

STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 13TH, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Present:	Reeve:	Barrie Hoover
	Deputy Reeve:	Allen Avramenko
	Councillors:	Bob Sargent, Steve Wannstrom and Murray Marshall
	Staff:	CAO Ross Rawlusk Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

C16-001 Approval of the Minutes

[C16-001] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the December 9th, 2015 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

Councillor Wannstrom and Deputy Reeve Avramenko checked accounts with administrative assistant Heather Flaman.

C16-002 Approval of the Accounts

[C16-002] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that accounts (cheque no. 41974 to 41994 inclusive) totalling \$115,340.35, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Statement

CAO Ross Rawlusk reviewed the Financial Statement for the Month ending November 30th, 2015 with Council.

C16-003 Approval of Financial Statement

[C16-003] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the financial statement for the month ended November 30th, 2015 be approved as reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- The Farm and Ranch Worker Safety Legislation was passed in December 2015 with the key changes being the inclusion of farm workers in the mandatory WCB insurance program as well their inclusion in the OH&S Code. Many of the details are yet to come as the province plans to draft agricultural industry specific technical specifications over the next 18 months. Starland County will be involved in reviewing and commenting on the proposed code changes.
- Matthew has drafted a resolution for the upcoming spring conference addressing the government's ongoing pattern of introducing major legislation with none of the supporting regulations being introduced at the same time. The resolution asks the government to introduce legislation requiring that all delegated legislation required by a new or amending piece of legislation be introduced for review before the final passage of the bill.
- On January 5th he met with Jason Atkinson from Enmax regarding a potential expansion of their low cost solar purchase/lease program into Starland County. Ross noted that the combination of our program with theirs could be very positive

for our farmers and residents.

- Starland County will be hosting the CAAMDC Zone Meeting on Friday, February 5th at the Delia Community Hall and we are pleased to note Fortis will be sponsoring the event.
- He noted that although Starland does have a very high rate of tax payment we do have quite a few properties listed for tax sale this year. The final notices were mailed out on January 11th.
- The ASB will be holding a Solar Workshop on February 23rd at the Badlands Community Facility in Drumheller.
- Assessment Review Board training has been scheduled for Council Members and staff.
- Prairie Land School Division is looking to partner on the purchase of outdoor exercise equipment for local schools.
- Meaghan Peters has been selected as the District Two recipient of the 2015 AAMDC Scholarship.

Attendance of PW
Supervisor Pratt
and PW Report

At 10:20 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Al Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The Public Works crew has been busy with a number of activities including cutting trees and firewood, plowing and sanding the light oil roads, taking in the BBQ for servicing and helping with inventory;
- Grader Operators have been plowing roads when needed and brushing with unit #96;
- Buck has been doing regular maintenance on the light duty fleet, and has had some trouble finding an oil cooler for Delia's Rescue Unit;
- Kevin has returned after 8 weeks at college and he and Thomas have been doing regular maintenance on the heavy duty fleet;
- Tom has been doing CVIPs on county vehicles and has announced he will be retiring at the end of January 2016;
- Brenda has been dealing with a few permits as well as dog complaints and daily patrols around the County;
- Al has been working on the 5 year capital budget, talking to salesman, doing paperwork, ordering signs and going through resumes.

Federal Gas Tax
Fund

Approval was received from Municipal Affairs for project funding for the culvert replacement on Range Road 19-3, Bridge File 7701 in the amount of \$110,320.00. The funding assistance is provided through the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

Morrin Bridge
Replacement Boat
Launch

A final design report for the Morrin Bridge Replacement Boat Launch from Alberta Transportation was received. This addition was agreed to in compensation for the removal of existing Starland County facilities. A camp kitchen and restroom facilities are also forthcoming.

2016 AAMDC
Spring Convention

A draft program as well as accommodations for the 2016 AAMDC Spring Convention were presented to Council.

Departure

At 10:55 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of
Justin Hill of PRMS

At 11:00 a.m. Justin Hill of Palliser Regional Municipal Services attended the meeting and discussed the new drone unit PRMS purchased and its potential applications in Starland County.

Departure

At 12:15 Justin Hill departed from the meeting.

C16-004
Resolution on
Oversight of
Delegated
Legislation

[C16-004] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the Council of Starland County pass a Resolution on *Improving Oversight of Delegated Legislation* asking the AAMDC to lobby the Government of Alberta to enact a legislative requirement that all delegated legislation including regulations, orders in council, ministerial orders and codes, that are essential to the implementation of new or amending legislation, be submitted for review to the public and the legislature before final reading of the enabling legislation takes place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Municipal Services
Report

CAO Ross Rawlusk presented the Municipal Services Report as submitted by Municipal Services Manager Glen Riep. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Water Services has been working on several waterline repairs including one that required directional drilling. A Rumsey water well failed which required replacement of a pump. The Rowley truck fill station is currently down caused by a failure of the mechanical seals. This problem may require a modification of the existing design to prevent reoccurrence. The service to the Redding property was installed by NU Edge construction before Christmas however there is a leak already detected from the meter vault;
- The Rumsey Fire Truck is completed and ready for delivery and he is looking to schedule a training session on the unit in Red Deer this month;
- During a power outage in the Morrin area the utilities crew attempted to re-energize the main office using the backup generator however the test failed and further rewiring of the backup generator was required. The unit is now functioning properly and a list of circuits to be shut down in the event of a power outage in order to have an adequate base load will be defined going forward.

Tax Sale

Council was presented with a copy of the Tax Sale advertisement from the December 31, 2015 Alberta Gazette. Additionally they were presented with a list of upset bids to be placed on all properties.

C16-005
Tax Sale Upset
Bids

[C16-005] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County set the following upset bid prices on land offered for Tax Sale on February 10th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.:

Lot 20 & E. 1/2 21; Block 3; 7030 AW	\$191,741.00
Lot 22 & W.1/2 21; Block 3; 7030 AW	\$ 52,063.00
N.E. 1/4 19-31-15 W.4 M.	\$253,371.80
S.E. 1/4 20-31-16 W.4 M.	\$14,458.40
Ptn. S.W. 1/4 20-31-16 W.4 M.	\$146,566.20
S.E. 1/4 20-31-16 W.4 M.	\$254,304.60
N.W. 1/4 36-31-16 W.4 M.	\$124,295.60
S.W. 1/4 36-31-16 W.4 M.	\$133,157.20
N.E. 1/4 36-31-16 W.4 M.	\$169,070.00
S.E. 1/4 36-31-16 W.4 M.	\$156,127.40

The properties are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and Starland County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of service, soil conditions, land use districting, building and environmental contamination, or the ability to develop the subject lands for any intended use of the purchaser.

No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by the

County. No further information is available at the auctions regarding the land to be sold.

Terms are cash and properties may be subject to GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Rawlusk reviewed with Council a copy of the proposed and enacted Cost of Living increases from rural municipalities across the province. He noted that typically Starland County uses the November Alberta CPI percentage and that for 2015 the November CPI was 2%.

A copy of the AAMDC Issue Briefing and Environmental Scan of Farm Safety Legislation was reviewed by Council. The documents provided an in depth look at impacts of the current legislation as well as how it compares to other provincial jurisdictions.

Brownlee LLP released the agenda for the upcoming Emerging Trends Legal Seminar held at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Calgary on February 11th, 2016.

Correspondence was received from Endeavor Chartered Accountants outlining roles and responsibilities for the upcoming audit of our 2015 financial statements as well as acceptance of terms for the engagement of their firm to complete this audit.

IC16-006I MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County accept the terms of engagement for audit services as presented in Endeavor Chartered Accountants Audit Management Letter received on December 10th, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The AAMDC released a copy of the results of its survey of inter-municipal financial transfers between rural and urban municipalities. In total the survey reported that \$160,670,125.00 is being shared annually by Rural Municipalities which excludes four non-reporting Rural Municipalities.

CAO Rawlusk updated Council on the ongoing negotiations for land to be used for the construction of a Public Works Shop. Additionally a final copy of an agreement to purchase 9 acres from William and Elaine Sloan located on SE-8-31-17-4 for a total purchase price of \$45,000.00 was presented.

The Alberta First Responder Program announced the start-up of the MFR Training & Equipment Fund. The Fund will be accepting funding applications from enrolled agencies for patient care related training & equipment. The application deadline is January 31, 2016.

Municipal Affairs released new guidelines for the 2016 Alberta Community Partnership Grant and funding applications are now being accepted. The fund is divided into 5 different funding streams and focuses on planning and program development costs.

Hanna Medical Properties submitted its 2016 requisition for funding in the amount of \$7,558.52 based on \$45.14 per resident from Starland who regularly uses the clinic as identified in our 2013 Municipal Census. Ross reviewed with Council the budget for Hanna Medical Properties as submitted.

IC16-007I MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County approve funding for Hanna Medical Properties in the amount of \$7,558.52.

MOTION CARRIED.

Cost of Living

AAMDC Review of
Bill 6

Brownlee
Emerging Trends
Legal Seminar

2015 Audit

C16-006
Audit Terms

AAMDC
Inter-Municipal
Finance Survey

Land Purchase

Alberta Municipal
First Responder
Program

ACP Guidelines

Hanna Medical
Properties

C16-007
Hanna Medical
Properties

Amateur Team Grant

Amateur Team Grant funding was requested by the Delia Skating Club in the amount of \$2,000.00 for their 43 participants as per the funding formula of \$50/registered participant up to a maximum of \$2,000.00.

C16-008
Amateur Team Grant

IC16-008] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County approve Amateur Team Grant funding to the Delia Skating Club in the amount of \$2,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Marigold Library

The Marigold Library system released their November Report outlining their upcoming plans in addition to their Rumsey Community Library Plan of Service which was approved by the Board in November of 2015. The plan outlines goals and objectives for the future of the library.

SRWA

Council reviewed the draft operating budget for the Starland Regional Water Authority as well as the updated Service Agreement between Starland County and Munson (representing the Authority). The budget plans for total expenses of \$175,250.00 for 2016 with an operational surplus of \$540.00 and a \$10,000.00 contribution to capital replacement.

C16-009
SRWA Agreement

IC16-009] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County enter into a 5 year Joint Services Agreement with the Village of Munson (on behalf of the SRWA) as presented by administration for maintenance of the Booster Station located on Plan 7911281 Block 1, Lot 10 MR in Drumheller.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cemetery Buy Back

A request was received from Ray and Elaine Gordon for the County to buy back their cemetery plots located in the Craigmyle Cemetery.

C16-010
Cemetery Lot Re-purchase

IC16-010] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County purchase from Ray and Elaine Gordon Lots 4, 5, and 6; Block 44, Craigmyle Cemetery for \$267.75.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Canadian Badlands Scenic Tour

Canadian Badlands submitted a letter requesting support for the Canadian Badlands Scenic Touring Route. The route aims to connect the Royal Tyrell Museum of Palaeontology with Dinosaur Provincial Park.

Committee Reports

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

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Palliser Regional Municipal Services re: Joint Assessment Review Board Function
- ii) Alberta Municipal Affairs re: 2014 Provincial Mid-Size Oil and Gas Audit
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Member Bulletin – Submission Information for Spring 2016 Convention Resolutions
 - Contact Newsletter (4 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

AMSA	CK# 41974	831.48
ENMAX	CK# 41975	10,495.24
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 41976	213.60
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 41977	180.85
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41978	943.56

Sub-Total:	\$	12,664.73
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 41979	5,632.60
RECEIVER GNERAL OF CANADA	CK# 41980	3,338.64
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CANADA	CK# 41981	16,383.49
SUNAGRO LAND SERVICES	CK# 41982	2,221.80
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41983	260.48
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 41984	207.90
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 41985	240.10
2015 AAAF IST	CK# 41986	1,156.00

Sub-Total	\$	29,441.01
ALBERTA FAM ANIMAL CARE	CK# 41987	525.00
CALON, DARA	CK# 41988	80.85
ESRI CANADA LIMITED	CK# 41989	1,391.25
LAPP	CK# 41990	23,722.88
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 41991	35,112.50
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 41992	571.13
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 41993	8,688.75
2016 AAAF PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE	CK# 41994	4,142.25

Sub-Total	\$	73,234.61
TOTAL:	\$	\$115,340.35

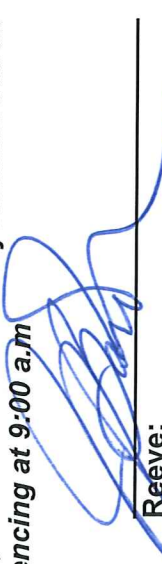
C06-011
Adjournment


IC06-0111 MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, January 27th, 2016, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m


 Reeve:
 J. Barrie Hoover


 Chief Administrative Officer:
 Ross Rawluszky