

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 27TH, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

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

Absent: Councillor: Steve Wannstrom

C-16-074 Approval of Minutes

[C16-074] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the April 13th, 2016 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

Quarterly Financial Report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assistant CAO Bremer reviewed the quarterly financial report as of April 25th, 2016 with Council.

Attendance of PWS Pratt & PW Report

At 10:00 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 working on the application of MG30 on the Gartley Road and also by Mel Johnson's for the Federated Gas Co-op facility.
- Other seasonal work is ongoing, including picking up snow fence, installing culverts, installing signs, cleaning out the sand shed, and patching pot holes with cold mix.
- The overhead hoist had to be repaired but is now ready for re-inspection.
- CVIP inspections are on-going.
- AI has been busy with meetings, doing orientations, ratepayer issues, dealing with salesmen over water truck tenders and general duties.

Departure of PWS Pratt

At 11:10 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of Manager Riep & Municipal Services Report

At 11:10 a.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Crews have been busy with water repairs at the Rumsey water station.
- Crews have also been busy with trailer repairs, re-decking trailer beds, tree pruning and cemetery grounds clean-up as well as daily water system monitoring, testing and bacteriological sampling.
- Glen noted that we have had a fire restriction notice on for the past week or more with no controlled burning allowed at all. We have had some moisture now, but he is hesitant to remove this restriction as moisture conditions are not ideal.
- Glen investigated a property fire in the Hamlet of Rumsey, which involved damage to a residence and attached structure. The cause of the fire was a result of one of the gas generators igniting debris and other combustible materials located in the addition attached to the residence.

- Glen attended a regional workshop in Ponoka this week which was put on by Alberta Emergency Management Association.
- An Alberta Emergency Alert System Training Session will be held in the Council Chambers on May 26th, 2016.

J. Wilson re:
Reclamation
Concerns

Correspondence was received from Jim Wilson, Drumheller, Alberta with regards to damages incurred on his property during the CLV water pipeline upgrade construction. He has completed some of the repairs himself, such as rebuilding and/or repairing fences. He is also willing to complete the additional reclamation items including levelling, preparing the top soil, re-seeding grass and back filling at the meter vault. In addition, he would like to be compensated for loss of hay production and inconvenience for three additional years. Council discussed this matter and concluded that Starland County should compensate Mr. Wilson for the damages outlined, including compensation for hay production.

C16-075

**Motion to pay
Reclamation
Damage Payment**

[C16-075] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County pay damages in the total amount of \$2,400.00 to Mr. Jim Wilson, Drumheller, Alberta, and that this claim be submitted to the contractor, Chinook Pipelines, for compensation.

PRMS re:
Safety Codes
Agreement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence was received from Palliser Regional Municipal Services in regards to updating their required documents pertaining to the level of service provided by the various safety code disciplines. As a result of the updates to the Joint QMP, the Accreditation Coordinator for the Provincial Safety Codes Council requires that each of Palliser's municipal partners pass a Council resolution and sign a new, updated municipal agreement.

C16-076

**PRMS Safety
Codes Agreement**

[C16-076] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County enter into an Agreement and endorse the Palliser Regional Municipal Services Ltd. Joint Quality Management Plan for the purposes of the delivery of Safety Codes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

St. Mark's
Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Cemetery

CAO Rawlusk discussed the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, which is located in the E ½ 21-32-17-W4M. The local church no longer exists and this cemetery is largely abandoned. There are approximately 20 marked gravesites, plus several un-marked. The surviving relatives have requested the County's consideration of assuming the maintenance and if possible the ownership of this cemetery.

C16-077

**Motion to
Maintain
St. Mark's
Cemetery &
pursue ownership**

[C16-077] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County assume the maintenance of the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery; and also work towards obtaining ownership and transfer of title of this property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta River
Basins Advisory
Web Service

Special Projects Manager Kreke noted that he recently attended a workshop on the new Alberta River Basins Advisory Web Service. This website was launched on April 1st and will allow designated personnel the ability to be constantly updated on developments within the Red Deer River Basin and surrounding basins. The website will streamline how updates and information are given while also allowing direct communication with River Forecast Section (RFS) without having to phone them directly.

Atco Electric Ltd.
Re: Fire Call
Invoice

CAO Rawlusyk discussed an outstanding invoice billed to Atco Electric Ltd. for a fire call in July of 2015. This fire was called in by an ATCO employee as a bird on the power line started a grass fire when it ignited and dropped to the ground. Atco does not feel they should have to pay for these types of fire calls and have refused to pay. Brownlee LLP, Barristers and Solicitors, did provide an opinion and recommendations with respect to Starland County's authority to recover fire suppression costs arising from fires which are caused by downed utility lines or other damage to utilities and infrastructure owned by corporations such as ATCO Power. Summarizing their opinion, Brownlee noted that the County should be able to invoice an occupant such as ATCO for fire protection charges, but as ATCO is only an occupant and not the owner of lands, the only remedy available to the County should the corporation refuse to pay the invoice is a debt action in civil court.

Accounts
Checked

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

C16-078
Approval of
Accounts

IC16-078] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that accounts (cheque no. 42510 to 42577 inclusive) totalling \$165,912.33, be approved for payment.

CAO Report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

- Ross noted that the Province released the Education Property Tax requisitions last week, as well as the 2016 grant allocations, which will allow us to finalize our 2016 budget and mill rate calculations. He noted that the County should be proud of the fact that we are debt free and one of the few municipalities in the Province that are.
- Ross participated in a school planning exercise to examine options for improving the school in Delia. This committee reviewed the condition of the present school and worked with an architect to design what a new or modernized school would look like and the estimated costs involved.
- The 2016 school requisition increased by 2.17%, with a slight decrease for residential and farm land properties, but a 9.13% increase to non-residential properties.
- Ross noted that he has received some preliminary information on new Infrastructure funding. The most relevant to Starland County would be the Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) which would help with traditional projects like rehabilitation and optimization of water, storm water and wastewater infrastructure. In addition, the base New Building Canada Fund (NBCF) has been amended. The Province can commit all remaining funding within the next two years, with five new categories of funding including tourism, culture and recreation.
- The County's filing system organization and review is well underway at the Administration Office. There will be a short orientation with employees to make sure everyone knows how the process will work and what our end goals are.
- The 4-H Exchange BBQ will be held on Thursday, July 14th, 2016. Council previously committed to hosting this BBQ and it will probably be held either in Morrin or at the Starland Recreation Area.
- The Rumsey History Book Committee is being printed and they will be holding a celebration event on June 10th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rumsey Community Hall.
- The Federal Government announced funding for ImmunizeCA, a new mobile app that will allow Canadians to store and manage their families vaccination records. The app can be accessed at www.immunizeca.ca

- The County is presently advertising for a Health and Safety Officer, with the primary function of the position to provide safety coordination for the Road Construction crew and to work with the County's overall safety administration and audit functions.
- Alberta Agriculture has a number of current and updated weather maps available at www.agriculture.alberta.ca/maps
- Near real time hourly weather station data can be viewed and downloaded at www.agriculture.alberta.ca/stations

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the tenders received for the lease of the W ½ 12-29-17-W4M (approximately 302.28 cultivated acres).

[C16-079] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County Council accept the high tender received from Dallas and Kelby Stevens, Delia, AB to lease the W ½ 12-29-17-W4M at a rate of \$56.00 per acre for 302.28 cultivated acres; and that this lease be for a five year term; and that the terms and conditions be as outlined within the lease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence was received from Alberta Labour STEP Team advising that their financial resources have reached capacity and the County's application for STEP was unsuccessful.

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the funds allocated to Starland County in 2016 for the various grant programs. The allocations are as follows: Federal Gas Tax Funding (FGTF) - \$111,654.00; MSI Capital Funding - \$1,033,114.00; Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) Capital Funding - \$420,832.00; and MSI Operating Funding - \$117,936.00.

Chief Administrative Officer Rawlusk reviewed a summary of the Tax Recovery Lands transferred to Starland County from Alberta Sustainable Resources. Council discussed these properties and advised CAO Rawlusk to provide the present lease holders with one years notice that the County will be offering these properties for public sale and that the present lease holders will be given the opportunity to purchase this property and the first right of refusal.

The updated MGA will be introduced in the Legislature in late May 2016. Minister Larivee will then travel to 19 communities to speak with and listen to municipal partners, community organizations, small businesses, industry and the general public. Each session will include opening remarks from the Minister, a presentation on the MGA Review, a questions and answer period with the Minister and an open house to discuss the issues in more detail. The closest sessions are in Hanna on June 15th and Red Deer on June 16th. Further information will be announced when available.

[C16-080] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regular meeting of the Council of Starland County scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Lease Tenders re:
W ½ 12-29-17-W4

C16-079
Approval of Lease
Tender for W ½
12-29-17-W4M

STEP Grant
Denied

2016 Grant
Funding

Tax Recovery
Lands Transferred

MGA Review
Sessions

C16-080
May 11, 2016
Meeting Cancelled

Committee
Reports

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Municipal Affairs, Brad Pickering, Deputy Minister re: Government Wide Review of Boards and Agencies
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
 - Contact Newsletter (1 issue)

Wage & Salary
Negotiation
Information

CAO Rawlusk discussed information with Council in regards to the Wage and Salary Committee negotiations. He provided them with costs associated with implementation of the Wellness Account Policy as well as costs and related information for benefit program changes to Sun Life Financial.

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

A & D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 42510	\$	2,077.74
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 42511		693.93
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 42512		282.17
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA	CK# 42513		327.81
AAMDC	CK# 42514		14,947.54
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 42515		834.21
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 42516		38.03
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 42517		267.26
BENOIT, PELAGIOUS P.	CK# 42518		78.75
BUBBLEUP MARKETING CORP.	CK# 42519		35.00
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 42520		150.00
CAWIEZEL, LAURA	CK# 42521		1,307.68
CHARLTON, MICHAEL E.	CK# 42522		126.00
CHARLTON, MIKE (SR)	CK# 42523		126.00
COLLINS, GARY E.	CK# 42524		263.50
CORREA, VLAD	CK# 42525		400.00
CUMMINS WESTERN CANADA	CK# 42526		1,377.75
DELEEUW, WILLIAM W.	CK# 42527		146.16
DELIA COMMUNITY CENTRE	CK# 42528		600.00
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 42529		1,536.00
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 42530		1,841.10
EAGLE ALLOYS LTD.	CK# 42531		307.02
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 42532		217.64
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 42533		170.11
EK PASS CORP.	CK# 42534		6,084.75
ENDEAVOR	CK# 42535		21,662.28
ENMAX	CK# 42536		12,260.19
FLAMAN, HEATHER	CK# 42537		883.80
FREIGHTLINER OF RED DEER INC.	CK# 42538		428.65
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 42539		551.25
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 42540		119.06
HAMILTON, KEVIN	CK# 42541		126.00
HAMPTON, ALAN W.	CK# 42542		128.10
HAMPTON, STANLEY D.	CK# 42543		131.24
HENDRIKS, ALLEN W.	CK# 42544		154.56
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 42545		799.53
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 42546		293.72
HOOVER, JANICE	CK# 42547		154.86
IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.	CK# 42548		48.83
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA	CK# 42549		104.00
KLONDIKE CRANE INSPECTION LTD.	CK# 42550		2,168.73
LAPP	CK# 42551		23,101.18
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 42552		4,253.91
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 42553		35.65
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	CK# 42554		3,154.20
PEIR ENTERPRISES	CK# 42555		210.00
PETTY CASH	CK# 42556		252.97
PHIBBS, WILLIAM	CK# 42557		126.00
PURULATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 42558		143.22
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 42559		46,753.42

ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT INC.	CK# 42560	6,480.90
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 42561	264.53
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 42562	193.68
TAQA NORTH	CK# 42563	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 42564	394.43
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 42565	1,186.83
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 42566	47.20
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 42567	645.75
TURRIS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	CK# 42568	270.22
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 42569	400.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 42570	255.50
WHEATLAND COUNTY	CK# 42571	81.57
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 42572	550.00
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 42573	680.00
WRIGHT, JASON	CK# 42574	126.00
ZIEGLER, JOHN JC	CK# 42575	128.52
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 42576	14.70
1435338 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 42577	1,890.00

Sub-Total: \$ 165,912.33

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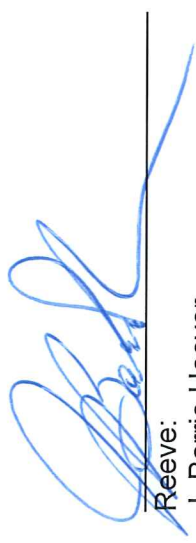
C16-081
Adjournment

[C16-081] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover



Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusk