

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 8TH, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover
Councillors: Murray Marshall, Steve Wannstrom
and Bob Sargent
Staff: CAO R. Rawlusk
Assistant CAO S. Bremer
Legislative Services Manager M. Kreke

C17-039 Approval of Minutes

[C17-039] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the February 22nd, 2017 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C17-040 Approval of Accounts

[C17-040] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 44406 to 44485 inclusive) totalling \$406,866.10, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- ▶ Ross noted that we now have the assessment numbers in for 2017 and in doing a comparison between this year and last, our assessment totals are down substantially. Linear properties, as well as machinery and equipment assessment totals have declined by 13.07% and 8.17% respectively. Based on the 2016 tax rates, this would be a reduction in taxation dollars of nearly \$1,000,000.00. This will certainly impact our final 2017 Budget figures, which will mean possible reductions or cuts, mill rate increases and possible service fee increases.
- ▶ The Province of Alberta recently introduced a No-Charge Energy Savings Program. This program is for residential homeowners and is for in-home installations of no-charge efficiency products, all for free.
- ▶ Open House dates have been set for public information sessions regarding our new proposed Land Use Bylaw. The first meeting is in the Delia Community Hall on March 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the second meeting is at the Morrin Community Hall on March 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ The Munson Fire Hall Committee have been working to finalize the general design specifications so that tender drawings can be completed. They are proceeding with in-slab heat and hope to have design drawings ready for final review by the middle of March. Following approval of the drawings the tender will be posted with a closing date of April 12th.
- ▶ The Alberta Government Throne Speech was delivered by the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, on March 2nd, 2017. The number one priority identified in the throne speech is to create jobs by building highways, schools, affordable housing and health facilities.

- ▶ Congratulations to Kory Bremer who was selected as the successful candidate for the Human Resources Coordinator position. Kory has a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Human Resources.
- ▶ The Starland Regional Water Authority audit was completed on March 6th, 2017.
- ▶ Suncor is interested in exploring some potential solar development on lands owned by Starland County.

C17-041
Motion to go
“in-camera”

[C17-041] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Council go “in-camera” at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C17-042
Motion to resume
the regular
meeting

[C17-042] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the regular meeting of Council be resumed at 10:15 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt &
PW Report

At 10:16 p.m., Public Works Supervisor 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 steaming culverts, plowing and sanding, hauling gravel from the Moench Pit to the County compound and other miscellaneous jobs as needed.
- ▶ Buck has been installing equipment and decals, etc. on the two new County trucks, as well as regular maintenance and repair duties as required.
- ▶ Garry and Kevin are doing regular maintenance and repairs as required. Garry also reviewed the specs for the Tandem Highway Tractor, which is now on the APC to request tenders.
- ▶ Thomas completed his final year of apprenticeship and now has his Red Seal for Heavy Duty Mechanic.
- ▶ Brenda has been dealing with bylaw complaints and rig moves.
- ▶ Gradermen have completed their gravel maps.
- ▶ Al has been working on gravel maps, paperwork, meeting with salesmen, etc., as well as monitoring the slide areas in the County.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 10:25 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

AAMDC 2017
Spring Convention

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties 2017 Spring Convention will be held in the Shaw Convention Centre from March 20th to 22nd. CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the resolutions that were submitted as well as his recommendations in regards to each one. The Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange AGM will be held on March 20th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance of
Deputy Reeve
Avramenko

At 11:00 a.m., Deputy Reeve Avramenko attended the meeting.

2017 Tax Sale

In regards to the postponement of the 2017 Tax Sale, Lot 13, Block 2, Plan 2975AH Rumsey was re-appraised. With this information in hand, we now need to set a reserve bid on this property for the upcoming Tax Sale on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017.

C17-043
2017 Tax Sale -
Reserve Bid

[C17-043] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that a reserve bid in the amount of \$3,490.00 be set for the tax sale property described as Lot 13, Block 2, Plan 2975AH (Hamlet of Rumsey); and that the terms of the sale is cash.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Speech From
The Throne

A copy of the Government of Alberta Speech From The Throne was provided to Council for their review.

Public Trustee
Office re:
Jack Pritchett
Property

Correspondence was received from the Office of the Public Trustee Office in regards to the County's *Offer to Purchase* for Lots 21 and 22, Block 4, Plan 5120AM (Hamlet of Rumsey) from Jack Pritchett. They noted that they have been contacted with respect to obtaining a Court Order giving Trusteeship of the financial affairs of Mr. Pritchett to their office. They are now requesting information in regards to his property in the Hamlet of Rumsey.

2017 FCM
Conference

Legislative Services Manager Kreke reviewed the draft schedule for the upcoming FCM Conference. He also reviewed the possible flight schedules available. He will confirm the study tours, etc. as well as the flights by the end of this week.

AB Municipal
Affairs re: 2016
Census

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, providing us with the 2016 Municipal Affairs Population List versus the 2016 Federal Census Population. Starland County's municipal census is 2,071 versus the federal census of 2,066.

AAMDC Board
Governance
Review Committee
Recommendations

The AAMDC forwarded a Member Bulletin advising that their Board Governance Review Committee have now finished their deliberations and will present their recommendations to the AAMDC Board of Directors on March 2nd, 2017. The recommendations of this report will be voted on by the membership at the Spring 2017 Convention.

Amateur Team
Grant Request

A letter of request for Amateur Team Grant Funding was received from the Morrin Figure Skating Club. They have 37 registered skaters including 15 Senior skaters.

C17-044
Motion to award
Amateur Team
Grant Funding

[C17-044] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the Morrin Figure Skating Club be awarded an Amateur Team Grant in the amount of \$1,850.00 (37 x \$50.00).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Farm & Ranch
Workplace
Legislation
Recommendations

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the Farm and Ranch Workplace Legislation Recommendations Report, outlining discussions on the Employment Standards Code and Labour Relations Code. He suggested that this report be further discussed at the next ASB Meeting in April. Feedback can be provided on this document prior to April 30th, 2017.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Advance Education re: Thomas Hodge - Completion of HET Heavy Equipment Technician Apprenticeship Program
- ii) Hanna and District Medical Corporation re: Contribution
- iii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Contact Newsletter (2 issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 44406	\$	2,352.17
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 44407		102.39
PITNEYWORKS	CK# 44408		4,000.00
PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 44409		48.16
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 44410		217.77
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 44411		203.48
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 44412		2,980.43
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 44413		168.90

Sub-Total: \$ 10,073.30

AAMDC	CK# 44414	\$	12,658.73
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A & D HARPER TIRE LTD.	CK# 44415	\$	2,310.21
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 44416		389.67
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 44417		260.02
ALBERTA ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION	CK# 44418		420.00
AAMDC	CK# 44419		12,085.22
ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS	CK# 44420		100.00
ALBERTA FARM ANIMAL CARE	CK# 44421		721.25
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 44422		37.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 44423		31.50
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 44424		205.31
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 44425		5,315.10
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 44426		437.18
AWARE 360 LTD.	CK# 44427		1,155.00
BADLANDS UNIVERSAL WASH'N VAC	CK# 44428		504.00
BIG SKY CALL CENTERS INC.	CK# 44429		331.80
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 44430		6,852.39
BRZ PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTURE	CK# 44431		8,456.18
CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC.	CK# 44432		600.00
CHRIST THE REDEEMER CSRD#3	CK# 44433		4,093.97
CHRISTENSEN, EDWARD & DONNA	CK# 44434		178.50
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 44435		47.13
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 44436		1,728.54
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 44437		143.85
ENMAX	CK# 44438		13,303.55
EQUIPMENT SALES & SERVICE	CK# 44439		963.15
FORT GARRY INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 44440		679.35
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 44441		68.11
HANNA MEDICAL PROPERTIES	CK# 44442		5,987.17
HANNA MOTOR PRODUCTS LTD.	CK# 44443		67,662.52
HKRWS	CK# 44444		5,861.12
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 44445		566.85
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 44446		1,417.50
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 44447		493.24
HOTSY WATER BLAST	CK# 44448		10,925.25
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT	CK# 44449		400.00
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 44450		1,365.00
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 44451		508.28
LAKELAND COLLEGE	CK# 44452		1,250.00
LAPP	CK# 44453		27,608.71
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 44454		224.00
LUCHIES, STEWART	CK# 44455		992.98
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 44456		468.32
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 44457		331.92
PREMA MIDALTA	CK# 44458		67.62
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 44459		282.45
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 44460		2,285.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 44461		50,743.83
RED DEER OVERDOOR	CK# 44462		431.55

RICOH CANADA INC.	CK# 44463	672.93
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 44464	2,612.75
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 44465	2,108.40
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 44466	542.80
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 44467	431.38
SCHOONDERBEEK, DENNIS	CK# 44468	133.50
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 44469	139.24
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 44470	97,052.50
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE	CK# 44471	18,356.98
TAQA NORTH	CK# 44472	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 44473	1,590.10
THE PHONE EXPERTS	CK# 44474	2,268.00
TREMBLAY, DANIELLE	CK# 44475	250.00
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 44476	191.63
TURRIS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	CK# 44477	270.22
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 44478	240.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 44479	3,177.39
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 44480	239.40
WESTERN CHEV	CK# 44481	567.00
WHITE, SHARON	CK# 44482	600.00
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 44483	9,029.13
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 44484	2,214.83
WRIGHT, JUSTIN	CK# 44485	133.50

Sub-Total: \$ 384,134.07

TOTAL: \$ 406,866.10

**C17-045
Adjournment**

[C17-045] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m.


Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover


Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk