

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

### Attendance

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover  
Deputy Reeve: Allen Avramenko  
Councillors: Bob Sargent, Steve Wannstrom and Murray Marshall  
Staff: Assistant CAO Bremer  
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

### C15-059 Approval of the Minutes

#### [C15-059] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Accounts Checked

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

### C15-060 Approval of the Accounts

#### [C15-060] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 40506 to 40589 inclusive) totalling \$600,870.26, be approved for payment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### CAO Report

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

- The Provincial Government has called an election for May 5<sup>th</sup> and all candidates including the Premier have been out campaigning. Early polls are indicating trouble for the Progressive Conservatives however there is still a number of days before the election;
- CAO Rawlusk has received an inquiry from Kneehill County regarding potential interest in a new water treatment plant with the goal being water independence;
- Jeff Faupel from Endeavor Chartered Accounts will be attending the meeting today to review the Audited Financial Process. While no significant accounting issues were noted there was an excess of expenditures due mainly to bridge work being underestimated or unforeseen at the time of budgeting;
- Disaster Committee training was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and included both ICS 100 training and a table top exercise. Bruce Mackenzie from the Alberta Emergency Management Association was there to do the training;
- The 2015 Road Program Meeting was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>. In the absence of the completed road study we are still carrying on with the road program from last year. Additionally, several of the Public Works policies were reviewed with several changes to be made;
- A change to our MSDS update program was suggested at our recent safety meeting. An online service which automatically updates MSDS sheets for all County departments for \$700 annually has been recommended.

### Attendance of Jeff Faupel

At 9:35 a.m., Jeff Faupel of Endeavor Chartered Accountants attended the meeting at reviewed with Council the 2014 Audited Financial Statements. He noted a revenue shortfall of \$896,396.00 due mainly to capital spending

overages which he suggested we cover from the unrestricted surplus. Additional inventory control issues were noted that should be addressed with a new policy and procedures.

C15-061  
Approval of 2014  
Financial  
Statement

[C15-061] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that the 2014 Audited Financial Statement of Starland County be accepted as prepared by Endeavor Chartered Accountants.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C15-062  
Motion to use  
Unrestricted  
Surplus

[C15-062] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County use \$896,396.00 from unrestricted surplus to cover the excess of expenditures over revenues from 2014.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Departure

At 10.20 a.m. Jeff Faupel departed from the meeting.

Attendance of PW  
Supervisor Pratt  
and PW Report

At 10.25 a.m. PW Supervisor Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The Public Works crew has been busy with a number of activities including, cutting trees and firewood, ongoing cold mix patching, hauling clay from the Munson Transfer Site pedestals, taking down snow fence and cleaning up garbage from County ditches;
- Buck has been doing regular maintenance on the light duty fleet, some minor repairs, and building a solar stand for the ASB's portable corrals;
- Tom has been doing CVIPs on county vehicles and fire equipment;
- Thomas H and Kevin D have been doing the regular maintenance on the heavy duty fleet and some repairs to Unit 63;
- Brenda has been getting very few permit requests and has had some Bylaw complaint issues. She has been in contact with Gas Co-op Federation regarding hauling issues and dust control;
- Al has been working on ordering signs and culverts, the capital budget and time sheets, meetings with Stantec and Council, preparing for the road program meeting and comparing rates for dust control products for the ratepayers.

Dust Control

Al reviewed with Council the costs and benefits of switching the County dust control program from using oil emulsion to an MG30 blend. Al noted that even with a second application in the fall there would be significant time and cost savings by switching to MG30.

Hamlet Clean Up  
Days

Al discussed with Council the need to move the Craigmyle spring clean-up days to June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from the fall to facilitate the Craigmyle Centennial Celebration.

C15-063  
Hamlet Clean-up  
Days

[C15-063] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Craigmyle Hamlet Clean-up Days be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for the 2015 year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C-15-064  
Gravel Days

that Farmer Gravel Days be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Scollard Pit and at the Moench Pit on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C-15-065  
Dust Control

[C15-065] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Dust Control Policy 320-15 be changed to reflect a switch from offering oil emulsion to MG30 and that this operational change be made immediately while the policy is still in the process of being amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Departure of PW  
Supervisor Pratt

At 11:45 a.m., PW Supervisor Pratt departed the meeting.

Departure

At 11:46 a.m. Councillor Sargent departed from the Meeting.

C-15-066  
Meeting  
Cancellation

[C15-066] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of Starland County to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be cancelled.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Return

At 11:48 Councillor Sargent returned to the meeting.

Attendance of MS  
Manager Riep and  
MS Report

At 11:48 a.m. MS Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- They completed a waterline repair for the Morning Glory Water Co-op that looks like it was leaking since last fall;
- Glen has received some pricing on the chain link portion of the CLV fencing and is planning to use our regular fence contractor for the barb wire portion;
- He made contact with Rick Dunsmore regarding the outstanding solar project work for the CLV system. Rick noted there are issues with the inverters used in the system that are being supplied by Eguana Technologies. Currently they are awaiting some component upgrades before finishing their portion. Rick assured Glen that in the meantime he will install the racking and solar panels at the CLV site;
- Glen has received a request from Laurie Raymond to reactivate water to the old Barry McLeod property south of Delia. To proceed Glen will require that Laurie sign a water provision agreement;
- A disaster ISC 100 and table top training exercise was held at the County Office on April 21<sup>st</sup>;
- He has suspended all controlled burning within the County until further notice due to dry weather conditions;
- A Fire Protection Master Plan meeting is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. There will be some preliminary design options for new fire halls presented.

Shop Delegation

At 1:30 p.m. shop mechanic Buck Benoit attended the meeting and reviewed with Council the potential uses for a new Smart Smoke Evap Machine for the shop. He explained that the device could potentially save hundreds of hours of work.

Departure

At 1:35 Buck Benoit departed from the meeting.

AAMDC

Communication was received from the AAMDC encouraging rural municipalities to talk with local election candidates about rural issues and information has been provided by the AAMDC to support these conversations.

Safety

The Safety Committee has recommended that Starland County purchase the EH&S Compliance Solution on an annual basis for \$700.00 in order to reduce the amount of time required to maintain MSDS sheets for all departments. Additionally, the Committee has scheduled the Starland County Safety BBQ for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

**C15-067**  
**EH&S**  
**Compliance**  
**Solution**

**IC15-067I MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM**

that Starland County contract with MSDS Online for annual implementation of their EH&S Compliance Solution and that the annual cost of \$700.00 plus GST be paid.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

AAMDC Golf  
Tournament

Notice was received from the AAMDC that the annual golf tournament will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the St. Paul Golf Club.

Sale of Truck

Two offers were received for Unit 27 – a 1995 Ford F-250.

**C15-068**  
**Sale of Truck**

**IC15-068I MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO**

that Starland County accept the offer of \$250.00 for Unit 27, a 1995 Ford F-250 submitted by Jim Wannstrom.

**Councillor Wannstrom abstained from voting.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Prairie Land  
Delegation

At 2:00 p.m., Ed Brinkman and Wes Neumeier, of Prairie Land Regional School Division attended the meeting and presented on the results of the past school year, ongoing programs and upcoming events. They noted that enrolment continues to decline which adds to yearly budget pressures. Additionally the current fiscal situation in Alberta has had the provincial government mandate budget cuts for the upcoming year which cannot come from teachers. This has led to some tough decisions being required in the near term.

Departure

At 2:35 p.m. the Prairie Land Delegation 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) AESRD re: Application for an Approval Under the Water Act
- ii) Alberta Municipal Affairs re: Municipal Excellence Awards
- iii) Lac Ste. Anne County re: FCM Women in Municipal Government Fund – Request for Support
- iv) Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc. re: New Staff Hired
- v) Alberta Municipal Affairs re: Regional Collaboration Program 2013-14 Regional Orthophoto Project
- vi) Seniors' Week 2015 – June 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
  - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.		
ALBERTA NURSERIES	Ck# 40506	3,512.25
DRUMHELLER AND DISTRICT SOLID W	Ck# 40507	168.44
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	Ck# 40508	1,654.06
GLENTEL INC.	Ck# 40509	270.22
LOOMIS EXPRESS	Ck# 40510	217.66
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	Ck# 40511	850.39
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	Ck# 40512	1,977.15
SUN LIFE	Ck# 40513	15,477.86
VILLAGE OF DELIA	Ck# 40514	107.20
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	Ck# 40515	28.35

**Sub-Total: \$ 24,263.58**

AAMDC

Ck# 40516	71,899.53
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$ 71,899.53</b>

ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	Ck# 40517	4,179.36
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	Ck# 40518	953.38
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	Ck# 40519	354.78
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	Ck# 40520	22,175.37
AMHSA	Ck# 40521	249.90
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	Ck# 40522	3,393.01
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	Ck# 40523	40.70
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	Ck# 40524	6,496.74
AWARE 360 LTD.	Ck# 40525	378.00
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	Ck# 40526	359.00
BURT, EDWIN L.	Ck# 40527	150.00
CANADA REVENUE AGENCY	Ck# 40528	400.00
CANUCK INDUSTRIAL SALES	Ck# 40529	92.40
CASCADE PROCESS CONTROLS LTD.	Ck# 40530	504.00
CHARLTON, MICHAEL E.	Ck# 40531	127.50
CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD.	Ck# 40532	131.25
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	Ck# 40533	68.25
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	Ck# 40534	470.29
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	Ck# 40535	2,190.17
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	Ck# 40536	315.21
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	Ck# 40537	359.63
ENDEAVOR	Ck# 40538	21,308.70
GALLAGHER, BRENDA	Ck# 40539	117.86
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	Ck# 40540	22.51
GRIFFITH, CAYLE	Ck# 40541	75.00
GT HYDRAULIC & BEARING INC	Ck# 40542	1,533.46
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	Ck# 40543	216.42
HOOVER, BARRIE	Ck# 40544	294.30
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	Ck# 40545	273.73
IN-LINE CONTRACTING LTD.	Ck# 40546	295,218.00
IWORQ SYSTEMS	Ck# 40547	1,272.00
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	Ck# 40548	1,365.00
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA R.	Ck# 40549	52.00
KNEEHILL COUNTY	Ck# 40550	147.29
LAPP	Ck# 40551	23,963.23
LOSS CONTROL CONSULTANTS LTD.	Ck# 40552	4,200.00
MARSHALL, MURRAY	Ck# 40553	5,029.01
MINISTER OF FINANCE	Ck# 40554	86.10
MORRIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Ck# 40555	200.00
MORRIN FOODS	Ck# 40556	595.66
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	Ck# 40557	5,272.58
MUNSON AND AREA COMMUNITY ASSO	Ck# 40558	125.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	Ck# 40559	83.90
NELSON, BRIAN	Ck# 40560	151.30
OASIS CARWASH & CONVENIENCE	Ck# 40561	114.29
PEEVEY ELECTRIC LTD.	Ck# 40562	358.48
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	Ck# 40563	694.31

PIZZA 249	Ck# 40564	76.25
PREMA MIDALTA	Ck# 40565	609.45
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	Ck# 40566	551.40
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	Ck# 40567	49,321.25
REDCLIFF STAKE & LATH (1995) LTD.	Ck# 40568	2,558.06
ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT INC.	Ck# 40569	6,796.60
ROWE, DIANA	Ck# 40570	67.03
SARGENT, ROBERT	Ck# 40571	264.76
SCHOONDERBEEK, DENNIS	Ck# 40572	184.55
SHRED-IT CALGARY	Ck# 40573	274.46
SLGM	Ck# 40574	310.00
SSCR CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LTD.	Ck# 40575	304.50
STEINBRECKER, ANNETTE	Ck# 40576	75.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	Ck# 40577	352.75
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	Ck# 40578	3,688.34
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	Ck# 40579	5,393.10
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	Ck# 40580	1,517.16
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	Ck# 40581	283.50
VILLAGE OF DELIA	Ck# 40582	102.20
VOGSTAD, TREACY & PAULA	Ck# 40583	431.86
WANNSTROM, STEVE	Ck# 40584	411.26
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	Ck# 40585	6,342.45
WFR WHOLESale FIRE & RESCUE	Ck# 40586	1,392.94
WOLF, SANDY	Ck# 40587	1,230.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	Ck# 40588	1,183.21
1121113 ALBERTA LTD O/A TOTAL	Ck# 40589	14,826.00

Sub-Total: \$ 504,707.15

TOTAL: \$ 600,870.26

C15-069  
Adjournment

[C15-069] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m*

Reeve:  
J. Barrie Hoover

Assistant Chief Administrative  
Officer:  
Shirley Bremer

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