

STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 8TH, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, June 24th, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Present:

Reeve:

Barrie Hoover

Councillors:

Murray Marshall, Bob Sargent and

Steven Wannstrom

Staff:

CAO R. Rawluyyk

Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

Recording Secretary S. Bremer

Absent:

Deputy Reeve:

Allen Avramenko

C15-110 Approval of Minutes

[C15-110] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the June 2nd, 2015 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

Accounts Checked

Reeve Hoover and Councillor Wannstrom checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C15-111 Approval of Accounts

[C15-111] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that accounts (cheque no. 40945 to 41010 inclusive) totalling \$393,320.36, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- The Craigmyle Centennial celebration is fast approaching and there is still some work to complete in Craigmyle. The light still needs to be installed in the park and the front gate at the cemetery will be postponed until further consultation from the community. The float will be decorated on July 17th; an application of MG30 will be applied on Railway Avenue; and some areas will be hydro-seeded.
- There are many areas within the County that are rain deficient and it has had a big impact on the grass and haylands for the cattle industry, as well as the crops in some areas. There is a possibility that we may need to consider a declaration of a drought disaster if conditions don't improve.
- Shirley, Matthew and Ross met with Dr. Jon Ohlhauser of Hope College on June 28th. He reviewed the programs they are offering and their financial commitments. We also talked about the lease of the building and an opportunity to convert the lease through a taxable donation.
- The Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) and RDRMUG (Municipal Users Group) are co-hosting a workshop on July 16th from noon until 4 p.m. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss water quality issues and needs and to identify the next steps in the development of a Municipal Water Quality Protection Action Plan.
- The NDP Government has taken some steps towards developing a new Climate Change Strategy. Albertan's are to be consulted in the review of the climate change policy, and the report is to be completed by this fall. They also announced a program to increase the costs of emitting carbon, which will pay for offset measures to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- The Central Zone CAAMDC Director's meeting will be held in Three Hills on August 7th at 10:00 a.m.
- Minimum wage for Alberta is increasing from \$10.20 to \$11.20 effective October 1st, 2015. The liquor server minimum wage will rise to \$10.70 from \$9.20. The new NDP government has indicated that the rate differential will be eliminated totally in 2016. The minimum wage is expected to reach \$15.00 by 2018.
- We tried to utilize our generator yesterday when there was a planned power outage, unfortunately, the connector on the building that was designed by MPE Engineering doesn't connect to our generator. We are now working to change the connector power plug.
- Agreements are in place for our two new gravel haulers. We hope to have them both working by the end of the week.
- Bridgemen Services are prepared to start work on the bridge sized culvert replacement south of Gartley on Bridge File 7701. They are expecting to start on July 13th and should take 23 days to complete. It is necessary to close the road for the project, which we have advertised.
- Tom Armstrong has taken a leave of absence for two months to assist his spouse through a medical treatment. Our thoughts are with him and we wish them well.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt and
PW Report

At 10:15 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Crews have been fixing fence and installing a gate on the east side of the County Compound;
- More work has been completed in Craigmyle, gravel levelling at the Bottle Depot, cutting trees, grading back alleys, stock piling gravel for the Rec Crew and drilling holes for the six sided sign;
- Patching with cold mix on the Gartley Road with a grader and packer and on SH849;
- All personnel had hearing tests on June 25th & 26th,
- The water truck is at Red Deer Freightliner for repairs;
- Tom Armstrong is on a leave of absence for a couple of months;
- Mechanics are doing regular maintenance and service repairs;
- Brenda is busy again with permits, bylaw issues and dealing with the Gas Co-op road use agreement;
- 68 miles of the gravel program have been completed as well as 12 miles of add-ons. Gravel days are taking place this week;
- There are some dust control sites still to be done.

Temporary Road
Closure re:
BF 7701

CAO Rawlusk advised that a temporary road closure is necessary to allow for the work being done on BF7701. This affects Range Road 19-3 (west of the SE 1/4 3-30-19-W4M), and will be closed commencing on Monday, July 13th, 2015 for approximately 23 days to facilitate the removal of an existing bridge sized culvert and installation of a new bridge size culvert. Local traffic will be required to use alternative routes.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 11:00 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of
Jordan Webber
re: Economic
Development
Issues

At 11:00 a.m., Jordan Webber attended the meeting to discuss various economic development issues. Jordan noted that there have been some major developments in two of the target areas that require continued dialogue and he discussed same with Council. He noted that this year he finalized that we will offer 20 cents per installed watt of solar to county residents. This is below previous years however, a lowered incentive is justified by a further decrease in the price of installation. Advertising on this program supporting private installations will commence next week, as well as press releases to local newspapers, radio outlets and the Ag Talk newsletter. In addition, Jordan discussed the large scale solar installation development and noted that Starland County's support is very important for the progress

of both the cooperative and the installation. In regards to our CCEMC Application, he noted that the CCEMC usually funds larger projects and will be revisiting the type of projects that they fund this year. Therefore regarding the large solar installation in Starland County, both Edmonton and Calgary have joined the application regarding microgen installations, lending significant credibility to this application.

Departure of
J. Webber

At 11:35 a.m., Jordan Webber departed from the meeting.

Attendance of
Drumheller Mail
Representatives

At 11:35 a.m., Ossie Sheddy and Bob Sheddy from The Drumheller Mail, attended the meeting. Ossie and Bob discussed their advertising contract with the County and the proposed price increases. They departed from the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

C15-112
**Motion to renew
Drumheller Mail
Contract for
5 year term**

[C15-112] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County enter into a five year contract with The Drumheller Mail, for the supply of newspapers to all County ratepayers, as well as all publishing needs as required by Starland County, as per the terms and conditions discussed.

Brownlee LLP re:
Alberta Weed
Control Act &
Railway Lands

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties distributed an opinion paper prepared by Brownlee LLP with regards to the Alberta Weed Control Act and its application to railways lands. The conclusion of this opinion paper notes that federal and provincial railways within Alberta must comply with the weed control requirements of the Weed Control Act and that an authorized municipal inspector has the authority to monitor and enforce compliance on such lands (subject to any necessary safety requirements).

Joint Municipal
Meeting with
Villages

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the items discussed at the recent joint municipal meeting held on Monday, June 29th. Ross discussed preparing a protocol for sharing with the Villages and necessary amendments to the Fire Protection Agreement to allow for the County to construct the needed fire halls and adjust the contributions to the Villages involved accordingly. Also, in follow-up, the Village of Munson forwarded an email outlining their position on the topics of concern and prioritizing the infrastructure they feel is important to them. They are prepared to work on an agreement for the fire hall construction and noted that they have a 10 acre parcel of land that they feel would be appropriate for this building. Other infrastructure important to them is completion of their streets and reservoir expansion.

C15-113
**Motion to
purchase and
subdivide land at
Munson for new
Fire Hall**

[C15-113] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County proceed with the purchase and subdivision of land from the Village of Munson for the purpose of constructing a new fire hall / truckfill station.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance of
Manager Riep
& Municipal
Services Report

At 2:00 p.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Crews have been busy with the regular maintenance work at the recreation areas, cemeteries and hamlets, as well as water monitoring and testing and cemetery internments
- They had a water leak on the CLV transmission line feeding out of the valley. This is the 4th leak on the same section of line that they have repaired. MPE has recommended installing a PVC fusible pipe. Approximately 650 meters of steel pipe from the booster station to part way up the valley hill would need to be replaced and he is estimating the costs for piping material, drilling and contracted labour would be \$43,000.

- He noted that we also need to replace the section of waterline that was removed during the Munson Transfer Station Road construction. Glen will get a firm price for both of these projects.
- The installation of the new water dispenser at the Rowley Truckfill is now complete and working. The use of the PIN activation system will allow users to use either the CLV or Rowley stations and have accounts set up for same.
- The final landscaping work within the park is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week. The solar light should be installed early next week once the concrete base has had a chance to cure properly.
- The new gates are fabricated and will be installed this week. Tree planting is ongoing and most of the large trees will be relocated and planted this week as well. The roadway will be shaled and grass seeding will be completed early next week.
- Marquee Energy is looking at using some of our road allowance for installing temporary above ground water line for some fracking operations in the area. This operation is intended to be a short term operation of less than 24 hours.

Discussion on purchase of lots in Rumsey and lands surrounding McLaren Dam

CAO Rawlusk discussed the possibility of purchasing the adjacent lots to the Rumsey Water Treatment Plant. He recommended that the County look at this purchase to allow for a future expansion of this water facility. In addition, CAO Rawlusk discussed purchasing some additional property surrounding the McLaren Dam. He suggested that we have our landman contact the landowners involved to discuss these possibilities.

Departure of Manager Riep

At 2:35 p.m., Manager Riep departed from the meeting.

Attendance of Ag Fieldman Hampton

At 2:35 p.m., Agricultural Fieldman Hampton attended the meeting. He provided Councillors with their accommodation information for the upcoming Provincial Ag Service Board Tour in Grande Prairie.

Alberta Beef Producers re: Impact of Wildlife Study

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the Alberta Beef Producers update on the *Impact of Wildlife Study* to all rural municipalities for their review. This report is a summation of the survey of Alberta's beef producers relating the impact of wildlife to their operations during the past 3 years. It found that 70 percent of the damage and impact of wildlife to agriculture is shouldered by farmers and ranchers, which they feel is unfair.

Drought Conditions Discussion

Ag Fieldman Hampton discussed the potential of drought conditions within Starland County and the possibility of declaring a drought disaster. He suggested that they all monitor the situation closely and discuss this matter again at the next Council meeting.

Annual Ag Service Board Tour

He also discussed the date for the Annual Starland County Ag Service Board Tour. He suggested scheduling it for Wednesday, August 5th, 2015, with the BBQ to be held in Craigmyle.

Departure of Ag Fieldman

At 3:00 p.m., Agricultural Fieldman Hampton departed from the meeting.

Craigmyle Heritage Foundation re: Insurance

Assistant CAO Bremer noted that the Craigmyle Heritage Foundation have requested to obtain insurance coverage under the County's umbrella. They will require Council's approval to do this.

C15-114
Motion to approve Craigmyle Heritage Foundation as an ANI

IC15-114] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County accept the Craigmyle Heritage Foundation as an Additional Named Insured under the County's insurance coverage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Damage Claim
re: G. Rosgen

Assistant CAO Bremer reviewed a damage claim received from Greg Rosgen, Three Hills. His windshield received two large fractures from gravel flying off of the County gravel truck. He has requested compensation for half of the cost to replace his windshield.

C15-115
Motion to pay Damages to G. Rosgen

[C15-115] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County pay Greg Rosgen, Three Hills, Alberta \$150.68 as compensation for the damages incurred to his windshield.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Quarterly Financial
Report of
Revenues &
Expenditures

A quarterly financial report of revenues and expenditures was provided to Council for their review.

SAEWA re:
Regional
Governance Model

Correspondence was received from Brownlee LLP with regards to the Southern Alberta Energy From Waste Association (SAEWA). SAEWA requested them to prepare a report on the optimum Regional Governance Model that best suits the needs of SAEWA and its members. The SAEWA board now would like a commitment by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from all parties who are prepared to participate in the implementation of this project.

Departure of
Assistant CAO

Assistant CAO Bremer departed from the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

AAMDC re: Truth &
Reconciliation
Commission
Interim Report &
Recommendations

A Member Bulletin was received from the AAMDC with regards to the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Interim Report and Recommendations*. This interim report is intended to alleviate the impacts and lasting consequences of Canada's Indian Residential School system.

ARMAA Annual
Conference

The Alberta Rural Municipal Administrator's Association (ARMAA) is hosting their annual conference from September 9th to 11th, 2015 in Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

C15-116
Authorization to attend ARMAA Conference

[C15-116] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that CAO Rawlusk, Assistant CAO Bremer and Special Projects Manager Kreke be authorized to attend the Annual Alberta Rural Municipal Administrator's Association Conference in Wetaskiwin, Alberta from September 9th to 11th, 2015; and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Craigmyle
Centennial

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the Schedule of Events for the upcoming Craigmyle 100th Celebration. He noted that the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 18th. He also provided Council with an update on the County's work list in preparation of this event.

Husky Energy re:
Annual
Compensation for
lease

Correspondence was received from Husky Energy with regards to the annual compensation payable for a lease site located on the SE 1/4 23-33-22-W4M. CAO Rawlusk noted that our general policy is to request a review of the agreement and compensation rate and Council concurred with this.

iHunter Alberta re:
Redistribution of
County Maps

Correspondence was received from iHunter Alberta, requesting the County's permission to redistribute the Starland County land ownership map within iHunter Alberta. They would like to convert the PDF version of our map to a format that can be displayed easily on iPhone and Android devices. They propose to offer the map to the user as an In-app Purchase and are looking for a data-use license that would allow this. They charge a \$15 fee to download per use of the map. Of this Apple takes 30% automatically and

they propose that iHunter and the County split the balance.

IC15-117] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County grant iHunter Alberta distribution rights to the Starland County land ownership map and provide a PDF copy of our map, with the conditions that it is the responsibility of iHunter Alberta for any updates required to the map app and that iHunter Alberta take full responsibility / liability by providing Starland County with a waiver for same.

MOTION CARRIED.

IC15-118] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the regular meeting of the Council of Starland County scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015 be changed to Wednesday, July 29th, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Municipal Affairs re: Farm Debt Mediation Act (Tax Recovery Process Implications)
- ii) Palliser Regional Municipal Services re: Resignation of Brad Wiebe
- iii) Alberta Agriculture and Forestry re: Agricultural Service Board Grant Approval
- iv) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
 - Member Bulletin - Spring 2015 Position Statements Now Available
 - Contact Newsletter (2 issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

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CK# 40945 \$ 1,344.44

Sub-Total:

\$ 1,344.44

ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 40946	\$	551.04
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 40947		941.58
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 40948		316.13
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 40949		1,225.35
AAMDC	CK# 40950		48,832.87
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 40951		213.69
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 40952		3,273.87
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 40953		267.53
CALON, DARA	CK# 40954		656.92
CHAMBERS, MARK	CK# 40955		20,890.63
CHINOOK PUMPS LTD.	CK# 40956		542.85
CRAIGMYLE HERITAGE FOUNDATION	CK# 40957		1,400.00
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 40958		269.33
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 40959		71.93
FIBRAMULCH	CK# 40960		17,541.56
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD	CK# 40961		10,024.07
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 40962		59.65
HKRWS	CK# 40963		14,813.16
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 40964		918.69
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 40965		57,143.89

HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 40966	7,440.43
HOOVER, MICHELLE	CK# 40967	129.37
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 40968	171.54
JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES LTD.	CK# 40969	1,186.41
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT	CK# 40970	4,000.00
LAKELAND COLLEGE	CK# 40971	1,120.00
LEMAR TREE SPADES	CK# 40972	31,500.00
LOWTHER, JOE K.	CK# 40973	300.00
MACDERMID, DANIEL H.	CK# 40974	500.00
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 40975	282.40
MARTIN, CAYLA R.	CK# 40976	118.56
MORRIN HOMECOMING COMMITTEE	CK# 40977	1,700.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 40978	340.70
NEU MUEHL OF DELIA	CK# 40979	725.00
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 40980	2,729.65
NORTH STAR SPORTS	CK# 40981	776.16
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 40982	301.71
PETTY CASH	CK# 40983	100.00
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION	CK# 40984	4,238.11
PRIMROSE, BRAD	CK# 40985	21,134.63
PURULATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 40986	172.94
RAWLUSYK, ROSS	CK# 40987	384.97
RICOH CANADA LTD.	CK# 40988	31,088.76
ROBMAC ENTERPRISES LTD.	CK# 40989	21,353.29
ROGER HODGE TRUCKING	CK# 40990	172.94
ROSEBUD COLONY	CK# 40991	384.97
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 40992	197.97
1858097 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 40993	31.50
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 40994	264.76
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 40995	15,500.86
SUNAGRO LAND SERVICES LTD.	CK# 40996	2,465.93
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	CK# 40997	1,602.53
THAT GUY'S CATERING	CK# 40998	568.50
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 40999	34.05
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 41000	397.69
UNIVAR CANADA LTD.	CK# 41001	12,704.51
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 41002	1,123.99
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 41003	2,657.92
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 41004	64.00
WESTERN CHEVROLET	CK# 41005	216.72
WFR WHOLESale FIRE & RESCUE	CK# 41006	671.63
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 41007	8,688.75
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 41008	1,399.63
ZEE MEDICAL CANADA CORPORATION	CK# 41009	790.25
4IMPRINT	CK# 41010	2,156.00

Sub-Total:

\$ 391,975.92

TOTAL:

\$ 393,320.36

C15-119
Adjournment

[C15-119] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:10 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 Wednesday, July 29th, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve: J. Barrie Hoover

Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusk