

STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 12TH, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, August 12th, 2015, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

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

C15-127 Approval of Minutes

[C15-127] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the July 29th, 2015 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

Accounts Checked

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Deputy Reeve Avramenko and Councillor Wannstrom checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C15-128 Approval of Accounts

[C15-128] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that accounts (cheque no. 41165 to 41249 inclusive) totalling \$409,506.21, be approved for payment.

CAO Report

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

- The Morrin Homecoming 95th Anniversary celebration was held on August 7th - 9th, 2015 and was a very successful event. County staff did a great job of assisting with the organization of the Morrin event with staff members on the organizing committee, decorating the float, clean-up, mowing, ball diamond restoration, cemetery upgrading and public works activities to help the Village out.
- The Local Authorities Pension Plan reported that they will be freezing plan contribution rates for 2016 and 2017 at the current year's rates.
- On July 30th, 2015, Matthew and Ross attended a seminar sponsored by Alberta Municipal Affairs on Asset Management. This workshop is a follow up to the survey conducted by the Consulting Engineers of Alberta. Ross noted that in Starland, we largely have the data already formatted for an asset management system. We just need to find the ideal model that will fit our needs and adopt the necessary policy that will allow us to get the system running.
- Alberta Watersmart Water Management Solutions just recently released a report to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development with some advice to the Province relative to the Red Deer River. The report is entitled "*Room for the River in the Red Deer River Basin*". The theory is that with some planning mitigation, more space can be created within a basin and that additional space will mitigate future flooding.
- We are looking at taking over the Ryan Savary Memorial fishing derby at Michichi Dam later in August. The Savary family have advised that they no longer wish to host this event, however, the County may possibly like to continue hosting the derby.
- Ross attended a meeting relative to Hope College on August 11th,

2015. He noted that we have been working with the Town of Drumheller to see if it's possible to save this year's operation of the College. The recent resignation of the registrar / manager has left the College in a bit of an upheaval.

- Work is continuing on BF7701 and the contractor is now suggesting the project will be completed in about 2 weeks. They have had some rain delays but are still on budget and within the time allocation in the bid.
- ATB has submitted a revised contract for all ATB Financial agencies. The agencies are looking at forming an association to negotiate with ATB and Ross recommended that Starland County should probably join this group as well.

C15-129

Motion to host a Michichi Dam Fishing Derby

[C15-129] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County host a Fishing Derby at the Michichi Dam in August 2015; and that a budget of \$500.00 be allowed for prizes for same.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance of PWS Pratt & PW Pratt

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

- Public Works Crews assisted the Village of Morrin for their Homecoming event. This included grass cutting, filling pot holes, replaced a culvert lid, landscaping, levelling gravel, picnic tables and barricades and signs.
- The roadside mower is started on the second cut;
- Pot holes were filled on the Gartley Road;
- Cleaned up trees and debris from the wind storm in the Rumsey area;
- Besides regular maintenance duties, Buck assisted with the County float for the Homecoming;
- Thomas and Kevin repainted the 1964 Massey tractor for the Morrin Parade;
- 96 miles of the gravel program are now complete, as well as 20 miles of add-ons.

Hamlet Clean-Up Days

CAO Rawlusk and PWS Pratt discussed revising the hamlet clean-up days, by eliminating the large garbage bins being placed in the hamlets. Crews will pick up the items that residents wish to dispose on the days noted.

C15-130

Motion to hold Hamlet Clean-Up Days

[C15-130] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County Hamlet Clean-up Days be held as noted below, and that equipment and staff will be available to assist residents with disposal of their garbage:

Rumsey:	September 8 th and 9 th , 2015
Rowley:	September 10 th , 2015
Michichi:	September 11 th , 2015
Craigmyle:	September 14 th , 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Equipment Tenders

Tenders were received for the supply of a new wheel loader, as well as two new motor graders.

C15-131

Motion to
Purchase Wheel
Loader

[C15-131] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County accept the tender received from Finning (Canada) for the supply of a 2015 950L Cat Wheel Loader, complete with a 5 year warranty (7,500 hours) and a 48 hour service guarantee, as well as a buy-back agreement after 5 years or 7500 hours, FOB Morrin, for a total price of \$315,198.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

C15-132

Motion to
Purchase Graders

[C15-132] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County accept the tender received from Finning (Canada) for the supply of one (1) 2015 160M3 AWD Cat Motor Grader, complete with a 5 year warranty (7,500 hours) and a 48 hour service guarantee, as well as a buy-back agreement after 5 years or 7500 hours complete with snow equipment, FOB Morrin, for a total price of \$476,426.00; and one (1) 2015 160M3 AWD Cat Motor Grader, complete with a 5 year warranty (7,500 hours) and a 48 hours service guarantee, as well as a buy-back agreement after 5 years or 7500 hours with no snow equipment, FOB Morrin, for a total price of \$428,166.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 11:15 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of

Ass't Ag Fieldman
Calon and
Manager
Riep

At 11:20 a.m., Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Calon and Manager Riep attended the meeting. Dara discussed the possibility of Starland County participating in hosting a *Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training (Awareness Level)* course. She noted that this event could be hosted for under \$20,000.00 and would need at least 50 attendees. Alberta Farm Animal Care will cover registration and advertising costs. She suggested that we may be able to partner with our neighbouring municipalities to help cover the costs involved.

C15-133

Motion to support
Large Animal
Emergency
Rescue Training
Workshop

[C15-133] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County commit \$7,500.00 towards the expenses involved in hosting a *Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training (Awareness Level)* training course; and that the County will cover the registration costs for all Starland County fire personnel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure of Asset
Ag Fieldman Calon

Dara departed from the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Municipal Services
Report

Manager Riep reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- His crew is currently doing repairs to a water leak on the CLV transmission line. The location of the leak is in close proximity to the last repair done at the end of June. He noted that replacement of a portion of this line is inevitable and noted that directional drilling would be the ideal method which would avoid reclamation issues.
- Glen noted that Westcan is working to improve our communications system and are trying to locate an existing tower for the purpose of situating our communications equipment on. Telus has a tower that can be accessed and they provided a lease agreement for use of their tower. The price for an annual lease would be approximately \$15,000/year. Due to the high rental cost of this tower, he has requested they research alternate tower

sites. One option would be for the installation of our own tower at a location that would provide adequate coverage for the areas indicated.

- The annual fire appreciation BBQ is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th, 2015. Glen noted that Council is welcome to attend.

Small Communities Fund - Notice of Funding Refusal

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, thanking Starland County for our interest in the Small Communities Fund (SCF), but noting that both of our applications were declined. One was for *Rural Water Expansion Project (Della Area)* - \$3,385,332.00 and the other was for *Rural Water Expansion Project (Morrin & Craigmyle North)* - \$2,041,500.00. Ross noted that letters will be sent out and deposits reimbursed to all people who had made this commitment. He also noted that he will work together with Manager Riep in developing a "short project connection" policy.

MSI Funding Confirmation

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, confirming that Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding for Starland County for 2015-16 is \$1,174,835, which includes \$1,053,656 in capital funding and \$121,179 in operating funding. They also noted that the capital funding allocated to us in March 2015 will be added to our current capital allocation. It is in the amount of \$473,595.

CAAMDC Director's Meeting

Copies of the CAAMDC Director's Meeting Agenda were distributed to Council for their review. The next Director's Meeting is to be held Friday, August 14th, 2015 at the Kneehill County Office, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Fall Zone 2 CAAMDC Meeting

The Fall District 2 Zone Meeting is to be held on Friday, October 16th, 2015 at the Ridgewood Community Centre in Red Deer County, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

2015 AAMDC Fall Convention

The 2015 AAMDC Fall Convention is to be held in Edmonton, Alberta, from November 17th to 19th, 2015, at the Shaw Convention Centre.

Departure of D.R. Avramenko

At 1:10 p.m., Deputy Reeve Avramenko temporarily departed from the meeting.

C15-134
Authorization to attend Fall AAMDC Conference

[C15-134] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that all Council Members, CAO Rawlusk, Assistant CAO Bremer, Special Projects Manager Kreke and Public Works Supervisor Pratt be authorized to attend the 2015 AAMDC Fall Convention in Edmonton, Alberta, from November 17th to 19th, 2015, at the Shaw Convention Centre; and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D.R. Avramenko Returns

At 1:15 p.m., Deputy Reeve Avramenko returned to the meeting.

Asset Management Report

A Member Bulletin was received from the AAMDC with regards to the Asset Management Report for Alberta's Municipalities. This report aims to help municipalities across the province to navigate the complex field of asset management so they can find a process that is uniquely suited to their specific needs.

Climate Change

A Member Bulletin was received from the AAMDC with regards to increasing our community's resilience to Alberta's Climate. Alberta municipalities interested in developing climate action plans are invited to submit an expression of interest for Climate Resilience Express.

C15-135 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

Motion to develop a climate change action plan

that Special Projects Manager Kreke submit an expression of interest to develop a climate action plan to the Climate Resilience Express.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alberta's Aggregate Allocation Policy

A Member Bulletin was received from the AAMDC requesting member input on the Draft Directive to Clarify Alberta's Aggregate Allocation Policy for Commercial Use. In 2006 the Government of Alberta established the Alberta Aggregate (Sand and Gravel) Allocation Policy for Commercial Use on Public Land. To address the issue of inconsistent application and understanding of this policy, Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has drafted a directive, which aligns with the intent of the original policy and provides clarity and implementation guidance. AEP is looking for municipal input regarding the draft directive.

Alberta Pension Services re: LAPP

Correspondence was received from Alberta Pension Services advising that there will be no contribution rate increase in 2016 and none currently proposed for 2017 with regards to the Local Authority Pension Plan (LAPP).

Room for the River in the Red Deer River Basin Report

A full copy of the *Room for the River in the Red Deer River Basin* report was provided to Council for their review.

Hope College

Correspondence was received from Hope College. Chairman, Paul Andrew, noting that Hope College continues to be dedicated to providing professional post-secondary education within Drumheller. However, that have some operational requirements and are requesting the County's support at this critical time. They noted that our timely support is vital to the continued success of the college.

Committee Reports

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

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance re: 10th Anniversary Celebration
- ii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) re: Federal Election 2015
- iii) Craigmyle Heritage Foundation re: Thank-you
- iv) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
 - Contact Newsletter (1 issue)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ARMAA	CK# 41165	\$	340.00
DELIA COMMUNITY CENTRE	CK# 41166		175.00
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 41167		207.00
JURASSIC LASER TAG & ARCADES	CK# 41168		180.00
KJ MCLELLAN ENTERPRISES LTD.	CK# 41169		33,621.00
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 41170		2,916.21
MORRIN CORNER BISON	CK# 41171		155.00
NIELSEN, ERIC	CK# 41172		149.60
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41173		936.28
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 41174		4,052.08

Sub-Total: \$ 42,732.17

A & D HARPER TIRE LTD.	CK# 41175	\$	1,040.00
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 41176		1,407.82

ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 41177	86.99
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 41178	1,225.35
AAMDC	CK# 41179	33,163.82
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 41180	68.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 41181	69.30
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 41182	189.15
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 41183	17,951.56
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 41184	6,076.25
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 41185	133.28
BIG SKY CALL CENTERS INC.	CK# 41186	331.80
BORDER PAVING LTD.	CK# 41187	2,186.35
M.W.C. TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 41188	11,092.11
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE	CK# 41189	400.00
CUMMINS WESTERN CANADA	CK# 41190	204.34
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 41191	310.35
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 41192	1,113.46
ENGEN, RACHEL M.	CK# 41193	127.50
FOX ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	CK# 41194	563.47
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 41195	270.22
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 41196	3,405.29
GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 41197	350.48
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 41198	63.02
HAMPTON, ALAN W.	CK# 41199	283.90
HANNA BUILDING SUPPLIES	CK# 41200	130.21
HKRWS	CK# 41201	22,833.36
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 41202	226.60
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 41203	37,134.35
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 41204	590.92
JUBILEE INSURANCE AGENCIES	CK# 41205	158.62
KNEEHILL COUNTY	CK# 41206	4,491.22
LAPP	CK# 41207	23,019.59
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 41208	567.87
LORAN CHARTERS	CK# 41209	1,417.50
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 41210	566.56
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 41211	241.50
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 41212	210.91
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 41213	1,076.82
OASIS CARWASH	CK# 41214	256.03
PANE MGMT. WINDOW CLEANING	CK# 41215	735.00
PETTY CASH	CK# 41216	112.62
PRIMROSE, BRAD	CK# 41217	12,341.81
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 41218	973.97
PURULATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 41219	42.68
QUADROCK TRUCKING	CK# 41220	346.50
RAWLUSYK, ROSS	CK# 41221	699.27
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 41222	62,998.15
RICOH CANADA INC.	CK# 41223	1,984.66
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 41224	232.05
ROBMAC ENTERPRISES LTD.	CK# 41225	22,653.84
ROGER HODGE TRUCKING	CK# 41226	15,865.28
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 41227	530.44
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 41228	228.92
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 41228	176.06
SNAP-ON TOOLS	CK# 41229	107.16
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 41230	19,924.92
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 41231	16,083.11
TAYLOR, JAMES H.	CK# 41232	127.50
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41233	261.38
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 41234	1,082.47
THAT GUY'S CATERING	CK# 41235	1,806.72
THE CANADIAN PAYROLL ASSOC.	CK# 41236	231.00
THE JACK FENCING OUTFIT	CK# 41237	3,748.50
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 41238	913.50
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 41239	473.20
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 41240	230.10

WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 41241	511.74
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 41242	115.44
WESTERN CHEVROLET	CK# 41243	202.23
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 41244	8,688.75
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 41245	167.49
1073581 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 41246	6,208.19
1121113 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 41247	3,465.00
1435338 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 41248	7,468.52

Sub-Total: \$ 366,774.04

TOTAL: \$ 409,506.21

C-15-136
Adjournment

[C15-136] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:15 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, August 26th, 2015 in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve:

J. Barrie Hoover

Chief Administrative Officer:

Ross D. Rawlusk