

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, August 18th, 2021

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

Attendance Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom
Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent
Councillors: Murray Marshall, John Rew and Jackie Watts
Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer
Finance Manager Judy Fazekas

C21-223
Agenda
Approval

[C21-223] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the agenda for the August 18th, 2021 meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as presented with the addition of two agenda items: Loan Agreement with the Starland Seed Cleaning Plant Ltd. and RMA Resolution for Fall Convention re Small Modular Reactors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-224
Approval of
Minutes

[C21-224] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the minutes of the July 21st, 2021 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-225
Approval of
Public Hearing
Minutes

[C21-225] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the minutes of the July 21st, 2021 Starland County Public Hearing regarding Bylaw 1176, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 1125, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts

Councillors Marshall and Watts checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery on August 18th, 2021.

C21-226
Accounts

[C21-226] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that accounts (cheque numbers 52573 to 52702) totalling \$577,522.64 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-227
Financial
Statements

[C21-227] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the financial statement for the period ending July 31st, 2021 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:

- Starland County is currently advertising for tenders for Division 4 road maintenance. Sealed tender submissions must be received by September 7th, 2021 and will be opened at the next regular Council meeting on September 8th, 2021. Tenders do not have to be

accepted if Council deems the tender price too high or not to their specifications.

- Colby Black will be presenting to Council his evaluation of the grading maintenance in each Division at the next Council meeting in September. This will be ongoing to record improvements and/or deficiencies and identify areas that require more focus.
- Signage has been ordered for the Morrin Bridge Boat Launch and the Tolman Bridge Campgrounds. The signs should be ready for pick-up shortly and will be installed as soon as they are received.
- Municipal Services Director Glen Riep has been working on possible group camping sites at the Starland Recreation Area, like the Tolman Bridge group site. These sites would be available by online booking only. MSD Riep will prepare some conceptual plans and present them to Council for their input shortly. He is also looking at some options for expansion at the West Tolman Bridge Campground.
- MSD Riep noted that it is difficult to regulate where people are fishing at the Tolman Bridge beach area. He has discussed the matter of discarded fishing tackle at the beach with Camp Attendant Remie Defour, and they will either rope off the area or place signage in the area warning of discarded fishing tackle in the water.
- The extra areas that were identified for mowing in Craigmyle were reviewed and most were not able to be mowed as they require further landscaping/rock-picking or can best be mowed using specialized equipment such as the JD mower. When time permits, these areas may be scheduled for more landscaping so that they can be mowed more efficiently.
- The Road Construction Crew have substantially completed the Walker Road project with only clean-up and grass seeding left to do. The crew has now moved to the Morton pit to start stripping the overburden so that we can commence mining operations next year. Due to environmental constraints, we cannot officially start working on the bridge files until September; however, a couple of crew members are prepping the Grenville bridge site so that construction can commence right after the Labour Day weekend.
- The re-gravelling program is 80% complete with approximately 30 miles left to gravel. The roadside mowing program has commenced starting in Division 5. Another truckload of dust control product has been applied due to demand from the community as well as additional areas that were identified on our busier roads.
- The estimate to repair damages to Ron Trout's grader caused by the plough wind is just over \$6,000.00 including GST. As the deductible is \$5,000.00 plus GST, an insurance claim will not be made for this repair to avoid any negative impacts on our insurance rating.
- The old Public Works Office modular unit has been emptied and is being prepared to be put out to sealed tender. If the tenders come in too low, then the unit can be kept and repurposed for internal use by the County.
- There is a new federal statutory holiday *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* to be held on September 30. The federal government recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday to provide an opportunity for each public servant to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. It will be a paid holiday for all federal employees commencing in 2021, but it has yet to be determined how this is being handled municipally.
- CAO Bremer gave a heartfelt thanks to all the employees of Starland County who worked so hard to make the Grand Opening of our new facility such a huge success. The event was both well attended and well received by dignitaries and members of the community.

Update on
Camping
Revenues

CAO Bremer reported that camping revenues are up from prior years. As of mid-August, our campgrounds earned the following revenues: Michichi Dam \$44,000; Starland Recreation Area \$47,000; McLaren Dam \$13,000; and Tolman Bridge \$50,000. Council asked that Administration investigate the various options and costs for getting power to the Starland Recreation Area and Tolman Bridge Campground as a potential economic development investment into Starland County tourism.

State of
Agricultural
Disaster in
Starland County

Due to the extreme heat and extended drought conditions in Starland County this summer, the Starland County Ag Service Board has recommended that Starland County Council declare a State of Agricultural Disaster in Starland County. This recommendation is based on the impacts of low moisture and intense heat during crucial growing periods which have had devastating impacts across all sectors of agricultural production in our County including grain and forage crop production, and shortages of ground water and pasture growth for livestock. This decision is intended to raise public awareness of the challenges facing the agricultural industry in our County and will be posted on our website.

C21-228
**State of
Agricultural
Disaster in
Starland
County**

[C21-228] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County Council declare a State of Agricultural Disaster in Starland County effective August 18, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Update on
Development
Application No.
07/18

CAO Bremer provided an update to Council on Development Application No. 07/18 – Construction of an addition to garage on Lots 6-9; Block 4; Plan 7055 BG in Craigmyle. MSD Riep has sent a letter to the applicant, Brad Lafave, requesting that he provide confirmation of compliance with the terms set out in the extension agreement for the development application. The deadline for the extension expired as of July 1, 2021, and Mr. Lafave has not provided an update on the compliance status of this project to date. The appropriate documentation must be filed with the Starland County Development Officer no later than September 1, 2021.

Amendment to
Land Use Bylaw
1125

Larry W. Poland has applied to Palliser for a Land Use Bylaw 1125 amendment. He would like to subdivide a parcel of land on the SE ¼ 18-29-18-W4M. As this is the third parcel out of the same quarter section, it will require this quarter to be rezoned from “AG” Agricultural General District to “CR” Country Residential District. This amendment will require a Public Hearing which will need to be advertised.

C21-229
Bylaw 1177
**Amendment to
Land Use Bylaw
1125**

[C21-229] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1177, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 1125 as follows: “In Part VIII, Land Use District Maps, amend by re-designating SE ¼ 18-29-18-W4M from “AG” – Agricultural General district to “CR” – Country Residential District as shown on Schedule A below,” be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-230
**Bylaw 1177 –
1st Reading**

[C21-230] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Bylaw 1177, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 1125 as follows: “In Part VIII, Land Use District Maps, amend by re-designating SE ¼ 18-29-18-W4M from “AG” – Agricultural General district to “CR” – Country Residential District as shown on Schedule A below,” be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-231
Bylaw 1177 –
Public Hearing

[C21-231] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that a Public Hearing be held in regard to Bylaw 1177, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 1125, on September 8th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hamlet Clean-Up
Days

CAO Bremer proposed that the County facilitate another Hamlet Clean-up Days this September to assist hamlet residents in the disposal of garbage from their properties. Suggested dates are as follows: Craigmyle – September 21, 2021; Michichi – September 22, 2021; Rowley – September 23, 2021; and Rumsey – September 23, 2021. Further discussion followed regarding the need for more forceful bylaws pertaining to unsightly property issues so that the County can better manage and enforce property clean-up and maintenance. Hamlet Clean-Up Days will be advertised in the local newspaper and on the County website.

C21-232
Hamlet Clean-
Up Days

[C21-232] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Starland County facilitate Hamlet Clean-Up Days in the hamlets of Craigmyle, Michichi, Rowley and Rumsey from September 21st, 2021 to September 23rd, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Potential Meeting
with Minister of
Municipal Affairs

CAO Bremer advised Council that there may be an opportunity to meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver, at the RMA Fall Convention in November. Two topics of discussion need to be submitted with the meeting request. Councillor Watts proposed the following discussion topics be submitted: 1) a more equitable distribution of STIP funding rather than basing funding on assessment value or car counts; 2) energy industries in Alberta including oil and gas, and emerging industries such as Small Modular Reactors.

Drumheller
RCMP – Crime
Statistics

Staff Sargeant Eddie Bourque of the Drumheller RCMP Detachment attended the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Staff Sargeant Bourque reviewed the crime statistics and trends with Council as well as the Community Crime initiatives and plan. Crime reduction and prevention are the main priorities. He reported that there are regular patrols performed in Morrin, Munson, Delia, and Carbon. The Drumheller RCMP want to have more visibility in Starland County and have more community engagement with its citizens. He is planning on having a town hall meeting together with the Crown Prosecutor either in Morrin or Rumsey this fall.

2nd Quarter (Q2)
Budget Report

Finance Manager Fazekas reviewed with Council the Budget Report to the end of July 31, 2021. Tax revenues have been levied in the amount of \$12,613,482 and are approximately \$421,000 less than 2020 taxes. As of the end of July, \$927,350 in tax arrears and \$1,087,662 in current year taxes have been collected since the tax notices were sent out late June. This is an encouraging trend and one which hopefully will continue. Grant revenues received to date include MSI Operating in the amount of \$111,814; a portion of the MSP grant in the amount of \$33,000; a portion of the 2021 FCSS grant in the amount of \$51,177; 2021 ASB grant in the amount of \$153,907; 2019 and 2020 Federal Gas Tax Fund in the amount of \$237,477. There will be a requirement to write-off approximately \$600,000 in taxes this year due to the insolvency of Trident companies and Sanling Energy. Operating and capital expenditures are on trend to stay within budget.

Starland Seed
Cleaning Plant
Ltd. Loan
Agreement

Finance Manager Fazekas reported to Council regarding our legal counsel's requirements and recommendations in preparing the loan and security documentation for the loan to the Starland Seed Cleaning Plant Ltd. In particular, the lender's legal costs in setting up the loan and securities are typically borne by the borrower. Council proposed that Starland County will pay for 50% of the legal costs to prepare the loan and security documents, up to a maximum of \$25,000, in return for which the Starland Seed Cleaning Plant Ltd. will issue the equivalent amount in redeemable shares to Starland County. Council asked that Councillor Marshall take this proposal back to the Board of

Directors of the Starland Seed Cleaning Plant.

Departure Finance Manager Fazekas departed the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Attendance Shari-Anne Doolaeye of Sage Analytics attended the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

C21-233

Motion to Proceed in Closed Session

[C21-233] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that under the exemption granted by Section 17, Division 4 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Sargent, and Councillors Rew, Watts and Marshall, staff Bremer, and Shari-Anne Doolaeye proceed with the meeting in Closed Session at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-234

Motion to Proceed Out of Closed Session

[C21-234] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting proceed out of Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure Shari-Anne Doolaeye departed the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Road Tour The road tour is tentatively scheduled for September 23rd, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Three locations were identified to be included in the tour and are the Bund Land that the County owns, the Morton Pit, and the Lenfesty Bridge on the east side of the County.

Resolution – Small Modular Reactors (SMR) CAO Bremer reviewed the draft resolution on SMR’s with Council. CAO Bremer will make the requested revisions to the resolution and present the final draft at the next Council meeting.

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

Council Communications Council Communications:
i. Pam Davidson, Candidate for Senate.
ii. Special Areas Board & County of Paintearth re: Declaration of Agricultural Disaster.
iii. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) re:
• RMA Bulletin re: Supports Available for Farmers.
• RMA Letter to Minister Shandro re: HEMS Report.
• President’s Update.
• July 2021 Update.
• August 2021 Update.
• Contact Newsletter – 4 issues.

Accounts Accounts - see prior motion.

RMA TRADE	CK# 52573	51,976.80
Sub-Total:	\$	51,976.80
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 52574	13,303.50
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 52575	353.97
APEX UTILITIES INC.	CK# 52576	857.98
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 52577	228.27
BOW VALLEY BRIDGE SERVICES LTD.	CK# 52578	315.00
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 52579	158.68
FOUNTAIN TIRE LTD.	CK# 52580	5,303.62
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 52581	106.42
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 52582	47.05
KNEEHILL SOIL SERVICES	CK# 52583	312.80

MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 52584	6,345.09
MVS	CK# 52585	13,097.34
PEOPLES, CHRISTOPHER G	CK# 52586	92.00
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 52587	59,761.07
RMA FUEL	CK# 52588	30,197.06
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	CK# 52589	16,160.11
TELUS	CK# 52590	103.53
THOMAS, GARETH R	CK# 52591	62.00
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 52592	413.04
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 52593	1,868.71
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 52594	145.26
WIART DIRTWORK LTD.	CK# 52595	2,068.50
1121113 ALBERTA LTD	CK# 52596	1,895.25
4IMPRINT INC.	CK# 52597	5,358.90
Sub-Total:	\$	158,555.15
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 52598	12,348.00
A.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 52599	110.25
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 52600	647.52
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 52601	426.42
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 52602	464.52
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 52603	57.71
BEARCOM CANADA CORP.	CK# 52604	294.00
BIG COUNTRY GRAPHICS & PRINTING	CK# 52605	88.98
BOSS CARPET CLEANING SOLUTIONS INC.	CK# 52606	1,260.00
BULECHOWSKY, SKYLER	CK# 52607	100.00
CANADIAN TIRE #439	CK# 52608	293.98
CERTIFIED TRACKING SOLUTIONS, INC.	CK# 52609	2,688.79
CHINOOK PUMPS LTD.	CK# 52610	1,996.90
DG FRAMES STORE	CK# 52611	1,289.74
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 52612	289.55
EAGLE LAKE NURSERIES	CK# 52613	96.65
ENMAX	CK# 52614	154.56
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 52615	2,202.35
GHOSTPINE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD.	CK# 52616	3,244.18
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 52617	362.25
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER SERVICES	CK# 52618	15,013.33
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 52619	367.17
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 52620	4,864.25
HODGE, ROGER	CK# 52621	1,104.11
HYDRODIG CANADA INC.	CK# 52622	1,354.50
LAPP	CK# 52623	39,871.18
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 52624	46.46
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 52625	351.45
QUADROCK TRUCKING & EXCAVATING	CK# 52626	182.70
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 52627	57,724.87
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 52628	365.41
ROWLEY COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION	CK# 52629	436.00
STARLAND REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY	CK# 52630	33.37
STETTLER TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE	CK# 52631	367.50
SUMMIT VALVE & CONTROLS INC.	CK# 52632	5,030.55
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	CK# 52633	141.75
TAQA NORTH	CK# 52634	21.00
TELUS	CK# 52635	1,174.84
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 52636	1,426.47
THE CANADIAN PAYROLL ASSOC	CK# 52637	430.50

TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 52638	2,378.81
UNITED RENTALS OF CANADA INC.	CK# 52639	606.84
VALLEN CANADA INC.	CK# 52640	183.25
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 52641	250.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 52642	2,749.88
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 52643	204.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 52644	1,628.88
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 52645	2,088.81
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 52646	7,875.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 52647	88.93
WONG, MILTON	CK# 52648	300.00
ZEEBEST PLASTICS OF CANADA INC.	CK# 52649	312.93
18-2 BEACH VOLLEYBALL	CK# 52650	1,800.00
4IMPRINT INC.	CK# 52651	3,453.35

Sub-Total: \$ 182,644.54

ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 52652	2,786.74
ADVANCED COOLANT TECHNOLOGIES	CK# 52653	1,682.83
AGRI-CENTRE	CK# 52654	215.82
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 52655	59.54
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 52656	4,852.11
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 52657	1,811.27
BARRON, FRANCIS	CK# 52658	1,419.00
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 52659	186.88
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 52660	150.00
CAMPUS ENERGY	CK# 52661	11,265.58
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 52662	234.73
NEXTGEN AUTOMATION	CK# 52663	138.20
DINO DONUTS	CK# 52664	733.50
DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES	CK# 52665	129.91
DRUMHELLER & DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	CK# 52666	436.48
DRUMHELLER REGISTRIES	CK# 52667	84.00
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 52668	177.14
FRANK FLAMAN SALES LTD.	CK# 52669	1,681.76
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 52670	285.60
GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 52671	922.27
HECK, BRIAN	CK# 52672	172.00
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER SERVICES	CK# 52673	199.74
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 52674	553.23
KNEEHILL COUNTY	CK# 52675	6,164.50
KORTECH CALCIUM SERVICES LTD.	CK# 52676	56,599.84
DMACD FARMS LTD	CK# 52677	400.00
MEGA-TECH	CK# 52678	29,086.45
NEU MUEHL HUTTERIAN BRETHERN OF DELIA	CK# 52679	125.00
PEOPLES, CHRISTOPHER G	CK# 52680	97.00
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 52681	877.61
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 52682	121.75
R & J FLOWER CENTRE	CK# 52683	16.80
RMA FUEL	CK# 52684	46,461.02
RMA INSURANCE	CK# 52685	380.07
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 52686	220.77
SERENIC SOFTWARE	CK# 52687	535.50
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 52688	148.00
SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL ULC	CK# 52689	288.88
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 52690	2,322.18
STERN, HEATHER	CK# 52691	500.00
TELUS	CK# 52692	252.01
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 52693	190.52
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 52694	2,194.59
ULINE	CK# 52695	675.44

UNION TRACTOR LTD.	CK# 52696	65.83
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 52697	158.00
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 52698	18.00
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 52699	211.06
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 52700	2,163.00
WOLF, TRACY & MONTGOMERY, CINDY	CK# 52702	3,894.00
Sub-Total:	\$	184,346.15
TOTAL:	\$	577,522.64

C21-235
Adjournment

[C21-235] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, at the Starland County Administration Building, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve:
Steve Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer