

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom
Councillors: Murray Marshall, John Rew and Jackie Watts
Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer
Assistant CAO Matthew Kreke

C19-041
Approval of Minutes

[C19-041] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the February 13th, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked Councillor Watts and Councillor Marshall checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C19-042
Accounts

[C19-042] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that accounts (cheque no. 48463 to 48521 inclusive) totalling \$416,315.21 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer Shirley Bremer reviewed the CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- We had our National Safety Codes Audit the week of February 18th and had a dramatic improvement in our previous score going from 38% to 1.36% with a perfect score being 0%. We will now have three years before we have a new audit.
- Officials from the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association announced last week that they will be moving forward with finding a location for their project after being awarded \$400,000.00 funding from the Alberta Community Partnership Program.
- Endeavor Chartered Accountants are scheduled to complete our annual financial audit review from April 1st to 5th. Staff are currently working to prepare year end papers with this year being particularly challenging due to the fire.
- We have received a request from the Morrin SADD Chapter to participate in their upcoming community conversation with regards to the legalization of marijuana, including the new regulation and legislation. They wanted someone to sit as a panel member and discuss the bylaws that are in place for Starland County regarding cannabis.

Bylaw Enforcement

Assistant CAO Kreke has now been appointed to enforce certain sections of the MGA and the Public Nuisance Bylaw.

Grader Operation Presentation

At 10:00 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Ken Menage, Assistant Public Works Supervisor Colby Black and Don Rude of DK Blade Service attended the meeting and Don gave a presentation on a potential grader training program for our operators.

Departure

At 10:30 a.m. Don and Colby departed from the meeting.

PW Report

Public Works Supervisor Ken Menage reviewed the Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The PW Crew have been removing trees, moving snow, cutting up wood, spot plowing and sanding and burning brush piles.
- The Shop crew have been doing regular maintenance on the County's heavy/light duty equipment.
- Gradermen have been plowing roads with the winds recently causing some problems with drifting.
- Ken has been working on bridge inspections, interviews, new building questions, site visits and attending meetings.

C19-043
Bridge Repair

[C19-043] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County contract with Bridgemen Services of Didsbury to repair Bridge File 8593 for \$29,500.00.

MOTION DEFEATED.

C19-044
Road Closure

[C19-044] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that as per Section 22 of the MGA Starland County begin the process to close that portion of Township Road 31-0 between Range Road 20-0 and Range Road 20-1, removing the existing bridge structure 8593 and barricading the remaining water crossing.

MOTION CARRIED.

Departure

At 11:00 a.m. Ken departed from the meeting.

Regional County Meeting

CAO Bremer is gathering topics for the upcoming joint-county meeting in the Byemore Community Hall on March 5th. Topics must be submitted in the next few days.

RMA Spring Convention

A request was received from Strathcona County to support their resolution encouraging the Government of Alberta to support Alberta's Energy Industry.

Wildrose Assessment Services

Due to the retirement of Calvin McArthur, Wildrose Assessment Services has requested that Starland County amend our Bylaw to have Riley Kloss of Wild Rose Assessment Services be appointed as the Designated Officer to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the assessor.

C19-045
Bylaw 1136 – Motion to Establish

[C19-045] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Bylaw 1136, a bylaw to appoint Riley Ross of Wildrose Assessment Services as the Designated Officer charged with carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the assessor for Starland County as per Section 284.2(1), and to repeal Bylaw 1112, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-046
Bylaw 1136 – First Reading

[C19-046] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1136 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-047
Bylaw 1136 – Second Reading

[C19-047] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1136 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-048
Bylaw 1136 –
To have Third
Reading

[C19-048] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1136 be presented for third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-049
Bylaw 1136 –
Third and Final
Reading

[C19-049] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

That Bylaw 1136, a bylaw to appoint Riley Ross of Wildrose Assessment Services as the Designated Officer charged with carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the assessor for Starland County as per Section 284.2(1), and to repeal Bylaw 1112, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta Municipal
Affairs

Notice was received from Municipal Affairs that the Municipal Sustainability Initiative will be continued until its scheduled completion in March of 2022. It is Municipal Affairs intention to have a new fiscal framework in place at that time similar to the one now legislated with Calgary and Edmonton.

SDAB Training

Confirmation of the successful completion of SDAB training by Councillors Watts, Rew and Marshall as well as member Ross Rawlusk, was received from Brownlee LLP.

Craigmyle
Beautification

A request was made by Susan Rees of Craigmyle for assistance with funding the purchase of concrete planters for the Craigmyle park.

C19-050
SLGM
Conference

[C19-050] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that staff Bremer, Kreke and Fazekas be authorized to attend the 2019 SLGM Mountain Refresher Conference in Kananaskis from May 13th to 17th and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS Report

At 1:30 p.m. Manager of Municipal Services Glen Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- We experienced another line failure on the CLV booster line coming out of Drumheller again. This is the same area as many of the previous leaks were located. The line was exposed and a service repair clamp was installed.
- Fire Extinguishers for all County operations including buildings and equipment are now complete for another year by Contact Safety.
- Glen has drafted some modified plans for the Morrin Cemetery expansion project. The property for the expansion of the cemetery was done a number of years ago and we will soon run out of space in the existing cemetery and will require new plots to be surveyed.
- Glen has received a revised pricing schedule for the addition of a communication repeater in the Hand Hills. The pricing is slightly higher than the earlier schedule due to some additional equipment that may be needed. The units have been ordered and will be available for installation later in the spring.

Morning Glory
Water Association

At 2:00 p.m. Jim Urch, Lorna Urch and Duane Olsen of the Morning Glory Water Association attended the meeting to propose alterations to the water supply agreement that was recently proposed. They are looking for a reduction in water rates so that their Association can begin to build a reserve fund for repairs. Under the agreement they would be charged the same as all other users on piped water in the County.

Departure At 3:10 p.m. the Morning Glory delegation departed from the meeting.

**C19-051
Morning Glory
Water Supply
Agreement**

[C19-051] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that the agreement for water supply offered to the Morning Glory Water Association under the authorization of Motion C18-195 and amended in January of 2019 be amended to change the rates charged to the Morning Glory Water Association to 10% above the rates charged by the Town of Drumheller to the Starland Regional Water Authority.

MOTION DEFEATED.

**C19-052
Morning Glory
Water Supply
Agreement
Extension**

[C19-052] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the agreement deadline for water supply offered to the Morning Glory Water Association be extended to March 27th, 2019 in order to give enough time for the Morning Glory Water Association to negotiate with the Village of Munson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Morning Glory
Water Association

At 3:20 p.m. the Morning Glory delegation returned to the meeting. After brief discussion of the offer to extend the deadline they declined and indicated they would sign the proposed agreement.

Departure

At 3:30 p.m. the Morning Glory delegation departed from the meeting.

Water Fee
Overage

Susan and Bruce Rees are contesting the water bill they received in October. The bill was a make up bill based on a new electronic reading of their meter which had not been read for months due to the fire in the Administrative building. They claim they were overbilled for that portion of their bill which would have been under 7.5m³ over those months. Administration disputes this claim noting that they have historically used more than 7.5m³ and were also not billed sewer charges over this time.

Departure

At 3:45 p.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

**C19-053
Motion to go
In-Camera**

[C19-053] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that under the exemption granted by Section 17, Division 2, Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act Reeve Wannstrom, Councillors Watts, Rew and Marshall, CAO Bremer and Assistant CAO Kreke proceed with the meeting In-Camera at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C19-054
Motion to come
out of
In-Camera**

[C19-054] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting proceed out of In-Camera at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure

At 4:15 p.m. Councillor Watts departed from the meeting.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Delia School Enhancement Society re: Boots and Bow Ties Fundraising Gala April 6
- ii) Canadian Badlands Tourism

- AGM March 21st and 22nd in Lethbridge
- Cindy Amos Tourism Champion Award Nomination
- Board Meeting Minutes January 30th
- iii) Prairie Land Regional Division Board Highlights
- iv) Marigold Library System re: Marigold Report
- v) Insight into Government (1 Issue)
- vi) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 48463	790.37
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 48464	2,420.00
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 48465	1,308.26

Sub-Total: \$ 4,518.63

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 48466	1,181.25
TAQA NORTH	CK# 48467	42.00

Sub-Total: \$ 1,223.25

A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 48468	8,393.48
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 48469	250.60
AMHSA	CK# 48470	1,470.00
AUTO VALUE DRUMHELLER	CK# 48471	2,439.68
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 48472	3,836.62
ARW TRUCK EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 48473	245,497.35
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 48474	41.91
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 48475	148.50
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 48476	655.41
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 48477	150.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 48478	150.00
COMPASS MUNICIPAL SERVICES, INC.	CK# 48479	1,479.19
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 48480	35.90
DIRECTDIAL.COM	CK# 48481	275.10
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 48482	549.58
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 48483	500.63
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 48484	279.61
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 48485	6,532.10
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS	CK# 48486	309.75
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 48487	57.70
GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 48488	594.10
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 48489	349.66
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 48490	470.19
KARWACKI CONSULTING INC.	CK# 48491	1,890.00
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 48492	117.25
KUHL TUF WEAR LTD.	CK# 48493	155.00
LAPP	CK# 48494	24,099.21
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 48495	2,311.21
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	CK# 48496	14,928.90
NETAGO	CK# 48497	267.50
OASIS CARWASH & CONVENIENCE	CK# 48498	72.27
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS	CK# 48499	772.80
PEOPLES, CHRISTOPHER G	CK# 48500	660.00
PROMAC MANUFACTURING LTD.	CK# 48501	9,226.82
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 48502	55.35
RAWLUSYK, ROSS D.	CK# 48503	669.30
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 48504	54,905.89
REW, JOHN	CK# 48505	299.57
RMA FUEL	CK# 48506	13,077.81
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 48507	1,840.65
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 48508	130.02
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 48509	493.50

SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL ULC	CK# 48510	241.82
SOUTHERN, LORRENDA	CK# 48511	973.26
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 48512	620.64
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 48513	269.95
UNION TRACTOR LTD.	CK# 48514	5,133.38
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 48515	269.38
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 48516	45.00
WATSON, DAVE	CK# 48517	921.50
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 48518	288.19
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 48519	1,305.00
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 48520	44.10

Sub-Total: \$ 410,552.33

TAQA NORTH	CK# 48521	21.00
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Sub-Total: \$ 21.00

TOTAL: \$ 416,315.21

**C19-055
Adjournment**

[C19-055] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019, in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve:
Steven Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer