

# STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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

## Attendance

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

## C16-038 Approval of Minutes

**[C16-038] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

that the minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 Laya Montgomery.

## C16-039 Approval of the Accounts

**[C16-039] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM**

that accounts (cheque no. 42257 to 42348 inclusive) totalling \$958,686.31, be approved for payment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## CAO Report

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

- The Government of Alberta delivered the speech from the Throne on March 8<sup>th</sup> with emphasis being placed on expanding market access for Alberta oil as well as budget measures to help ease the impact of the slowdown of the oil sector on Albertans. Additionally the Government announced that the details of their clean energy strategy will be released when legislation is tabled in the summer;
- The Government of Alberta is seeking input into the development of policies to protect the interests of patients, health care workers and vulnerable individuals in response to the Supreme Court ruling that physician-assisted death will be a legal right in some cases as of June 6, 2016;
- The Delia School has been selected as one of six schools in Alberta to get a complete rebuild. The process will begin with a Value Management Assessment process that will begin in the spring of this year;
- Travel Alberta has developed a new online resource to help Tourism operators reach travellers online. Starland County will be looking into the use of this resource for our campgrounds and other tourism attractions;
- Starland County will be hosting a Farmer Pesticide Training Certificate Course at the office on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Individuals wishing to attend must pre-register;
- We are proceeding with the plan to purchase the rest of the Designation 4, Class 20 gravel from Buffalo Jump Contracting Inc. The total is 11,451 cubic meters;
- Some provincial road bans came into effect this week with the spring thaw.

Attendance of PW  
Supervisor Pratt  
and PW Report

At 10:06 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 have been busy with a number of activities including cutting trees and firewood, plowing and sanding, hauling scrap metal to Brooks, hauling gravel for ratepayers, steaming and hydro-vaccing of frozen culverts and replacing a gate at the Rumsey Transfer Site.
- Grader Operators have been graveling roads, brushing road allowances and checking frozen culverts.
- Buck has been doing regular maintenance on the light duty fleet and organizing units that need windshield replacements;
- Kevin and Thomas have been going through the road crew equipment, washing equipment and doing oil changes;
- Gary Collins started as the new Heavy Duty Mechanic on March 1<sup>st</sup> and started doing CVIPs;
- Brenda has returned to work and is dealing with dog and quad complaints and has begun talking with oil companies about lighter loads;
- Al has been getting quotes for a water truck and picker truck, doing permits with road data, going on road tours, creating a new safe work practice and attending various meetings.

Departure

At 11:00 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of MS  
Manager Riep and  
MS Report

At 11:30 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Riep attended the meeting and presented the Municipal Services Report. Highlights of his report included the following:

- For Water Operations annual pump maintenance work was done on the Craigmyle Water Plant and records were updated. There was a joint meeting amongst the Drumheller Water Users group to discuss any issues or concerns there may be. We have had 2 separate water system audits done by AENV this week. The first was on the Rumsey Water System and the second on the CLV system. The outcome of the audits will be available on the provincial website;
- The Morrin Fire Truck is progressing along and should be substantially completed this week. Delivery should occur within the next 2 weeks after which onsite training will take place;
- The Rumsey sewage lift station is under repairs, one of the 2 pumps failed and was removed and sent for repairs. The repaired unit should be returned to service this week;
- A joint Emergency Services meeting is scheduled for later this month;
- Eguana was out to commission the Solar Trailer last week, however, one inverter failed after an hour of use. All three inverters were removed for inspection. Pronghorn Electric completed installation of the inverter system for the CLV System last week and now the control panels and wiring of the battery banks are complete. Goose Creek is scheduled to be out Wednesday to commence their portion of the solar system install which includes erection of the solar panels and support structure as well as trenching and wiring.

**C16-040**  
**Disaster Forum**

**[C16-040] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT**

**that Starland County authorize council members and staff wishing to attend the 2016 Disaster Forum Conference in Banff from May 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to attend and that registration and expenses be paid.**

Departure

At 12:00 p.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2016 AAMDC  
Spring Convention

The final agenda for the Spring 2016 AAMDC Convention was reviewed with council along with updates on accommodations, resolutions and changes to Alberta Transportation consultation at the convention.

C16-041  
STIP  
Consultation

IC16-0411 MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that council and staff planning to attend the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program consultations on Tuesday March 8, 2016 be registered to attend.<sup>15,</sup>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Power Purchase  
Agreement

Council was presented with a proposal from Enmax for a renewal of our power purchase agreement for the next several years. Options for three years at \$41.03/Mwh and five years at \$48.43/Mwh were presented.

C16-042  
Power Purchase

IC16-0421 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County enter into an agreement with Enmax Energy for the purchase of power at a contract rate of \$48.43/Mwh for 60 months with a 20% allowable variance in total power purchased as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RCMP Delegation

At 1:45 p.m. Staff Sargent Grant MacDonald attended the meeting and updated Council on current structure and operations of the Drumheller RCMP detachment. He noted that detachment is expecting an increase in crime due to the deteriorating economic situation in Drumheller and Alberta.

Departure

At 3:00 p.m. Staff Sargent Grant MacDonald departed from the meeting.

Asbestos  
Abatement

A quote was received from Ross Environmental Inc. for asbestos abatement services for the Munson Community hall. The quote is for 36 working days and a total of \$86,981.55 plus GST.

C16-043  
Asbestos  
Abatement

IC16-0431 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County accept the quote from Ross Environmental Inc. for asbestos abatement services for the Munson Community Hall in the amount of \$86,981.55 plus GST.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

CN Morrin to  
Munson Sub Line

Communication was received from CN regarding the possible sale of the Morrin to Munson Sub Line, comprising 98.31 acres, for the total price of \$324,500. CN is looking for confirmation that this price would be acceptable to Starland County.

C16-044  
CN Land  
Purchase

IC16-0441 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County agree in principle to purchase 98.31 acres from Canadian National Railroad, referred to as the Morrin to Munson Sub Line, for a total price of \$324,500.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Disaster Recovery  
Payment

Confirmation was received from Alberta Disaster Recovery that a claim in the amount of \$52,570.05 was approved for work completed by Starland County for disaster recovery operations related to the Spring 2011 Flooding Disaster.

RoaData

RoaData Services submitted a detailed review of revenue generated through the TRAVIS Multi-Jurisdictional Revenue Sharing Program compared to their initial cost estimates. Based on this information they are proposing an increase in permit prices to \$20.00 per permit to compensate for lower than anticipated permit revenue.

C16-045  
Road Use Permit  
Fees

[C16-045] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County set the fee for Overload and Multi-Trip Permits to be collected through the TRAVIS permitting system at \$20.00 per permit.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Canadian Natural  
Tax Request

Canadian Natural Resources submitted a request to council to have their overall tax rate reduced by 30% to help them through the collapse in commodity prices.

Rumsey  
Community  
Library

The Rumsey Community Library is seeking a \$1,000.00 donation from Starland County to help cover rising operational costs due to the increase in the minimum wage.

C16-046  
Rumsey Library  
Donation

[C16-046] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County donate \$1,000.00 to the Rumsey Community Library for use in 2016 operations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Handhills Parade

The 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Hand Hills Stampede will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and a parade is being planned for Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. The organizing committee is looking for volunteers for the morning of the parade.

C16-047  
Handhills Parade  
Float

[C16-047] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County enter a float for the Hand Hills Stampede Parade being held on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Seniors  
Foundation

The Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation sent notice of its 2016 requisition for Starland County in the amount of \$424,270.00.

C16-048  
Requisition  
Payment

[C16-048] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County pay \$424,270.00 to the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation to cover the 2016 requisition amount.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Emergency  
Management  
Workshop

The Town of Ponoka in partnership with the Central Region AEMA is hosting an emergency management workshop at the Kinsmen Community Centre in Ponoka on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Verdant Valley Ag  
Society

The Verdant Valley Ag Society will be hosting a Horticultural Workshop on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Jim Hole scheduled as the key presenter.

Amateur Team  
Grant Funding

A request for amateur team grant funding was received from the Morrin Figure Skating Club in the amount of \$1,500.00 (30 participantsX\$50.00) for the 2016 season.

C16-049  
Amateur Team  
Grant Funding

[C16-049] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County approve Amateur Team Grant Funding for the Morrin Figure Skating Club in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2016 season.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Subdivision Approval

A request was received for an extension of the conditional approval of the subdivision application made by Bryce and Kimberly Thompson granted on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the lands located on NW 23-30-17 W4 in accordance with Section 657(6) of the Municipal Government Act.

**C16-050**  
**Amateur Team Grant Funding**

**IC16-050] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER**

that Starland County grant a one year extension of the conditional approval granted to the subdivision application submitted by Bryce and Kimberly Thompson on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the lands located on NW-23-30-17 W4.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ron Upton  
Drainage Issue

Stantec Consulting provided a report on the drainage issues present on the Ron Upton Farm located on the NE-7-34-21 W4. Mr. Upton is concerned that a scour hole which has developed along the drainage course of his farm is becoming increasingly large and unmanageable. Stantec provided a set of options for correction of the problem. They provided a list of four options including do nothing, reinforcing the drainage channel, constructing a drainage ditch from RGE RD 21-5 to the scour hole, and capping or removing the culvert on RGE RG 21-5 to divert part of the flow south. Council requested more information before Starland County proceeds with any of the suggested options.

Annual Road Tour and Planning Meeting

CAO Rawluyk presented several options for the upcoming annual road tour and public works planning meeting. Arrangements would have to be made for a bus and attendance by our Stantec contacts. The dates and times for the road tour and public works planning meeting are tentatively set for April 14<sup>th</sup> commencing at 8:30 a.m., and April 22<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 9:00 a.m., respectively.

Wage and Salary

CAO Rawluyk discussed with Council the requests made by staff at the Wage and Salary Meeting held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Some additional information was requested by Council before agreeing to a package of changes.

Committee Reports

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

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re: AAMDC Member Visit
- ii) R.P.A.P. Health Workforce for Alberta re: Alberta Health Review of Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan Possible Closure or Reduction
- iii) Kneehill County re: Kneehill Administration Office
- iv) Alberta Planning Exchange re: 2016 Annual Planning Conference and Education Session.

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	CK# 42257	13,420.75
<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$ 6,754.92</b>
AA.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 42258	220.50
A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 42259	2,525.15
AAAF	CK# 42260	500.00
AAGAARD'S UPHOLSTERY	CK# 42261	204.75
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 42262	143.03
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 42263	446.00
ALBERTA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION	CK# 42264	393.75

ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	CK# 42265	12,840.29
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 42266	10.00
ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL	CK# 42267	254.10
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 42268	81.90
ALBERTA ROADBUILDERS	CK# 42269	147.00
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 42270	3,439.04
ANCHOR GLASS	CK# 42271	239.93
ANDERSON, JEFF	CK# 42272	1,000.00
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 42273	10,597.74
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 42274	436.64
AWARE 360 LTD.	CK# 42275	1,018.50
BADLANDS COMMUNITY FACILITY	CK# 42276	484.06
BIG SKY CALL CENTERS INC.	CK# 42277	331.80
BRAND ALLIANCE INC.	CK# 42278	789.52
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 42279	778.10
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 42280	150.00
CAPITAL "I" INDUSTRIES	CK# 42281	106,050.00
CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP	CK# 42282	4,246.17
CMCC INC - E. CULLEN	CK# 42283	2,400.00
COLLINS, GARY E.	CK# 42284	161.04
DAVIDSON, DARCY	CK# 42285	1,000.00
DRUMHELLER AND DISTRICT SOLID	CK# 42286	256.90
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 42287	318.55
DRUMHELLER DISTRICT 4-H	CK# 42288	1,000.00
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 42289	260.43
EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA REVIEW	CK# 42290	186.17
ENMAX	CK# 42291	13,840.38
FINNING CANADA	CK# 42292	511,283.85
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 42293	1,212.77
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 42294	237.60
H & H HUXTED ENT. LTD.	CK# 42295	160.89
HECK, BRIAN	CK# 42296	160.20
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 42297	6,867.94
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 42298	259.05
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 42299	492.08
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 42300	669.56
KASHUBA HEATING AND AIR	CK# 42301	445.20
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 42302	1,365.00
KIEMELE, LANCE	CK# 42303	1,000.00
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 42304	200.53
MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM	CK# 42305	19,446.69
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 42306	2,447.44
MAXIM CHEMICAL INTERNATIONAL	CK# 42307	9,520.00
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 42308	1,922.45
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 42309	253.83
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 42310	283.62
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 42311	8,660.69
NORTH DRUM PLUMBING	CK# 42312	423.15
OLMSTEAD, BRENT	CK# 42313	1,000.00
PEEVEY ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 42314	2,371.25
PETTY CASH	CK# 42315	52.80
PRATT, AL	CK# 42316	33.12
PROFESSIONAL VEGETATION	CK# 42317	353.06
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 42318	607.28
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 42319	218.40
ROSS ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	CK# 42320	20,983.20
ROSS LEFFLER TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 42321	5,082.00
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 42322	358.90
RUMSEY JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM	CK# 42323	1,300.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 42324	2,403.86
SCHOONDERBEEK, DENNIS	CK# 42325	148.97
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 42326	526.05
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 42327	139.08
CANWEST ELEVATOR & LIFTS	CK# 42328	1,888.79
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 42329	110,409.81
SUN LIFE	CK# 42330	15,525.43

SUNAGRO LAND SERVICES LTD.	CK# 42331	1,244.78
SYLOGIST LTD.	CK# 42332	7,007.44
TAQA NORTH	CK# 42333	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 42334	1,595.12
THAT GUY'S CATERING	CK# 42335	2,107.09
THE CITY OF RED DEER	CK# 42336	6,386.16
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 42337	5,105.31
TOWN OF ECKVILLE	CK# 42338	100.00
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 42339	320.25
VERDANT VALLEY AGRICULTURAL	CK# 42340	1,000.00
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 42341	105.75
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 42342	240.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 42343	3,705.48
WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY	CK# 42344	3,512.29
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 42345	8,688.75
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 42346	563.17
1121113 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 42347	837.90
1867389 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 42348	5,258.99

**Sub-Total \$ 945,265.56**

**TOTAL: \$ 958,686.31**

C16-051  
Adjournment

[C16-051] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*

Reeve:

J. Barrie Hoover

Chief Administrative Officer:  
Ross Rawlussyk