7. Sunset Point agrees to supply the Community Peace Officer(s) with a copy of the local bylaws as mentioned in item 2.a) above. Sunset Point also agrees it is the responsibility of Sunset Point to advise and forward to the Community Peace Officer(s) a copy of any revised or amended bylaw.
8. Sunset Point shall receive from the Community Peace Officer(s) reports on all Community Peace Officer Services supplied by the Community Peace Officer(s) to Sunset Point upon their request.
9. Sunset Point acknowledges that any written complaints received by it with respect to the provision of Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services by the Community Peace Officer(s) pursuant to this agreement shall be immediately forwarded to the C.A.O. of Alberta Beach. Any disciplinary action taken against the Community Peace Officer(s) as a result of these complaints shall be the responsibility of Alberta Beach.

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10. If the appointment of the Community Peace Officer(s) from the Alberta Solicitor General for the jurisdiction of Sunset Point is terminated, then this agreement shall similarly immediately be terminated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this agreement by providing three months notice in writing to the other. This agreement can be amended by mutual agreement with two months written notice.
11. This agreement will automatically renew at the end of each term for a further term of one year unless either party gives the other written notice of termination of at least 90 days prior to the end of the current term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

ALBERTA BEACH

Per: _____
Mayor

Per: _____
Chief Administrative Officer

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SUNSET POINT

Per: _____
Mayor

Per: _____
Chief Administrative Officer

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SCHEDULE "A"

Alberta Beach will provide "Community Peace Officer", "Bylaw Enforcement" and "Animal Control" services to the Summer Village of Sunset Point on a cost sharing basis. The cost sharing shall be based 50% on population stat percentages and 50% on parcel count percentages (of the trivillage municipalities). The cost sharing will be based on the patrol department 2023 estimated budget of \$139,500.00 less contracted revenue.

The following sums are due and payable by the Summer Village of Sunset Point to Alberta Beach for "Community Peace Officer", "Bylaw Enforcement" and "Animal Control" services on the dates specified:

2023

Fee for service	\$25,807.00
Due	Quarterly upon receipt of invoice

7.0 B. Budget**Recommendation:**

That Council approves the 2023-2025 Operating Budget as Presented

That Council Approves the 2023-2025 Capital Budget as Presented.

Background.

Administration has prepared a drafted 2023 Budget based on the projects and potential studies council as a whole or individual elected officials have inquired about. Currently the Budget has approximately a 27000 deficit. This will result in approximately a \$32.00 tax increase for every \$100,000 in assessment when based on last years Mill rates. This Budget will allow for \$33,000 to be placed directly into reserves.

Project	Cost
Community Viability Engagement Study	\$25,000
Increase in Road Maintenance	23000
General Reserves	\$18000
Road Maintenance	\$12,500
Capital Road Reserve	\$15,000
Support to LSAC Chip Seal	\$17,000

7.0 C Federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program

Recommendation:

That Council xxx

Background.

Administration is wondering if Council would like it to submit a Grant Application for the Federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program. Documentation Attached.

Dear CAO/Settlement Administrator/Administrator:

On December 5, 2022, Infrastructure Canada announced the second intake for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program. Applications for the large retrofit and new build projects stream can be submitted until February 28, 2023.

I am pleased to advise you that the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program is open to the following:

- municipalities, local, or regional governments;
- provinces and territories;
- Indigenous governing bodies, not-for-profits whose primary mandate is to serve Indigenous Peoples, and not-for-profit Indigenous development corporations;
- public sector bodies established by a provincial or territorial statute, a regulation, or wholly owned by a provincial, territorial, municipal, or regional government; and
- federally or provincially incorporated non-profit organizations and registered charities.

Projects eligible for funding include retrofits, repairs, and upgrades to existing community buildings, and the construction of new community buildings that range in size from \$3 million to \$25 million in total eligible costs. Projects must be primarily for public use and provide a community service. The following community buildings/assets are eligible:

- community culture, and recreation facilities;
- community health and wellness facilities;
- Indigenous health and social infrastructure facilities; and
- Indigenous education facilities.

If you are interested in applying for funding under this program, additional details are available at www.infrastructure.gc.ca/gicb-bcvi/index-eng, or by email at gicbp-pbcvi@infc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

8.0 Committee Reports
A. Councillor Reports

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the Committee Reports for information.

Background.

9.0 CAO Reports

A. CAO Action List

Recommendation: That Council accepts the Update for information.

Background

Topic	Status
Cheques	Completed
Completed 1 tax certificates	Completed
Tax Rate Bylaw	completed
Bank Reconciliation	Ongoing
Reviewed Road Capital Plan	Completed

Cheques	completed
General Inquiries	completed
update ASP and LUB	Ongoing
work with Blackfly on water act approvla	Ongoing
Seek Assessor Replacement	completed
Review ACP APPLICATION	Completed
Tax Payments	completed
Year End	Ongoing
Contact Auditor	completed
Budget Amendments	Ongoing
Tax Penalties.	Ongoing
Prep for new year	completed
Review 2 development Permits	Ongoing
Draft Wild Water Policy	Ongoing
Review Bylaw Completeness	Ongoing

9.0B CAO Contract

Recommendation: That Council authorizes the Mayor to Sign the revised CAO Agreement.

Background

10.0 Response to Delegations

February 1st 2023

Summer Village of Sunset Point

11.0 Additional items

February 1st 2023

Summer Village of Sunset Point

12.0 Correspondence

Town of Bonaccord

Recommendation

That Council accepts the Correspondence for information.

Background

See attached

January 12th, 2023

The Honourable Jason Copping
Minister of Health
204, 10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

VIA EMAIL health.minister@gov.ab.ca

Re: Ambulance Crisis

Dear Minister Copping:

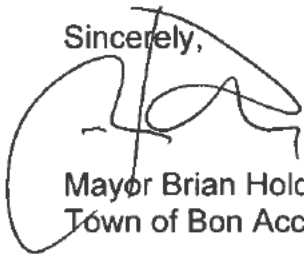
At the Regular Bon Accord Council Meeting on December 6, 2022, Council received a copy of correspondence from the Town of Ponoka to the Ministry of Health requesting support for their local fire department as first responders for emergency ambulance calls. Bon Accord Town Council fully stand with Ponoka in support of their request for better delivery of ambulance services across the province.

The incidents described in the letter show that ambulance service for rural Albertans is in severe crisis. What steps are being taken to remedy this detrimental situation for our communities? As Canadians, our section 7 Charter right to life, liberty, and security of person should be top priority. The current state of our ambulance service, or lack thereof, affirms instead that these rights hang in the balance.

These incidents, and others across the province, also show the value local fire departments bring to our communities. The lack of adequate ambulance service is placing unfair stress and expectations on volunteer firefighters and further putting the health and safety of Albertans in jeopardy.

These community volunteers and our communities deserve better. We hope your Ministry will make positive changes moving forward to uplift our communities during these difficult times.

Sincerely,



Mayor Brian Holden
Town of Bon Accord

cc: Premier Danielle Smith
Rachel Notley, Leader of the Opposition
Alberta Municipalities
Dale Nally, MLA – Morinville-St. Albert
Pat Mahoney, Fire Chief – Town of Bon Accord