

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

### Attendance

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover  
Deputy Reeve: Allen Avramenko  
Councillors: Murray Marshall, Norman Stanger and Bob Sargent  
Staff: CAO R. Rawlusyk  
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke  
Recording Secretary S. Bremer

### **C13-036** **Approval of** **Minutes**

#### **[C13-036] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

that the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Accounts Checked

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

### **C13-037** **Approval of** **Accounts**

#### **[C13-037] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT**

that accounts (cheque no. 36311 to 36365 inclusive) totalling \$152,884.27, be approved for payment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### CAO Report

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

- Ross attended a meeting in Red Deer put on by Alberta Environment called "Our Water, Our Future - A Conversation with Albertans". He noted that although they are proposing to take water and wastewater management away from municipalities, the majority of municipalities are either unaware or uninformed of this review and consultation process. He is particularly concerned with the Water and Wastewater area, wherein Environment is proposing a shift to geographic water management which would mean municipalities would no longer need to directly manage water systems.
- As part of the funding from the Government of Alberta's Rural Connections Grant Program, the County was able to purchase a mobile GIS data collection device. This technology will allow us to collect all manner of spatial data in our County at levels of precision under one meter in accuracy and will also be used to update our online WebGIS application on an ongoing basis.
- Our CLV Water Project recently received funding approval under the Building Canada Fund. Work has begun on completing the environmental assessment documentation. The grant funding also includes a substantial amount of funding for solar power at the CLV Truckfill station site, as well a funding for a power back-up supply.
- The Federal government announced their 2013 Budget on March 21<sup>st</sup>. For municipalities, the Federal Gas Tax Fund will continue and indexed at 2% annual growth. The Building Canada Fund was also renewed and extended to a new 10 year program, commencing in 2014.
- The Canada-Alberta Growing Forward Agreement was signed on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The goal of this agreement is to strengthen the

long-term sustainability and competitiveness of Canadian agriculture.

- The Tax Arrears list must be forwarded to Land Titles Office before March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The ATCO Community Symposium will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> this year in Three Hills.
- Diana, Shirley and Ross completed the financial reporting that's required for the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant Program. The financial summary is required before March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- We had a recent break-in at the Verdant Valley Truck fill and captured a nice picture of the individual that gained access. This photo has been forwarded to the RCMP for investigation.

**C13-038**  
**Letter to Minister of Environment re: Alberta's Strategy for Water Sustainability**

**[C13-038] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER**

**that Starland County forward a letter to the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development with regards to the County's concerns with the recent consultation process for water management issues in Alberta.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Attendance of PWS Pratt & PW Report

At 10:25 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council, noting the following highlights:

- Crews have been busy with regular maintenance items such as plowing snow, cutting firewood and snow removal as well as sanding in hamlets.
- Brenda has been busy with permits and road complaints.
- Al recently attended the 2013 AAMDC Spring Convention.

2013 Road Program

CAO Rawlusyk went through the remaining agenda items that were not dealt with at the recent Road Program Meeting. Council reviewed the present Dust Control and Land Acquisition Policies, noting that the rates used in these policies still seem to be adequate. CAO Rawlusyk noted that the engineering contract with Stantec Consulting will soon be expiring and recommended that this contract be extended for a further two year period. Information was provided on the proposed road program, updated grader operator divisional maps were distributed and a construction cost analysis on the Princeton Road was also reviewed.

**C13-039**  
**Motion to extend Engineering Contract with Stantec Consulting Ltd.**

**[C13-039] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO**

**that the engineering contract with Stantec Consulting Ltd. be extended for a further two year period.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Departure of PWS Pratt

At 11:30 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of Manager Riep & Municipal Services Report

Manager Riep attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights from his report noted the following:

- The crew has been busy with various utility items including plowing of roads and access to the water stations, daily water system monitoring and testing, repairs to the recreation equipment and trailer, etc.
- Employees recently completed their First Aid Training;
- As of April 1<sup>st</sup> the River Forecast Centre will begin using the Alberta Emergency Alert system for all river related advisories and warnings. These advisories will also be posted on the

- emergencyalert.alberta.ca website and on the face book page.
- Glen attended the AWWOA conference last week in Banff. The conference covered a number of water and wastewater topics, including disinfection by-products in water and the relation to cancer problems.
  - A recent review completed by AENV with regards to the Rumsey water wells was discussed. Manager Riep will be meeting with the consultant and AENV to review the possible options to upgrade the present system, to include continuous monitoring of chlorine residuals, reservoir improvements, UV disinfection and ammonia removal by reverse osmosis.
  - Glen attended one of the local open houses held across the province with regards to Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability. One of the main concerns delivered from the meeting was the privatization of the water treatment and distribution systems within the province.
  - A Fire Protection Master Plan working committee meeting is to be held March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the County Office, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Departure of  
Manager Riep

At 12:05 p.m., Manager Riep departed from the meeting.

AAMDC re: Local  
Road Bridge  
Program Survey

The AAMDC forwarded a summary of responses on the proposed changes to the Local Road Bridge Program survey that they conducted. CAO Rawlusk reviewed this summary with Council.

Building Canada  
Program Funding  
Approved re: CLV  
System Upgrade

CAO Rawlusk advised that the County has now received official approval of funding under the Building Canada Program for the CLV Water System Upgrading Project. He reviewed the updated summary of expenses for this proposed project with Council.

ATCO Community  
Symposium

ATCO Electric and ATCO Gas are hosting a 2013 ATCO Community Symposium in Three Hills, Alberta, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Marigold Report

The Marigold Library System forwarded copies of their Marigold Report for Council's review.

FCM re: Federal  
Budget 2013

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities forwarded a copy of the FCM Analysis of Budget 2013 for Council's review. In addition, a statement by the FCM President in response to the federal budget was also provided.

Municipal Census

CAO Rawlusk discussed Starland County's 2013 Municipal Census results with Council. He is proposing that the County conduct their own municipal census, as the numbers reported in the federal census were considerably lower than in previous years and will affect our provincial/federal grant funding limits. Additional information will also be collected including the location of usual physician services and the location of their primary community recreation facility.

**C13-040**  
**Authorization of  
Census**

**[C13-040] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER**

**that Starland County conduct a municipal census between April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013; that Matthew Kreke be appointed as Starland County's Census Coordinator; that the form reviewed for collection of information be accepted by Council; that four people be contracted to conduct the census collection as directed; and that the hours of census information collection be between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Alberta Cabinet  
Listing

CAO Rawlusk provided Council with an updated list of Alberta Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Committees of the Legislature for their reference.

Canadian Business Journal re: Town of Drumheller's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Correspondence was received from the Canadian Business Journal with regards to advertising opportunities for the Town of Drumheller's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advertising Special Edition. Once published, the article will be reproduced into a new corporate brochure for the Town of Drumheller. The Town of Drumheller has identified Starland County as a key partner and invited us to participate within their business profile by placing an advertisement within this article and subsequent brochure. Council requested further information prior to making a decision on this matter.

ACFA re: AGM

The Alberta Capital Finance Authority's Annual General Meeting is to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Attendance must be confirmed by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Craigmyle United Church Historic Committee re: Window replacement

Correspondence was received from the Craigmyle United Church Historic Committee. They are currently investigating the restoration of the church windows as well as applying for funding from the Historic Branch. They noted that the documentation needed to list the church on the Alberta Register of Historic Places had not yet been received. They also require the County's support in principle prior to commencing this project.

**C13-041**  
**Motion to support**  
**Craigmyle United**  
**Church Historic**  
**Committee**

**[C13-041] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER**

**that Starland County support in principle the Craigmyle United Church Historic Committee in their endeavours to restore the church windows and their application for funding of same from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Valley Bus Society re: Funding Request

Correspondence was received from the Valley Bus Society. They are launching a major fund-raising drive to purchase new equipment and are seeking financial support to help in maintaining vital community transportation services. Council noted that they would like further information obtained with regards to service areas, equipment needed, etc.

Committee Reports

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

Departure of Councillor Stanger

Councillor Stanger departed from the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Government of Alberta - "Growing Forward 2 Agricultural Programs Launched in Alberta"
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
  - Contact Newsletter

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

PRATT, AL	CK# 36311	\$	400.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>400.00</b>
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 36312		Cancelled
<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>
CALON, DARA	CK# 36313	\$	400.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 36314		10,171.10
<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>10,571.10</b>
AGRO EQUIPMENT	CK# 36315	\$	8,650.00
CERTIFIED LABS	CK# 36316		178.45

<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$ 8,828.45</b>
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER	CK# 36317	\$ 859.83
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 36318	428.79
ADVANCED COOLANT TECHNOLOGIES	CK# 36319	693.84
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 36320	181.69
AAMDC	CK# 36321	32,040.85
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 36322	271.13
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 36323	1,042.42
CHRIST THE REDEEMER CSRD #3	CK# 36324	3,591.50
CREDIT UNION MASTERCARD	CK# 36325	506.25
CUNCANNON, WENDY	CK# 36326	1,984.50
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 36327	84.00
EAGLE ALLOYS LTD.	CK# 36328	246.95
FLYNN CANADA LTD.	CK# 36329	1,397.55
FREIGHTLINER OF RED DEER INC.	CK# 36330	25.81
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 36331	218.20
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 36332	598.18
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 36333	508.32
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 36334	144.90
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 36335	1,365.00
KREKE, MATTHEW	CK# 36336	695.85
LAPP	CK# 36337	20,501.25
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 36338	289.88
MARY LAMBERT PRODUCTIONS	CK# 36339	40.99
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 36340	88.15
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 36341	4,093.00
NEWCASTLE TOWING	CK# 36342	269.85
OASIS CARWASH	CK# 36343	57.95
PEEVEY ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 36344	3,809.02
PENTAGON FARM CENTRE LTD.	CK# 36345	195.31
PRATT, AL	CK# 36346	1,034.02
RAWLUSYK, ROSS D.	CK# 36347	1,046.74
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 36348	35,021.04
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 36349	3,719.50
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	CK# 36350	54.91
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 36351	268.67
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 36352	100.80
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 36353	130.06
SSCR CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LTD.	CK# 36354	1,979.25
STANGER, NORMAN	CK# 36355	263.36
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 36356	526.18
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 36357	237.26
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 36358	3,527.38
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 36359	1,397.01
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 36360	396.90
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 36361	220.00
WARWICK PRINTING CO. LTD.	CK# 36362	747.73
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 36363	720.00
WOOD HOG HAULING LTD.	CK# 36364	4,357.50
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 36365	1,105.45
<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$ 133,084.72</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 152,884.27</b>

C13-042  
Adjournment

[C13-042] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 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 Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*



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Reeve:  
J. Barrie Hoover



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Chief Administrative Officer:  
Ross D. Rawlusk

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