

STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 26TH, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, August 26th, 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

C15-137 Approval of Minutes

[C15-137] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the August 12th, 2015 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

Accounts Checked

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

C15-138 Approval of Accounts

[C15-138] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that accounts (cheque no. 41250 to 41326 inclusive) totalling \$206,098.91, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Statement

Council reviewed the Monthly Financial Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2015.

C15-139 Approval of Financial Statement

[C15-139] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Council approve the Monthly Financial Statement for the month ending July 31st, 2015 as reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- He noted that the Province has announced the creation of an advisory panel to lead discussions on how Alberta should respond to climate change. They also released an informational background paper entitled "Climate Leadership Discussion Document".
- The County has been working to assist the Hope College Board in their current situation of possible closure. Unfortunately, the Town of Drumheller are not as helpful and are even unwilling to assist with staff support. CAO Rawlusk noted that the failure of the college and the ultimate demise of its programming could significantly set back college development in the region for a long time.
- Alberta CleanFarms announced a program that allows farmers to return unwanted or obsolete pesticides and livestock medications. In our area, the collection centers are being held on Tuesday, October 27th at Fox Lake Agro in Hanna and in Drumheller on October 28th at Kneehill Soil Services.
- The Farmers' Advocate Office is currently collecting surface lease, transmission line, seismic, and pipeline right of way agreements

from landowners for the Surface Rights, Land and Energy: Pricing Transparency Mapping Project. They intend to launch four interactive online maps depicting project details and the compensation values paid to landowners under the heads of compensation.

- Rural FCM members are highlighting actions that must be taken by the next federal government to build vibrant and sustainable rural communities to move our country forward. The Action Plan compiled by FCM for a Strong Rural Canada contains a number of important suggestions.
- The official sod turning for the new Munson Community Hall was held on August 17th. The County's initial contribution will be for some site work for digging the footings and preparing for the construction of the foundation. The hall is expected to take about 8 months to complete.
- The Minister of Agriculture has declared the agriculture and economic loss and hardship resulting from extreme weather conditions in Alberta to be a disaster in accordance with Section 7 of the Fiscal Management Act.
- The Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue course will be held on November 4th and 5th at the Badlands Community Facility.
- The steel rail is in the process of being removed in Morrin. CAO Rawlusk noted that perhaps the purchase of the CN property may be able to move ahead once the rail is gone.
- There was an incident where a powerline was damaged on the Rowley Road construction project. Ross is currently working on the report and recommendations for same.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt &
PW Report

At 9:55 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 doing some bridge maintenance including sweeping, weed whipping, signs, etc.
- They have been hauling and levelling materials to some of the back roads for harvest time;
- Crews re-did the light oil roads with sanvik blade and wobble wheel packer.
- Cold mix was placed in the Michichi campground.
- Thomas and Kevin have started repairs on Unit 49, the Mack water truck.
- Brenda has been busy with permits, pipeliners and Cando as well as bylaw issues.
- 116 miles of the gravel program have been completed as well as 23 miles of add-ons.
- Al and Shirley met with Olds College representatives with regards to their course outline and the usage of the Courtney Pit again this year.

Olds College re:
License of
Occupation

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the *License of Occupation* prepared by Olds College for the use of Starland County's Courtney-Handhills Pit for their training exercises this fall.

C15-140
Approval of
Agreement with
Olds College

[C15-140] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County enter into a *License of Occupation* agreement with Olds College to enable them to offer their Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program and training on-site at the Courtney-Handhills Pit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Morrin Boat Launch Feasibility Report

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the Morrin Boat Launch Feasibility Report. This is for the proposed boat launch at the Morrin river crossing on Highway No. 27. This boat launch will be built north of the new bridge and the County will be responsible for payment of the land purchase involved and supplying gravel for the roadway and parking area.

C15-141
Approval to purchase land for boat launch area

[C15-141] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County agrees to pay Alberta Transportation for the purchase of 2.1 hectares of land to be used for the boat launch area at the Morrin river crossing on Highway No. 27.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure of PWS Pratt

At 11:10 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

AB Municipal Affairs re: Federal Gas Tax Funding

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs confirming that our Gas Tax Fund allocation for 2015 is \$108,568.

AAMDC re: Draft Convention Agenda

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties provided a copy of the Draft Convention Program for Council's review. In addition, the accommodation schedule was also provided to Council.

Attendance of Manager Riep & Municipal Services Report

At 11:25 a.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- He noted that they have encountered a major water break on an eight inch waterline south of Munson. Repairs are underway and in the mean time they are presently hauling water to Munson's reservoir to help keep a supply available.
- Crews have still been doing quite a bit of work at the Craigmyle Cemetery removing grave covers, etc.
- Glen reviewed a proposed Private Water Service Connections Policy with Council. This policy is to establish and set forth guidelines for the provision of utility services of water supply to a private property from an existing municipal water transmission or distribution line when the service connection is located within close proximity to the County water supply facilities.
- Glen reviewed an issue in regards to damage incurred to a headstone in the Rumsey Cemetery as well as disposal of flowers, etc. from the gravesite.
- Glen requested authorization to attend the Western Canada Water Annual Conference & Exhibition in Winnipeg, Manitoba from September 15th to 18th, 2015.

C15-142
Approval of Private Water Service Connection Policy

[C15-142] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Council approve the *Private Water Service Connections* Policy as reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C15-143
Approval to pay for cemetery damages

[C15-143] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County pay for the replacement of the bench headstone for the Steen family in the Rumsey Cemetery, and that a claim be submitted to insurance for their consideration.

MOTION CARRIED.

[C15-144] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that authorization be granted to Manager Riep to attend the Western Canada Water Annual Conference & Exhibition in Winnipeg, Manitoba from September 15th to 18th, 2015; and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Craigmyle
Cemetery Gates

CAO Rawlusk noted that comments were gathered from the Craigmyle Homecoming in regards to the design of the new cemetery gates. The majority of comments were in favour of Design C, which is the horse and plow and wagon wheel design. Council agreed that the County would use this design for the gates and advised Manager Riep to proceed with getting these gates built.

Departure of
Manager Riep

Manager Riep departed from the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Hope College

Chief Administrative Officer Rawlusk discussed information in regards to Hope College. He noted that Jordan, Matthew, Bob and himself have had several discussions in this regard, gathering information about the status of the College. Council reviewed a briefing paper that was prepared for the Town of Drumheller. He noted that the Mayor of Drumheller is very negative about the facility, programming and staff and that it appears that the Town of Drumheller is not willing to offer support of any kind.

Technical Large
Animal Emergency
Rescue Awareness
Training

The *Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Awareness Level* training is now scheduled for November 4th and 5th, 2015 at the Badlands Community Facility.

Attendance of
Stantec Rep

At 1:45 p.m., Ken Menage from Stantec Engineering attended the meeting for the tender openings of the two slide projects under the Disaster Program.

Tender Opening

As there were no tenders received for these two projects, Council discussed doing these repairs with County forces.

Departure of
Stantec Rep

Mr. Menage departed from the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Alberta's Climate
Change Discussion
Paper

The AAMDC forwarded a copy of *Alberta's Climate Change Discussion Paper* for Council's review. Members are invited to share their views and opinions on climate change in Alberta by taking an online survey or attending the public open houses in Calgary or Edmonton.

David Thompson
Health Advisory
Council Annual
Report

The David Thompson Health Advisory Council forwarded a copy of the Annual Report for 2014 - 2015 for Council's review.

Farmers' Advocate
Office re:
Compensation
Values

Correspondence was received from Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development Farmers' Advocate Office. They are currently accepting pipeline right-of-way, seismic, surface lease and transmission line agreements from landowners to create four interactive maps with information on projects and the compensation values paid to landowners.

FCM re: Action
Plan for a Strong
Rural Canada

A copy of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Action Plan for a Strong Rural Canada was distributed to Council for their review.

N/M Chambers re:
Time Extension for
Subdivision

Correspondence was received from Norman and Margaret Chambers, Morrin, Alberta, requesting a time extension on their acreage subdivision application, as they have not yet been able to comply with all the requested conditions, which noted that the modification of private sewage disposal system is not yet completed.

C15-145
Approval for
Subdivision
Extension for
N/M Chambers

[C15-145] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County Council approve a time extension to Norman and Margaret Chambers acreage subdivision application, extending the expiry date one year to July 16th, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C15-146
Motion to change
Council Meeting
Dates

[C15-146] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regular meeting of the Council of Starland County scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 be cancelled; and that the September 23rd, 2015 meeting be changed to Thursday, October 1st, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Smart City Alliance 2015 re: Membership Request
- ii) Alberta Emergency Management Agency re: Central Region Newsletter
- iii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: President's Corner
- iv) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
 - Member Bulletin - AAMDC Fall Registration is Open
 - Contact Newsletter (1 issue)
- v) Wally and Heather Stern re: Thank you

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 41250	\$	165.60
CASCADE PROCESS CONTROLS LTD.	CK# 41251		3,365.24
DOMINION PRECAST LTD.	CK# 41252		3,943.80
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 41253		11.63
JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPES LTD.	CK# 41254		1,220.35
PRATT, AL	CK# 41255		38.75
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 41256		926.91

Sub-Total:

\$ 9,672.28

AAMDC

CK# 41257 \$ 31,376.69

Sub-Total:

\$ 31,376.69

ABACUS DATAGRAPHS
ACCU-FLO METER SERVICE LTD.
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.
AAMDC
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN

CK# 41258 \$ 1,260.00
CK# 41259 1,722.00
CK# 41260 1,315.16
CK# 41261 144.66
CK# 41262 42,958.29
CK# 41263 37.25
CK# 41264 268.05

AWARE 360 LTD.	CK# 41265	598.50
BARRON, FRANCIS	CK# 41266	1,323.50
BOUCHIE, MARK	CK# 41267	100.00
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 41268	150.00
CALON, DARA	CK# 41269	221.28
CASCADE PROCESS CONTROLS LTD.	CK# 41270	1,532.48
CAWIEZEL, LAURA	CK# 41271	161.57
CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP	CK# 41272	118.25
CHAMCO INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 41273	2,587.20
CUMMINS WESTERN CANADA	CK# 41274	210.26
DEVALERIOLA, CHERYL	CK# 41275	1,958.00
DROTOS, LESLIE & CAROL	CK# 41276	4,637.49
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 41277	897.12
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 41278	742.50
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 41279	5,755.81
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 41280	3,588.59
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 41281	149.02
ESTATE OF HELEN STEEN	CK# 41282	420.00
EWING, ALFRED V.	CK# 41283	3,277.00
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 41284	1,050.00
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 41285	1,219.21
H & H HUXTED ENT. LTD.	CK# 41286	440.79
HALL, WANDA	CK# 41287	160.65
HKRWS	CK# 41288	348.60
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 41289	936.97
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 41290	295.46
HUTTERIAN OF VERDANT VALLEY	CK# 41291	11,887.08
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 41292	689.07
IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.	CK# 41293	164.85
JAFFRAY, KEITH & NOBLE, JILL	CK# 41294	1,466.00
JAGER, HEATHER & EGBERT	CK# 41295	1,719.27
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41296	1,475.25
LANDRY, MARK & ANGELA	CK# 41297	2,020.63
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 41298	283.28
MARSHALL, THOMAS & HELEN	CK# 41299	3,981.95
NEU MUEHL HUTTERIAN OF DELIA	CK# 41300	2,287.92
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 41301	5,486.28
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION	CK# 41302	4,238.86
PURULATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 41303	307.68
ROBMAC ENTERPRISES LTD.	CK# 41304	609.00
ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT INC.	CK# 41305	6,626.46
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 41306	225.25
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 41307	265.22
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 41308	9,612.01
SRWA	CK# 41309	1,559.46
TAQA NORTH	CK# 41310	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 41311	394.47
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 41312	209.84
THE PHONE EXPERTS	CK# 41313	1,390.20
THOMAS, DIANE R.	CK# 41314	1,811.75
THOMAS, RONALD E. & DIANE R.	CK# 41315	6,037.04
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 41316	100.00
TRANSWESTERN TRUCK CENTRES	CK# 41317	2,265.72
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 41318	191.73
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 41319	500.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 41320	255.87
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 41321	48.00
WEARPRO EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	CK# 41322	3,199.96
WILSON SEED FARM INC.	CK# 41323	618.50
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 41324	1,230.00
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 41325	903.27
Y/7 RANCHING LTD.	CK# 41326	10,381.41

Sub-Total:

\$ 165,049.94

TOTAL:

\$ 206,098.91

C15-147
Adjournment

[C15-147] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, September 30th, 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