

**TOWN OF ASQUITH
REGULAR MEETING**

June 12, 2025

The Council of the Town of Asquith held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 12th, 2025, at the Asquith Seniors Centre, 515 Main Street.

Present was: Mayor Jackie Stobbe, Councillors Pete Heck, Colleen Hobman, Jodi Nehring, Chase Theisen and Jeremy Wolfe, Administrator Kaila Montgomerie and Foreman Dylan Desrosiers.

Absent was: Councillor Darcy Stack

The meeting was called to order at 6:55P.M. by Mayor Stobbe.

Minutes

78/25
Nehring That the May 21st, 2025, regular meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

None.

Financial Statements

79/25
Theisen That May financials and bank reconciliations be accepted as presented.

Carried

80/25
Wolfe That May accounts paid in the amount of \$26,383.08 and June accounts payable in the amount of \$80,244.37 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Correspondence

1. Letter from CPAA asking for support in preventing the potential closure of rural post offices.
2. Letter from the Asquith Baptist Church requesting signage to remind motorists that children are at play on the lawn in front of the church on Main Street.
3. Email from Plant Based Treaty requesting Council endorse their treaty and develop a plant-based action plan.
4. Letter from the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers thanking Council for their past support and inquiring about Asquith's participation in this year's Crime Prevention Guide.
5. Email from MuniSoft informing Council that Asquith won their charity prize draw for June which provides \$400.00 to be allocated to a local organization of Council's choice.

Unfinished Business

Sign for Ryan Rousell

81/25
Hobman That any debate or motion regarding a sign recognizing local athlete Ryan Rousell be postponed until Council receives a response from the Rousell family.

Carried

Walking Path Litigation

82/25
Theisen That the litigation against Maple Ridge Rubber for breach of contract regarding the walking path be discontinued due to the unlikelihood of recovering funds.

Carried

Pest Control Officer

83/25
Nehring That the position of local pest control officer be left vacant and further that the District #22 Joint Rat Committee continue to provide rat control services.

Carried

Business Licence Bylaw Review

84/25
Theisen That any debate or motion regarding the Business Licence Bylaw be postponed until the November 2025 Regular Meeting.

Carried

7:48P.M. Councillor Nehring declared a conflict of interest regarding the next item on the agenda and left the building. The conflict is due to her husband submitting a tender for lease of Parcel B Plan F1840.

85/25
Theisen
Lease of Parcel B Plan F1840
WHEREAS one tender was received to lease the property known as Parcel B Plan F1840 in response to the request for tenders which closed on May 31, 2025 and;
WHEREAS that tender was presented to Council by Administrator Montgomerie at this meeting;
Therefore, be it resolved that Jeff Burton be awarded the tender to lease the northeast portion of the parcel as indicated in the attached documents for a period of 20 years at a cost of \$500.00 per year and, be it further resolved that Administrator Montgomerie be authorized to sign the lease documents with Mr. Burton and, be it further resolved that John Maskwa may continue to cut and retain the grasses from the remaining portion of the parcel.
Carried

7:54P.M. Councillor Nehring returned to the building and resumed her seat at the table.

86/25
Heck
New Business
Education Property Tax Mill Rates
Be it resolved that Council acknowledges the Education Property Tax Mill Rates to be levied with respect to every school division and property class for the 2025 taxation year are as follows:

Agricultural Property	1.07 mills
Residential Property	4.27 mills
Commercial/Industrial Property	6.37 mills
Resource Property	7.49 mills

Carried

87/25
Wolfe
Municipal Property Tax Mill Rate
That the Municipal Property Tax Mill Rate be set at 10.7 mills for all property classes for the 2025 taxation year.
Carried

88/25
Hobman
545 Main Street
WHEREAS the property legally described as Lots 15 and 16, Block 6, Plan F1840 with a civic address of 545 Main Street, was listed for sale at \$45,000.00, and;
WHEREAS an offer to purchase for \$35,000.00 was made by Shirley Forbes; Therefore be it resolved that a counteroffer to purchase the property legally described as Lots 15 and 16, Block 6, Plan F1840 for \$40,000.00 be made to Shirley Forbes.
Carried

89/25
Wolfe
Wildfire Support
That Council authorizes the Asquith Fire Department to provide fire fighting equipment and personnel to help combat wildfires in the province.
Carried

90/25
Theisen
115 Railway Avenue West
WHEREAS the property legally described as Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 2, Plan F1840 with a civic address of 115 Railway Avenue West, was listed for sale at \$25,000.00, and;
WHEREAS an offer to purchase for \$15,000.00 was made by Jack and Robyn Magera;
Therefore be it resolved that a counteroffer to purchase the property legally described as Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 2, Plan F1840 for \$20,000.00 be made to Jack & Robyn Magera.
Carried

<p>91/25 Theisen</p>	<p><u>Casual Labour Rate</u> That the hourly rate paid by the Town of Asquith for casual labour be set at \$20.00 per hour.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>92/25 Nehring</p>	<p><u>Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest</u> WHEREAS the Town of Asquith <i>Code of Ethics Bylaw No. 3-2016</i> provides basic ethical standards and values for members of council, and; WHEREAS it is to be used to guide members of council respecting what their obligations are when fulfilling their duties and responsibilities as elected officials, and; WHEREAS council must adhere to Part VII of <i>The Municipalities Act</i> regarding conflicts of interest; Therefore be it resolved that council has once again read and confirmed their understanding of <i>The Code of Ethics Bylaw No. 3-2016</i> and Part VII of <i>The Municipalities Act</i> at this meeting.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>93/25 Heck</p>	<p><u>Canada Day</u> That Bob Hounjet be paid \$200.00 to set off the Town's fireworks display, and further that the Town rent a bouncy castle for children to use on Canada Day.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>94/25 Theisen</p>	<p><u>Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA)</u> That Councillor Nehring draft a letter to MP Kelly Block indicating support for CPAA and Council's objection to lifting the moratorium on rural post office closures.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>95/25 Nehring</p>	<p><u>Asquith Baptist Church</u> That the Asquith Baptist Church be informed of Council's intention to provide signage reminding motorists that children are at play on Main Street, and further that such signs be purchased and installed.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>96/25 Theisen</p>	<p><u>Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers (SFPO)</u> That advertising in the 2025 SFPO Crime Prevention Guide be purchased at a cost of \$225.00.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>97/25 Nehring</p>	<p><u>MuniSoft Charity Draw Fund Allocation</u> That the \$400.00 provided by MuniSoft's Charity Draw be allocated to The Asquith Early Learning Centre.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>
<p>98/25 Stobbe</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u> That this meeting be adjourned at 8:47P.M.</p>
	<u>Carried</u>

Mayor

Administrator