

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 28TH, 2011

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Tuesday, June 28th, 2011, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Reeve:	Barrie Hoover
	Deputy Reeve:	Allen Avramenko
	Councillors:	Murray Marshall, Norman Stanger and Bob Sargent
	Staff:	CAO R. Rawlusyk
		Project Manager M. Kreke
		Recording Secretary S. Bremer

The Starland County Road Tour date was changed to Wednesday, July 13th, 2011, commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Moved that the minutes of the June 14th, 2011 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillors Sargent and Deputy Reeve Avramenko checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

Moved that accounts (cheque no. 32799 to 32887 inclusive) totalling \$296,578.29, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Administrative Officer Ross Rawlusyk reviewed his CAO Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Matthew and Ross attended a project update meeting with Stantec Consulting with regards to the web based GIS application software and noted that Stantec is preparing to do the integration with Gemini Positioning Systems to add the vehicle tracking component to the software.
- He noted that the Administration Office construction is progressing at or near a schedule that will allow for completion by December 31st of this year. At the recent project update meeting all the wiring for the computer and communications equipment was reviewed and some upgrades will be necessary to accommodate for present and future needs.
- The AAMDC are conducting their annual municipal compensation survey and we have until August 31, 2011 to complete the required information and return same.
- The tax notices have been prepared and are ready for mailing. The mail strike caused some concern as it is legislated that assessment notices must be sent no later than July 1 of each year. However, workers have been ruled back to work and we can deliver the notices to the post office as of today's date.
- Ross participated in carrying out detailed on-site inspections of two of the ANI's facilities for the insurance program as well as an on-site inspection of one of the work sites for the Starland Safety Program.

A Public Works Report was not available, however, CAO Rawlusyk noted that the wet weather has somewhat hindered the public works operations, including gravelling.

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the Municipal Services Report with Council as prepared by Manager Riep. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The previous break on the CLV line had to be repaired again but is back in operation now.
- Canadian Pipelines were finally able to repair the line break east of Morrin.
- Invitational bids are being accepted by MPE Engineering for the installation of the meter vault and apparatus for the Starland/Stettler or Craigmyle North water transmission line. This valve and meter station at the county boundary will allow us better control and monitoring of what is happening on the line.
- Flood warning updates have been coming in daily, even hourly each day over the last while as the rain fall in the southern and central parts of the province and mountain areas has caused many of the rivers to swell.

- He noted that the Regional Disaster Committee needs to meet with regards to the ongoing development of our regional plan.
- The Rumsey Lift Station has experienced some major equipment failure and the station had to be manually operated over the weekend until the floats and controls could be repaired by a technician.
- Copies of the recent fire newsletter were distributed and it also includes an invitation to the annual fire appreciation dinner on July 19th, 2011 at the Starland Recreation Area. Fire and Council members and spouses are invited to attend this social evening.

At 11:25 a.m., Mr. Ozzie Sheddy, from the Drumheller Mail attended the meeting. Mr. Sheddy noted that his newspaper is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year and is proud to have been the official newspaper for Starland County for over 60 years. Mr. Sheddy departed from the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

CAO Rawlusyk provided Council with an update of the ongoing construction activities of the Administration Office. In addition, information with regards to the proposed solar panels that are to be installed on the roof was reviewed. This solar array is proposed to provide 15 k/w of power and the cost is estimated at approximately \$130,000.00. Two types of panels were outlined and Council reviewed same.

Moved that Starland County approve the proposal as outlined by Goose Creek Renewable Energy Inc.; that this approval be for the installation of the proposed Sharp Solar panels on the roof of the Administration Office; and that the proposed array be large enough to provide approximately 15 k/w of power.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Administrative Officer Rawlusyk reviewed an addendum received for the Rowley Sidewalk Replacement Tender. This addendum provides for certain revisions to the Tender Documents, including the closing date which has been changed to July 12th, 2011 at 2:01 p.m.

CAO Rawlusyk recommended to Council that we make arrangements for interim financing or short term borrowing in the amount of \$5 million for 2011 to ensure that we have adequate borrowing room until the end of September.

Moved that Starland County establish Borrowing Bylaw No. 1104, to authorize the County to borrow funds on a short term basis in 2011, from the Morrin Branch of the Mountain View Credit Union.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that Bylaw No. 1104, a bylaw to authorize the County to borrow funds on a short term basis in 2011, from the Morrin Branch of the Mountain View Credit Union be given First Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that Bylaw No. 1104 be given Second Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that Bylaw No. 1104 be presented for Third Reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that Bylaw No. 1104, a bylaw to authorize the County to borrow funds on a short term basis in 2011, from the Morrin Branch of the Mountain View Credit Union be given Third and Final Reading and Finally Passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the *Application for Disaster Recovery Assistance* which Starland County submitted to Alberta Emergency Management Agency for assistance with the costs incurred due to flooding damage this spring.

Correspondence was received with regards to the Emergency Public Warning System (EPWS) which is transitioning to the Alberta Emergency Alert, which is the enhanced public alerting system. The new process will take effect June 28th, 2011, however, the EPWS will remain operational until October 1, 2011.

At 1:30 p.m., Councillor Stanger departed from the meeting.

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the proposed amendment to the Recreation Area Regulation (198/2004) received from Alberta Health and Wellness. This regulation provides clarification which is needed with regards to potable water requirements for recreation areas and to provide options for operators.

Chief Administrative Officer Rawlusyk reviewed a proposed amending bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1064 by redesignating a portion of the S ½ of the NE 1/4 of 1-32-19-W4M, from the "A" Agricultural District to the "CR" Country Residential District. The applicant, Alfred Trentham, received a conditional subdivision approval which includes a condition of reclassification as a subdivision condition. Mr. Trentham has indicated that the purpose of his application is to allow for the permitting of a residence on the property that was previously subdivided into an 80 acre parcel.

Moved that Starland County establish Amending Bylaw No. 1105, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1064, to redesignate a portion of the S1/2 of the NE 1/4 1-32-19-W4M, from the "A" Agricultural District to the "CR" Country Residential District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that Amending Bylaw No. 1105, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1064, to redesignate a portion of the S½ of the NE 1/4 1-32-19-W4M, from the "A" Agricultural District to the "CR" Country Residential District be given First Reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that a Public Hearing in regards to this proposed Amending Bylaw No. 1105, be scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th, 2011, commencing at 11:00 a.m., in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Palliser Regional Municipal Services provided Council with a copy of their Annual Report for 2011.

Each of the Councillors present briefly reported on the various committees to which they are appointed.

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Contact Newsletter (1 issue)

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Tuesday, July 12th, 2011, commencing at 9:00 a.m.