

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 11th, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, December 11th, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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

C19-225
Approval of Minutes

[C19-225] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the minutes of the November 26th, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

C19-226
Accounts

[C19-226] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that accounts (cheque no. 49976 to 50077 inclusive) totalling \$449,709.73 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-227
Approval of Financial Statement

[C19-227] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the Financial Statement for the month ending November 30th be approved as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- The new building is still progressing satisfactorily. Eagle Builders are hoping for the gas connection soon so they can commence heating, however there have been some delays from AltaGas.
- The building rental issue has now been resolved with insurance agreeing to pay for the full term of the temporary building lease.
- Safety Officer Chris Peoples has received word that we received a score of 88% on our internal safety audit which is an improvement over 2018.
- Starland County has received word that several companies are looking into the possible acquisition of some of the Trident assets left stranded by the bankruptcy. We should know more in the new year.

Dust Control

At 9:30 a.m. PW Supervisor Ken Menage and Assistant PW Supervisor Colby Black attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the County's spot dust control program.

Departure

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

PW Report

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

- The PW Crew have been hauling pit run, working on the Ducks Unlimited Dam, sanding streets and doing sign repairs.
- The Shop Crew have been working on approximately 30 pieces of equipment, performed 4 CVIPs and helped with the incident to unit #712.
- Gradersmen have been doing winter road maintenance operations.
- Ken has been dealing with safety incidents, finishing yearly staff evaluations and doing bridge inspections.

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

DDSF Delegation At 11:05 a.m. Tom Zariski and Glenda Youngberg of the Drumheller & District Senior's Foundation attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the current state and future plans of the DDSF.

Departure At 11:45 the delegation from DDSF departed from the meeting.

New Building Change Orders Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council a copy of the proposed change order for the new building submitted by Eagle Builders. Staff have reviewed the change orders and have provided recommendations.

C19-228
Change Orders

[C19-228] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that change orders in the amount of \$185,831.81 be approved for extra costs related to the new building contract with Eagle Builders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS Report At 1:40 p.m. Municipal Services Manager Glen Riep attended the meeting and reviewed the MS report with Council. Highlights include the following:

- Glen and Shirley had a meeting with Alberta Environment and Parks to discuss the situation with the Morning Glory Water Association. The Association remains on a boil water order and the province is looking for ways to bring their system up to code.
- Glen attended a webinar on dams and canals within the province. The presentation was to inform and educate the public and stakeholders in regard to the regulatory framework and obligation under the regulations. At this point Glen has not had much luck in obtaining clarification or information on which dams or canals are County owned.
- Currently Glen is reviewing the application made by Dillon Consulting Ltd. for the new Atco solar farm proposed north of Drumheller and east of Highway 9. The application will be presented at next week's MPC meeting.

Water Connection Nick Dalton has requested a quote for the installation of a water connection to his farmyard on the NW-21-29-20-W4. Glen has put together an estimate of running this line to his property.

C19-229
Water Connection

[C19-229] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Starland County charge a minimum of \$17,500.00 for the installation of a water connection for Nick Dalton to the property located at the NW-21-29-20-W4, and that should actual costs be more than this, the balance shall be the responsibility of Nick Dalton.

MOTION CARRIED.

Departure At 3:05 p.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

Highway 585 Starland County has drafted a letter to the Minister of Transportation arguing for the immediate repair of Highway 585. Sections of the highway are in

serious disrepair and pose a danger to the travelling public. At this point repairs are not sufficient and major reconstruction needs to take place.

Financial Policies

Council was given the response from Finance Manager Judy Fazekas as to Council concerns with finance policies 970-12 and 110-1. These policies cover travel expense reimbursement for staff and all councillor compensation.

C19-230
Policy 970-12
Approval

[C19-230] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Policy 970-12, Employee Travel, Conferences and Expense Reimbursement, be approved as submitted by administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-231
Policy 110-1
Approval

[C19-231] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Policy 110-1, Council Compensation and Expense Reimbursement, be approved as submitted by administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Operational and
Ice Plant Grants

Council was presented with a revised list of the recipients and amounts for the 2019 Operational and Ice Plant Grants.

C18-232
2019 Operational
and Ice Plant
Grants

[C18-232] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County fund the Operational and Ice Plant Grant programs in the amounts of \$95,000.00 and \$38,000.00 respectively and that the funds be distributed as below:

Operational Grants

Craigmyle Historic Society	\$	1,891.84
Craigmyle Civic Centre		1,849.11
Delia & District Ag Society		23,411.55
Delia & District Comm. Assoc.		5,079.06
Delia & District Hist. Society		4,237.85
Delia & District Senior Citizens		2,844.72
Delia Curling Club		6,340.07
Delia Municipal Library Board		583.80
Morrin & District Ag Society		16,530.30
Morrin Community Hall		3,463.07
Morrin Municipal Library		877.40
Munson & Area Comm. Assoc.		3,330.32
Rowley Comm. Hall Assoc.		6,501.53
Rumsey & District Ag Society		12,409.25
Rumsey Community Library		763.88
Rumsey Drop-In Centre		1,632.73
Verdant Valley Ag Society		3,253.52

Ice Plant Grants

Delia & District Ag Society	\$	17,216.09
Morrin & District Ag Society		11,962.13
Rumsey & District Ag Society		8,821.78

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Starland County
Newsletter

Council discussed the possibility of expanding the content of the Ag Talk Newsletter into a quarterly publication covering all Starland County news and events.

Budget
Discussions

A copy of the interim operating and capital budgets were given to Council. The budgets propose a number of cuts over last year with a small surplus in capital which will be revised once final revenue and expenditures are known in the spring.

C19-233
Interim Budget

[C19-233] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the 2020 Interim Budget be passed as presented by Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CRMA

The Central Zone Rural Alberta Municipalities Association will be having their next meeting at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Rocky Mountain House on February 7th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Rural Policing

The Government of Alberta's new funding model will inject more than \$286 million over five years into frontline rural policing. Funding this commitment will require rural municipalities to contribute 10% of this cost in 2020 which will rise to 30% by 2023 with the actual individual municipal share to be determined by population and equalized assessment. Starland County's cost under this model would be \$61,335.00 in 2020 and rising to \$184,137.00 in 2023.

RMA Monthly Updates

Council was given a copy of the December 2019 Monthly Update for the RMA Districts.

Canadian Badlands

The Canadian Badlands Association is asking its 60 member communities to write a letter in support of the ongoing activities of the association to the provincial government.

Road Closure

Five years ago, Starland County's road construction crew constructed 3 miles of the Rowley Road (Highway 56 east for 3 miles). Land acquisitions were not required as there was already a 99 ft. right of way. However due to an error the road was registered as a 132 ft. right of way which now has to be corrected through cancelling the road registration and concurrently registering the correct road plan.

C19-234
Road Closure

[C19-234] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

WHEREAS, a resolution is required for the purpose of closing to public travel and cancelling a public highway or portion thereof in accordance with Section 24, of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26 Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 as amended;

AND WHEREAS, Road Plan 081 5192 was registered erroneously with a 40 meter right-of-way;

AND WHEREAS, all parties with an interest therein have been contacted and have shown no objections to the proposed road closure and subsequent registration of an emended road plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Starland County does hereby close the following described road, subject to rights of access granted by other legislation:

All that portion of road shown on Plan 081 5192, within the N ½ of Sec. 20, S ½ of Sect. 29 and S ½ of Sec. 30, Twp. 32, Rge. 19, W4M and within the N ½ of Sec. 24 and S ½ of Sec. 25, Twp. 32, Rge. 20, W4M;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a new road plan be simultaneously registered for this portion of roadway, as shown on the attached Schedule "A" (Drawing No.: LN004320-001_rd_00) with a 30 meter right-of-way width.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-235
Meeting
Cancellation

[C19-235] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the regular meeting of the Council of Starland County scheduled for December 25th, 2019 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-236
Meeting
Changes

[C19-236] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that regular meetings of the Council of Starland County scheduled for January 8th and 22nd be moved to January 15th and 29th respectively.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Municipal Affairs
Communications

Several pieces of communication were received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs outlining the governments commitment to MSI Funding, thanking participants in the Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative and offering invitations for meetings at the upcoming Rural Municipalities spring conference in Edmonton.

Municipal Review

Starland County has been selected to participate in the Municipal Accountability Program review in 2020. The review will include an on-site visit and will consist of a review of municipal documents and discussion with staff and Council regarding policies, procedures and processes.

CPO Agreements

Assistant CAO Kreke presented Council with copies of a proposed Community Peace Officer services agreement between Starland County and the villages of Morrin, Munson and Delia. The agreement covers the provision of Peace Officer Services for a set amount of time each month with additional time to be spent in the communities as needed with time to be billed on a per hour basis.

C19-237
CPO Agreement-
Village of Morrin

[C19-237] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Starland County provide the Village of Morrin with Peace Officer services as per the terms of the Agreement submitted by administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-238
CPO Agreement-
Village of Delia

[C19-238] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County provide the Village of Delia with Peace Officer services as per the terms of the Agreement submitted by administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-239
CPO Agreement-
Village of Munson

[C19-239] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Starland County provide the Village of Munson with Peace Officer services as per the terms of the Agreement submitted by administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Water Rates

Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council an analysis done on the current water rates in Starland County. As of December revenues were coming in approximately as projected with expenses running slightly higher. The eventual goal is to recover supply cost plus 50% of the capital depreciation cost associated with the system and the schedule for increases over the next four years to reach this goal will require a substantial increase this year.

C19-240
Bylaw 1146-
Motion to
Establish

[C19-240] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1146, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-241
Bylaw 1146-
1st Reading

[C19-241] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1146, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-242
Bylaw 1146-
2nd Reading

[C19-242] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1146, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-243
Bylaw 1146-
Motion to Have
3rd Reading

[C19-243] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Bylaw 1146, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-244
Bylaw 1146-
3rd and Final
Reading

[C19-244] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1146, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council
Committees

All councillors present reported briefly on the committees to which they are appointed.

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) ATCO re: Cancellation of Two Projects
- ii) Drumheller Solar and Battery Storage Project
- iii) Prairie Land School Division re: News Release 2019-2020 Budget Deficit
- iv) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 - Contact Newsletter (3 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 49976	2,277.26
AWARE 360 LTD.	CK# 49977	80.85
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 49978	974.88
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 49979	150.00
DELIA FUN TEAM HOCKEY	CK# 49980	1,500.00
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 49981	190.58
FAZEKAS, JUDITH W	CK# 49982	948.00
LAPP	CK# 49983	23,835.80
PEOPLES, CHRISTOPHER G	CK# 49984	1,000.00
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 49985	41,353.95
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 49986	1,000.00
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 49987	10.70
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 49988	1,305.00

Sub-Total: \$ 74,627.02

RMA TRADE	CK# 49989	5,952.34
Sub-Total:	\$	5,952.34
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 49990	15,802.50
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 49991	68.88
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 49992	2,263.35
ADAMS, BRETT	CK# 49993	4,600.00
ADVANCED COOLANT TECHNOLOGIES	CK# 49994	1,570.27
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 49995	366.98
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 49996	5.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 49997	18.90
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 49998	10,316.25
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 49999	2,558.97
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 50000	491.96
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 50001	150.00
C. SCHATZ PHOTOGRAPHY	CK# 50002	1,750.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 50003	1,950.00
CENTRAL REGION AAAF	CK# 50004	100.00
CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP	CK# 50005	57.79
CHAMPION COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS	CK# 50006	2,399.12
CHRIST THE REDEEMER C.S.R.D #3	CK# 50007	4,018.49
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 50008	82.95
DIGITAL CONNECTION OFFICE	CK# 50009	357.87
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 50010	604.39
DIRECTDIAL.COM	CK# 50011	1,278.90
DRUMHELLER SOLID WAST3	CK# 50012	73.76
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 50013	1,212.96
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 50014	37.80
EAGLE LAKE NURSERIES	CK# 50015	1,225.88
FOURLANE FORD SALES LTD.	CK# 50016	66.41
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 50017	7,095.00
GARTLOW HOLDINGS LTD.	CK# 50018	4,000.00
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 50019	222.35
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 50020	7,052.51
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 50021	636.06
HYDRO-VAC'S UNLIMITED SALES	CK# 50022	206.01
JAMES, RANDY E.	CK# 50023	1,000.00
KOWALCHUK, REBECCA	CK# 50024	500.00
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 50025	1,346.00
KUHL TUF WEAR LTD.	CK# 50026	157.50
LINDEN AGRI-CENTER LTD.	CK# 50027	482.85
LAPP	CK# 50028	23,366.39
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 50029	130.00
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 50030	2,741.92
MERKEL, BRIAN A.	CK# 50031	3,000.00
MONSTER CONTROLS	CK# 50032	43,460.57
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 50033	209.39
NEILL, BRIAN G. & SYLVIA A.	CK# 50034	3,000.00
NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC-RD	CK# 50035	288.83
NSC MINERALS	CK# 50036	5,010.83
OASIS CARWASH & CONVENIENCE	CK# 50037	14.41
OLSEN, LESLIE M.	CK# 50038	1,500.00
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 50039	31.50
PETTY CASH	CK# 50040	78.25
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 50041	195.91
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 50042	44,708.48
REW, JOHN	CK# 50043	3,714.44
RMA FUEL	CK# 50044	29,174.73
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 50045	283.50
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 50046	1,745.48
SCHATZ, CODY J	CK# 50047	492.60
SHAND, ARLEE L.	CK# 50048	2,150.00
SHARPE, GEORGE & HEATHER	CK# 50049	15,000.00
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 50050	371.00
SHARPE, ROBERT D. & WENDY A.	CK# 50051	4,500.00

SHAW GMC CHEVROLET BUICK LTD.	CK# 50052	3,749.92
SINCLAIR PLUMBING & HEATING	CK# 50053	5,710.24
SMYTH, BEN	CK# 50054	2,079.00
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 50055	1,741.17
STETTLER TELEPHONE ANSWERING	CK# 50056	367.50
STEWART, KIM	CK# 50057	200.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 50058	17,758.03
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 50059	155.93
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 50060	1,551.21
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 50061	29,043.75
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 50062	194.05
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 50063	5,309.49
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 50064	1,500.00
TREMBLAY, DANIELLE	CK# 50065	1,013.48
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 50066	1,391.04
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 50067	734.90
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 50068	250.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 50069	5,289.52
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA	CK# 50070	152.52
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 50071	72.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 50072	6,441.68
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 50073	9,187.50
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 50074	1,305.00
WSH LABS (1992) LTD.	CK# 50075	1,764.00
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 50076	22.45
970734 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 50077	10,850.00

Sub-Total: \$ 369,130.37

TOTAL: \$ 449,709.73

**C19-245
Adjournment**

[C19-245] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

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, January 15th, 2020, in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Reeve:
Steve Wannstrom**

**Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer**