

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

### Attendance

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover  
Deputy Reeve: Allen Avramenko  
Councillors: Murray Marshall, Steve Wannstrom  
and Bob Sargent  
Staff: CAO Ross Rawlusyk  
Assistant CAO Shirley Bremer

### C17-046 Approval of Minutes

#### [C17-046] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Accounts Checked

Deputy Reeve Avramenko and Councillor Wannstrom checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

### C17-047 Approval of Accounts

#### [C17-047] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that accounts (cheque no. 44486 to 44572 inclusive) totalling \$672,664.12, be approved for payment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### CAO Report

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

- The Provincial Budget was released on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Although there wasn't much in the Budget for rural Alberta, they did maintain their investment in MSI funding as well as the transportation funding with only a slight decrease in overall amounts. Starland County's total education property taxation went down from \$2,233,752.48 last year to \$2,136,301.51 this year.
- The Federal Budget was released on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The main theme of it was "Building a Strong Middle Class". Their budget reflects a deficit of \$28.5 billion. They maintained their commitment to significant investments in infrastructure. They also budgeted \$500 million to support the expansion of broadband networks in rural Canada as well as \$2 billion to support rural infrastructure including roads and bridges. \$3 billion was budgeted for innovation and skills to spur on economic growth. Parental leave and benefits to 18 months will enable parents to stay at home longer, but the Employment Insurance benefit rate was decreased to 33% from 55%.
- Two public information sessions in regards to our new Land Use Bylaw were held in March. Neither session was well attended, however it did provide an opportunity for residents to take a look at the land use controls being contemplated. Some amendments have been identified and these will be summarized and brought forth at the public hearing stage. The next step will be to circulate a copy of the bylaw to all neighbouring municipalities and the Villages within the County.
- Ross has been working with Alberta Transportation on a few remaining items relative to the construction of the new Morrin Bridge. He noted that this project is on the three month project tender listing. They have estimated that the new bridge will take about 2.5 years to complete.

- The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is finally set to open the first of a series of competitions to create greener energy in Alberta. The program will not be funded by consumer electricity charges, but rather by private investments supported by carbon revenues from large industrial emitters.
- We received the Starland Regional Water Authorities financial statement for 2016, posting a small deficit of \$3,546.00. This was due to a couple of major water pipeline breaks this past year.
- Suncor is looking to possibly do a joint venture large scale solar project with the County as a partner. Ross provided them with a list of property that is owned by the County to see where it might be possible for this development.
- Road bans are now in place on some of the highways and secondary highways within the County.

WCB re: 2015  
Action Plan

Correspondence was received from the Workers' Compensation Board in regards to the 2015 Action Planning process with the Alberta WCB. They noted that they are satisfied with the County's success in moving our program forward and improving our overall performance. We have developed clear policies and procedures to have a consistent approach to management of claims, as well as the development of modified opportunities. They have now concluded this Action Planning process and encouraged us to continue being diligent in following our objectives and goals set out in regards to safety and WCB claims.

Attendance of  
PWS Pratt &  
PW Report

At 10:05 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 busy steaming and hydro-vacating frozen culverts;
- They hauled the brush pile out of Michichi and took it to the Courtney/Handhills pit where it was burnt;
- Material is being hauled to various sites to repair water erosion areas and soft spots;
- Brushing is ongoing as well as cutting up firewood in the compound;
- The new steamer was set up and a demo was completed for the mechanics and public works crew;
- They have been pumping and hauling water out of Rumsey;
- Erecting signs and barricades at water erosion areas;
- Regular maintenance and repairs on both the light and heavy duty equipment;
- Kevin Devaleriola has started his 2<sup>nd</sup> year HET course;
- Brenda has been busy working with Marquee regarding their oilfield operations, service rigs and fracking. We did a Road Use Agreement with Marquee for the large frack job on RR 17-2;
- Al completed a shop and yard inspection with Safety Officer Chris Peoples.

2017 Road Meeting  
& Road Tour

The 2017 Road Construction Meeting date was set for Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, commencing at 1:00 p.m. in the Administration Office. A Road Tour was also tentatively set for Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Tandem Highway  
Tractor Tenders

Council reviewed the tenders received for a tandem highway tractor to replace the one that was destroyed by fire in 2016. The only 2017 tender received did not meet our specs and most of the 2018 tractors tendered have an extended delivery date. Council tabled their decision on this purchase, pending further information.

Departure of  
PWS Pratt

At 11:00 a.m., PWS Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of  
Manager Riep &  
Municipal Services  
Report

At 11:05 a.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The outhouse has now been removed from the Morrin Bridge Recreation site;
- Crews have been busy with heater problems in Craigmyle and Midland Stations, building repairs at the Craigmyle Water Plant, equipment repairs, as well as daily water system monitoring and testing;
- Glen attended the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Association Conference in Edmonton. He noted that there are many changes ahead in regards to technology on how waste water is treated and a movement towards recycling of wastewater.
- Glen met with AENV regarding audits on several of the water systems.
- Glen attended the Alberta Water Wastewater Operators Conference in Banff.
- Danielle and Glen attended a training session in Calgary on Drinking Water Safety Plans.
- Glen has been assisting MPE Engineering in regards to issues in the Munson Water Plant.
- Glen attended the Alberta Emergency Management Session in Edmonton. Discussion surrounded issues with the Emergency Social Services and the expectation by the public for enhanced services. He noted that ICS training is also available online now for persons needing the training.
- Suncor has recently submitted their application for the Handhills Wind Farm Project, which will be reviewed with MPC at the next meeting.
- NRCB submitted a referral letter regarding the pending application by Cloverleaf Colony to expand their Intensive Livestock operations. Colony representatives will be invited to attend the next MPC meeting to review their intentions.
- A Fire Protection Committee Meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, commencing at 2:00 p.m.
- The Disaster Forum is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Banff.

Morning Glory  
Water Co-op

CAO Rawlusk discussed a request from the Morning Glory Water Co-op. They have reviewed the County's letter and accompanying legal information and understand why the County is reluctant to increase their involvement in the operations of the Co-op. However, they are now planning to install updated water meters and requested the County's consideration of covering 50% of the cost of the meters as we did for the CLV system. They also requested that the County do the monthly water meter readings and provide their Co-op with the data obtained so they could send regular invoices.

**C17-048**  
**Motion to provide  
50% funding to  
Morning Glory  
Water Co-op for  
water meters & to  
do monthly  
readings**

**[C17-048] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM**

**that Starland County enter into an agreement with the Morning Glory Water Co-op to cover 50% of the cost to purchase new water meters for their customers; and that we also do the monthly meter readings and provide the data obtained to Morning Glory Water Co-op for them to send monthly water bills.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Departure of  
Manager Riep

At 11:45 a.m., Manager Riep departed from the meeting.

Draft MGA Action  
Plan

CAO Rawlusk reviewed a *Draft Municipal Government Act (MGA) Action Plan* with Council. This Action Plan provides a listing of changing governance together with the legislative requirements and the dates that compliance is required by. It also provided information to assist with implementing various policies and/or governance required.

AB Municipal Affairs re: Grant Approval for Intermunicipal Collaboration

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that Starland County was approved for a grant of \$110,106 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component in support of our Infrastructure Development Servicing Study project with the Village of Morrin.

AB Municipal Affairs re: Grant Approval for PRMS

Alberta Municipal Affairs also forwarded correspondence advising that the Municipal District of Acadia was also approved for a grant of \$200,000 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component in support of the Palliser Intermunicipal Development Plan joint project with M.D. of Acadia, Town of Drumheller, County of Paintearth, Starland County, Special Areas Board and ~~Special Areas Board~~.

AB Municipal Affairs re: Approval of 2016 MSI Operating & GTF

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising that our 2016 MSI Operating spending plan was accepted. In addition, they accepted the County's application under the Gas Tax Fund (GTF) for the replacement of Bridge File 8593.

2017 Education Property Tax Requisition

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed Starland County's 2017 education property tax requisition. He noted that the province is holding the uniform tax rates at the same rates as 2016/17, however, as the County's assessment has decreased our overall requisition has decreased to \$2,136,301.51 in 2017 from \$2,233,752.48 in 2016.

FCM re: Federal Budget Highlights

Correspondence was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with regards to the Federal Budget Highlights. In addition, they forwarded correspondence with regards to the FCM's Legal Defence Fund. They noted that after years of activity, this fund has been fully depleted and are asking municipalities to help restore the long-term health of the Fund. They are requesting a submission of \$50.00 plus GST in this regard.

**C17-049**  
**Contribution to FCM re: Legal Defence Fund**

**C17-049] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER**

**that Starland County contribute \$52.50 (GST included) to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their Legal Defence Fund.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AAMDC re: Provincial Budget Highlights

The AAMDC provided a budget analysis of the 2017/2018 Provincial Budget for Council's review.

Alberta's Carbon Tax Levy

The Alberta Government provided information on Alberta's Carbon Tax Levy and Farmers, sorting the facts from the myths.

Renewable Energy Co-operatives

Council also reviewed information in regards to Alberta Governments Renewable Energy Co-operatives in Alberta.

Rural & Remote Homelessness & Housing Conference

*A Creating Rural Connections 2017 Rural & Remote Homelessness & Housing Conference* is being held in Nisku, Alberta on April 4, 2017.

**C17-050**  
**Authorization to attend Disaster Forum**

**C17-050] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO**

**that Manager Riep and Councillor Wannstrom be authorized to attend the 2017 Disaster Forum in Banff, from May 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017; and that registration and expenses be paid.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting recessed for 2017 Tax Sale

At 2:00 p.m., the regular meeting of Council was recessed to allow for the 2017 Starland County Tax Sale. Two potential bidders attended the meeting for the tax sale, Dallas Krywcun and Kerry Kormos both of Rumsey.

2017 Tax Sale

CAO Rawlusyk acted as Auctioneer for the Tax Sale and declared Starland County's Public Tax Sale Auction to be open. He then outlined the procedures of the tax sale. He noted that there was only one property offered for sale, described as:

Lot 13; Block 2; Plan 2975 AH (Rumsey)

Reserve Bid: \$3,490.00 (land and improvements)

Terms of the Sale: Cash

Auctioneer Ross Rawlusyk then asked for bids on this property. Mr. Kormos offered \$3,500.00. As there were no further bids, the auction was declared closed.

**Sale of Tax  
Sale Property to  
Kerry Kormos**

**Lot 13; Block 2; Plan 2975 AH (Rumsey) was sold to Mr. Kerry Kormos, 200 McEwan Glen Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta T3K 2G4 for \$3,500.00 Cash or Certified Cheque.**

Regular meeting resumed

The regular meeting of Council resumed at 2:15 p.m.

Community Planning Assoc. Conference

The Alberta Planning Exchange is hosting a *Community Planning Association of Alberta Conference* in Red Deer, Alberta from May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

Morrin Minor Hockey Assoc. Re: Amateur Team Grant Request

Correspondence was received from the Morrin Minor Hockey Association, requesting Council's consideration of Amateur Team Grant Funding. They have 13 participants ranging in age from 3 to 6.

**C17-051  
Approval of  
Amateur Team  
Grant Funding**

**[C17-051] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO**

**that Morrin Minor Hockey Association be awarded Amateur Team Grant funding in the amount of \$650.00 (13 X \$50.00).**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Drumheller & District 4-H Council re: Funding Request

Correspondence was received from the Drumheller District 4-H Council, requesting Council's consideration of sponsoring some of the event costs for their 100 years of 4-H in Alberta event. This event will be held on June 10, 2017 at Rowley. It is open to 4-H members, leaders, families and friends, past, present and future. They have games, displays, supper, entertainment and a campfire planned.

**C17-052  
Approval of  
Funding to  
Drumheller &  
District 4-H  
Council**

**[C17-052] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM**

**that Starland County Council sponsor the Drumheller District 4-H Council in the amount of \$500.00 to assist in covering the costs involved with their celebration event of 100 years of 4-H in Alberta.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C17-053  
Land Use Bylaw  
Public Hearing  
Date Changed**

**[C17-053] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO**

**that the Public Hearing for Starland County's Land Use Bylaw scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Motion C17-029) be changed to Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee Reports

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

Council  
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) CanSIA (Canadian Solar Industries Association) re: Membership Information
- ii) Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) re: "Update - Winter"
- iii) Alberta Transportation re: Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (Starland County Applications)
- iv) SAEWA (Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association) re: Newsletter
- v) Alberta Municipal Affairs re: Information Bulletin on Registration of Candidates for 2017 Municipal Elections
- vi) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties  
- Contact Newsletter (2 issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

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| A.P.I. ALARM INC.                | CK# 44486 | \$ | 220.50     |
| A & D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.    | CK# 44487 |    | 3,388.10   |
| ABACUS DATAGRAPHS                | CK# 44488 |    | 1,357.13   |
| ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.           | CK# 44489 |    | 338.39     |
| ACTIVE GLASS                     | CK# 44490 |    | 317.69     |
| ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.   | CK# 44491 |    | 626.00     |
| AIR LIQUIDE CANADA               | CK# 44492 |    | 318.99     |
| AAMDC                            | CK# 44493 |    | 26,638.90  |
| ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL | CK# 44494 |    | 252.00     |
| AMHSA                            | CK# 44495 |    | 262.50     |
| ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.    | CK# 44496 |    | 1,346.25   |
| ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.           | CK# 44497 |    | 2,234.57   |
| ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.               | CK# 44498 |    | 32.27      |
| AVRAMENKO, ALLEN                 | CK# 44499 |    | 1,748.59   |
| BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP            | CK# 44500 |    | 565.26     |
| BLACK, COLBY                     | CK# 44501 |    | 782.73     |
| BREMER, SHIRLEY                  | CK# 44502 |    | 759.98     |
| BROWNLEE LLP                     | CK# 44503 |    | 4,152.07   |
| BURT, EDWIN                      | CK# 44504 |    | 150.00     |
| CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP           | CK# 44505 |    | 367.87     |
| COMMUNICATIONS GROUP             | CK# 44506 |    | 8,160.23   |
| CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD.      | CK# 44507 |    | 3,807.10   |
| CURTIS GEO SOLUTIONS INC.        | CK# 44508 |    | 7,155.75   |
| DRUM WIRELESS LTD.               | CK# 44509 |    | 3,657.12   |
| DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.         | CK# 44510 |    | 1,645.85   |
| DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.            | CK# 44511 |    | 902.31     |
| DRUMHELLER DISTRICT SENIORS      | CK# 44512 |    | 426,975.00 |
| DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES       | CK# 44513 |    | 89.61      |
| DRUMHELLER OILFIELD SERVICES     | CK# 44514 |    | 1,223.25   |
| EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.      | CK# 44515 |    | 335.83     |
| ENMAX                            | CK# 44516 |    | 6,668.78   |
| EQUIPMENT SALES & SERVICE        | CK# 44517 |    | 2,618.56   |
| EXECUTRADE CONSULTANTS LTD.      | CK# 44518 |    | 8,749.65   |
| FARM SAFETY CENTRE               | CK# 44519 |    | 990.50     |
| FINKBINER, DOUGLAS               | CK# 44520 |    | 778.28     |
| FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER           | CK# 44521 |    | 559.44     |
| GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS      | CK# 44522 |    | 223.97     |
| GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA            | CK# 44523 |    | 75.60      |
| GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS        | CK# 44524 |    | 67.28      |
| GRIFFITH, SHERRY                 | CK# 44525 |    | 186.90     |
| HAMPTON, ALAN W.                 | CK# 44526 |    | 1,043.21   |
| HECK, BRIAN                      | CK# 44527 |    | 860.00     |
| HKRWS                            | CK# 44528 |    | 3,299.59   |

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| HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.         | CK# 44529 | 302.91    |
| HOOVER, BARRIE                | CK# 44530 | 2,212.21  |
| I.D. APPAREL                  | CK# 44531 | 549.31    |
| IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.      | CK# 44532 | 308.07    |
| JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE    | CK# 44533 | 58.25     |
| KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA          | CK# 44534 | 124.60    |
| KUDRAS, DARA                  | CK# 44535 | 792.20    |
| LAPP                          | CK# 44536 | 27,787.87 |
| MARSHALL, MURRAY              | CK# 44537 | 1,264.16  |
| MAXIM CHEMICAL INTERNATIONAL  | CK# 44538 | 9,920.00  |
| MORRIN FIGURE SKATING CLUB    | CK# 44539 | 1,850.00  |
| MPE ENGINEERING LTD.          | CK# 44540 | 4,566.98  |
| MUNSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  | CK# 44541 | 150.00    |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER    | CK# 44542 | 205.38    |
| OASIS CARWASH                 | CK# 44543 | 99.44     |
| OUT OF THE COLD               | CK# 44544 | 750.00    |
| PETTY CASH                    | CK# 44545 | 194.75    |
| PRONGHORN CONTROLS            | CK# 44546 | 4,893.32  |
| PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.        | CK# 44547 | 101.60    |
| QUEST FABRICATION             | CK# 44548 | 123.02    |
| RAWLUSYK, ROSS                | CK# 44549 | 2,042.09  |
| RECEIVER GENERAL              | CK# 44550 | 52,106.87 |
| ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT INC.  | CK# 44551 | 2,533.27  |
| ROWE, DIANA                   | CK# 44552 | 1,682.10  |
| SARGENT, ROBERT               | CK# 44553 | 6,053.62  |
| SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.  | CK# 44554 | 970.20    |
| SHARPE, KERRY                 | CK# 44555 | 860.00    |
| SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL        | CK# 44556 | 201.57    |
| SPROUSE FIRE AND SAFETY CORP. | CK# 44557 | 665.18    |
| TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.     | CK# 44558 | 1,664.41  |
| TELUS MOBILITY INC.           | CK# 44559 | 1,372.26  |
| THE DRUMHELLER MAIL           | CK# 44560 | 100.75    |
| THE PHONE EXPERTS             | CK# 44561 | 864.15    |
| TOWN OF CANMORE               | CK# 44562 | 290.00    |
| TOWN OF DRUMHELLER            | CK# 44563 | 1,801.67  |
| HAGEMEYER CANADA INC.         | CK# 44564 | 6,491.89  |
| VILLAGE OF DELIA              | CK# 44565 | 101.68    |
| WANNSTROM, STEVE              | CK# 44566 | 256.13    |
| WATER PURE & SIMPLE           | CK# 44567 | 566.95    |
| WESTERN CHEVROLET             | CK# 44568 | 1,031.09  |
| WOLF, TRACY                   | CK# 44569 | 1,230.00  |
| WOLSELEY WATERWORKS           | CK# 44570 | 247.78    |
| WSP CANADA INC.               | CK# 44571 | 7,313.39  |
| 1325856 ALBERTA LTD.          | CK# 44572 | 29.40     |

**Sub-Total:** \$ **672,664.12**

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C17-054  
Adjournment

[C17-054] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

*The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*



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Reeve:  
J. Barrie Hoover



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Chief Administrative Officer:  
Ross D. Rawlusyk

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