

**November 13, 2013**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Council of the Village of Canwood, held in the Village Office on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor Susan Hansen, Councillors: Dale Piprell, John Johnson and Brian Wiwcharuk. Administrator: Lisa Quessy.

- 167-13 **Hansen** - that the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented. Carried
- 168-13 **Johnson** - that the water report for the month of October, 2013 be accepted as presented. Carried
- 169-13 **Thompson** - that the Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliation and list of accounts for approval for the month of October be accepted as presented. Carried
- 170-13 **Piprell** - that the correspondence be noted and filed:
- Matt Maess – Sewer Line Repair
  - Gord Krismer – Changes for Board of revision Service for 2014
  - Shellbrook Municipal Office/Dr. Recruitment – Invitation for Supper/Dance for Christmas (alternative to own Christmas Party).
  - NCTPC Transportation Plan 2013 Presentation
  - Rawlco Radio – Christmas Cocktail Party, Monday Nov. 18
  - Sgt. C.J. Dinsdale – Report
  - CUPW-STTP – re: The future of Canada Post
  - Jordan Sipes – Request for Donation
  - NCTPC – Meeting Minutes Aug. 1, 2013
  - Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport – re: registration for Community Rink Affordability Grant
  - SUMA 2014 Conference – Feb. 2 (Sunday) – Feb. 5 (Wednesday), Regina
  - EPO Waterworks Inspection Report
- Carried
- 171-13 **Thompson** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood resolves as follows:  
WHEREAS the federal government will look at how it handles public postage services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.  
WHEREAS the public has a right to have input on matters involving its publicly owned post office.  
WHEREAS the current Charter has a number of serious problems that need fixing.  
WHEREAS the government could use the Charter review to reduce our public post office's obligation to provide service (instead of improving the



Charter) and even lay the groundwork for privatizing or deregulating Canada Post.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Canwood write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request 1) that the upcoming review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter be open to public input and 2) that the Charter be improved by:

- Ensuring that the moratorium on post office closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices
- Eliminating the exceptions to the moratorium
- Extending the consultation process over possible closures and making the process and moratorium more transparent
- Establishing an independent Canada Post ombudsperson to report on Canada Post's performance in meeting Charter expectations.
- Establishing a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network (closures, downsizing, removal of rural mailboxes, etc), but only after consultation with the public and other stakeholders.

Carried

172-13 **Johnson**

- That the Council for the Village of Canwood resolves as follows:  
WHEREAS the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014.

WHEREAS Canada Post is preparing for the review by campaigning for major service cuts.

WHEREAS Canada Post has already dramatically cut service by closing or downsizing public post offices, eliminating rural mailbox delivery and removing street letter collection boxes.

WHEREAS Canada Post and the federal government should do everything in its power to prevent additional cuts during the upcoming review, and instead deal with financial issues by adding revenue-generating services like many other post offices around the world, including lucrative financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Canwood write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request that the government consider innovative ways to generate postal revenue during the Charter review, including financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking.

Carried

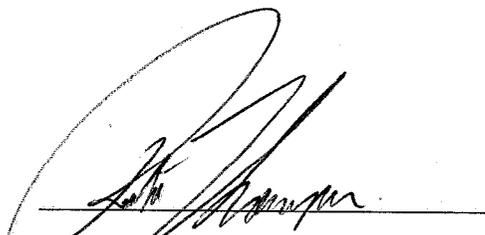
173-13 **Thompson**

- That the Council for the Village of Canwood hereby authorizes the Administrator and any members of council that may be available, to attend the 2014 SUMA Convention in Regina February 2 – 5, 2014.

Carried

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- 174-13 **Johnson** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood agrees to hold their Christmas Party on Friday, January 10, 2014 for the previous 2 year's employees and council members.  
Carried
- 175-13 **Wiwcharuk** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood agrees to purchase a "Thank You" give for the Canwood Senior's Group for their great work on the planters.  
Carried
- 176-13 **Piprell** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood agrees to cancel the landline telephone line that is in the Maintenance Shop as it is very seldom used and is just an added expense.  
Carried
- 177-13 **Hansen** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood agrees to write a letter to Spotlight Hospitality Inc. regarding the garbage/mess issues in front of the hotel. As this issue seems to be ongoing and has not been resolved by requesting that more of an effort be made to clean the street in front of the hotel, council will monitor the issue and when there is excessive garbage and broken glass in front of the building, we will clean it up and bill him accordingly. Every incident will be documented accordingly (pictures).  
Carried
- 178-13 **Thompson** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood agrees to close the office on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 and Thursday, January 2, 2013.  
Carried
- 179-13 **Wiwcharuk** - That the Council for the Village of Canwood agrees to pay the accounts as presented.
- 180-13 **Thompson** - That the next regular meeting date for the council of the Village of Canwood be set for Wednesday, December 11, 2013.  
Carried
- 181-13 **Thompson** - That the meeting be adjourned at 9:38 p.m.  
Carried



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Mayor



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Administrator