

STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 28TH, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, October 28th, 2015, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover
Deputy Reeve: Allen Avramenko
Councillors: Murray Marshall, Bob Sargent and
Steven Wannstrom
Staff: CAO R. Rawlusk
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke
Recording Secretary S. Bremer

C15-169 Approval of Minutes

[C15-169] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the October 14th, 2015 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

Accounts Checked

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillors Marshall and Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C15-170 Approval of Accounts

[C15-170] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 41581 to 41643 inclusive) totalling \$478,070.99, be approved for payment.

Attendance of PWS Pratt & PW Report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 10:25 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Crews have been hauling sand from the Moench Pit to the County yard to store in the metal shed.
- Crews finished removing the hazardous playground equipment at the Rumsey playground and repaired the benches.
- They have removed over half of the beaver dam at BF 76586 with the hydrovac and will use a backhoe to do the rest.
- They built a gravel pad and cemented in a post beside the fuel tanks in the county yard.
- Bridge maintenance is underway.
- Crews have completed some culvert replacements and extensions.
- Besides regular maintenance work, Buck has been doing quite a bit of welding on various equipment.
- Kevin is now attending his first year of his heavy duty mechanics apprenticeship course and Thomas will be challenging his 4th year exam on November 19th, 2015.
- The 2015 gravel program is now complete with 195 miles of regular gravelling plus 89 miles of add-ons.

10-Year Road Program

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the proposed 10-year Road Construction Program with Council. He reviewed recommendations received from Stantec Consulting, together with staff recommendations for future road construction projects. He also reviewed construction averages, showing average costs per mile and average construction days per year.

Departure of PWS Pratt

At 11:40 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

AB Solar Co-op
Development

In the absence of Economic Development Officer, Jordan Webber, Special Projects Manager Kreke discussed information in regards to the Alberta Solar Co-op Development or Alberta Renewable Energy Investment Cooperative (AREIC). The solar project proposed for Starland County will be Alberta's first larger scale cooperative renewable energy project. Starland County has been requested to be an official board member, sitting on the board as a founding board member, with Jordan Webber representing the County in this capacity. The County would be asked to make a \$10,000 contribution to this project along with all the other founding board members. In addition, they have requested the County to provide a long term low cost lease on the land for this project. It is felt that if they can ensure a low cost of land, the other components of the project have been vetted to understand that the project is feasible and profitable to investors. It was noted that the contribution of land by Starland County could be remunerated in share value.

CAO Report

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

- The Provincial Budget was presented on October 27th. In general terms, the budget has three key priorities that include stabilizing frontline public services for health care, education and social services; setting out a prudent path for a return to a balanced budget; and stimulating job creation, economic growth and diversification. He noted that there appears to be a commitment to municipalities with funding for municipal infrastructure, water and wastewater management, community facilities and increased funding for the MSI program. In addition, the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program has been restored with a new \$100 million commitment for local roads, bridges and community airports. The downside is that there will be more debt provincially and increased income tax rates and insurance premiums.
- Jordan Webber has been working on the development of Alberta's first community owned solar farm. The project has two big advantages over private venture solar developments. First, the project will be community owned, so there is an opportunity to direct your TFSA or RRSP investments into a local project. Secondly, the project is built on the cooperative model and investors are also members of the governance team where one member gets one vote. An information meeting will be held in Delia on October 29th, 2015.
- Ross noted that with the purchase of our new Caterpillar graders, we are eligible for a program called guaranteed fuel burn rate. This will give us an opportunity to have a better understanding how fuel consumption might vary and what our total consumption is by unit.
- On October 23rd, 2015 Ross and Shirley met with Jubilee Insurance representatives to discuss the insurance of our Additional Named Insured organizations. They suggested three possibilities to reduce premiums for the ANI's and agreed to meet with the policy holders in the near future to discuss these options.
- The Man Van was in Morrin on October 19th and 47 local men took the opportunity to get checked for PSA.
- Congratulations to Kevin Sorenson who was re-elected as our Member of Parliament.
- We now have a new Minister of Municipal Affairs in Alberta. Danielle Larivee was appointed as the new Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Service Alberta recently.
- Our 2009 International Truck mysteriously burned while parked in the County yard, on Friday, October 23rd. Our insurance company will investigate this incident to try and determine what happened to cause the fire.

Attendance of
Manager Riep &
Municipal Services
Report

At 1:35 p.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- His crew has been working on some clean-up work around the sites as they winterize everything. The irrigation systems require flushing and purging of the lines before freeze up.
- They continue to work at overhauling some of the equipment in the Midland and Munson booster stations that were found during the recent water problems.
- MPE was out to get the SCADA working again and look at getting the alarms redirected in order to receive notification when problems are occurring in the Midland and Munson stations.
- Crews are working on a couple of water leaks that were reported. One on the Craigmyle line and one on the Morning Glory line.
- Glen is working with the Village of Morrin on some proposed upgrades and modifications within their water plant to make the system operationally compliant and maintain a reliable water supply to the Village and County. The upgrades include inclusion of a backup power supply or Genset that will keep the entire plant operational during any power interruptions or prolonged outages.
- Upgrades to the pumps will enhance capabilities for fire protection within the Village and operations of the rural water transfer system as well.
- Glen met with Rick Dunsmore of Goose Creek Renewable Energy Inc. with regards to apparatus going into the CLV station. Rick reported that he intends to complete the solar panel racking and installation within the next few weeks. The trailer unit appears to be complete and ready to be commissioned for service and Glen plans to make arrangements for the unit to be picked up so they can test it onsite.
- Glen received a proposal from Nu Edge Construction on the water projects that have been identified as priorities to get done. The cost is substantially higher than anticipated and will require some deliberation and modification on how and when to proceed with some of this work.
- The "Pumper A" and "Emergency Vehicle Training" course will be completed this weekend in Drumheller.
- The Rumsey fire truck is proceeding along with the final decals and final work being completed. Delivery is still expected in early December.
- Glen will be attending the RUSA Conference in Red Deer from November 30th to December 3rd, 2015.

Water Pipeline
Connection Tender

Council further reviewed the proposal received from Nu Edge Construction Ltd. to install a few short water pipeline connections. The total tender was in the amount of \$405,524.00, which was substantially higher than anticipated.

Departure of
Manager Riep

At 2:15 p.m., Manager Riep departed from the meeting.

Land Acquisition
Policy No. 320-2

CAO Rawlusk reviewed a draft revision of Starland County Policy No. 320-2, the Land Acquisition Policy. Clarification was needed in the calculation of land acquisition rates and this draft revision outlines the procedure of determining these calculations.

C15-171
Approval of
Amendments to
Land Acquisition
Policy 320-2

[C15-171] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Land Acquisition Policy No. 320-2 be approved as amended, with the clarification for the calculation of land acquisition rates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AAMDC re: Fall Convention

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties with regards to the upcoming Fall Convention. They included the 2014-2015 Financial Statements for the AAMDC, Jubilee Insurance and Prairie Fuel Advisor Ltd.; a summary of the executive per diem and expenses and a Draft Fall Convention Agenda. In addition, a Member Bulletin announcing a reception for the AAMDC elected members and Members of Alberta's Legislature to come together to discuss issues important to rural Alberta is to be held on Monday, November 9th, 2015 at the Shaw Conference Centre.

Brownlee Emerging Trends Seminar

The Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends Seminar is to be held on February 11th, 2016 at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Calgary, Alberta.

C15-172
Authorization to attend Emerging Trends Seminar

[C15-172] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that all Council Members and Senior Administrative Staff be authorized to attend the Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends Seminar on Thursday, February 11th, 2016 at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Calgary, Alberta; and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Marigold Library

Correspondence was received from the Marigold Library System, providing their 2016 Budget Estimates as well as the Marigold Report.

Central Alberta Travel Guide

CAO Rawluyk reviewed an advertising opportunity with the Central Alberta Business Magazine. They also have a tourism magazine that may be of more interest to the County.

C15-173
Authorization to advertise in Central Alberta Travel Guide

[C15-173] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County place a tourism advertisement in the East Central Alberta Review Travel Guide for 2016.

MOTION CARRIED.

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance re: Membership

Correspondence was received from the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) requesting the County's support of \$0.50 per capita for their organization.

C15-174
Membership in Red Deer River Watershed Alliance

[C15-174] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County agree to support the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance by making payment of \$0.50 per capita or \$1,035.50 in total.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Reports

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

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Royal Canadian Mounted Police re: New District Officer for Southern Alberta RCMP - Frank Smart
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Member Bulletin - Deadline Approaching to Provide Input into the Mental Health Review
 - Member Bulletin - Municipal Resource Handbook Updates to be Provided Electronically
 - Contact Newsletter (1 issue)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 41581	\$	11,135.56
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 41582		50.87
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 41583		278.30

Sub-Total:

\$ 11,464.73

A & D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 41584	\$	1,245.20
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER	CK# 41585		245.90
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 41586		395.93
AAMDC	CK# 41587		30,635.80
AMHSA	CK# 41588		63.00
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 41589		1,758.14
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 41590		5,666.43
AWARE 360 LTD.	CK# 41591		144.06
BARRON, FRANCIS	CK# 41592		502.50
BRAND ALLIANCE INC.	CK# 41593		497.87
BRIDGEMEN SERVICES LTD.	CK# 41594		30,800.18
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 41595		150.00
CALON, DARÁ	CK# 41596		112.27
CRAIGMYLE VOLUNTEER FIRE	CK# 41597		1,000.00
DALTON, NORMA G.	CK# 41598		47,320.00
DELIA EXTREME SPORTS CAMP	CK# 41599		1,700.00
DEVALERIOLA, CHERYL	CK# 41600		1,048.00
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 41601		444.59
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 41602		134.17
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 41603		146.81
ENMAX	CK# 41604		5,119.02
FAMILY SERVICES OF CENTRAL AB	CK# 41605		100.00
FORT GARRY FIRE TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 41606		107,716.35
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 41607		83.88
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 41608		290.10
H & H HUXTED ENT. LTD.	CK# 41609		278.88
HANNA BUILDING SUPPLIES	CK# 41610		3,920.53
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 41611		665.65
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 41612		296.62
LAPP	CK# 41613		23,048.72
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 41614		228.02
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 41615		3,931.58
MORRIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	CK# 41616		400.00
MORROW, KENNETH J.	CK# 41617		2,000.00
NORTRUX	CK# 41618		2,098.54
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 41619		304.50
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 41620		1,137.15
PULOLATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 41621		40.68
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 41622		55,208.58
ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT INC.	CK# 41623		7,894.29
RUMSEY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE	CK# 41624		1,000.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 41625		796.37
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 41626		68,287.28
SRWA	CK# 41627		868.28
TANAS CONCRETE INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 41628		3,391.50
TQA NORTH	CK# 41629		21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41630		398.12
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 41631		1,121.89
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 41632		31.50
THE JACK FENCING OUTFIT	CK# 41633		8,594.25
TURRIS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	CK# 41634		270.22
VALLEY AUTO RECYCLERS LTD.	CK# 41635		209.91
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 41636		9,800.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 41637		10,300.00
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 41638		9,800.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 41639		412.24
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 41640		480.00

