

# STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

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A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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 Shirley Bremer  
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

## C-16-020 Approval of Minutes

**IC-16-0201 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

that the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## Accounts Checked

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

## C-16-021 Approval of the Accounts

**IC-16-0211 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM**

that accounts (cheque no. 42110 to 42187 inclusive) totalling \$304,760.43, 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 Government of Alberta released the results of their Royalty Framework Review with several changes being noted. Principally incentives for value added processing in natural gas and royalty breaks for shallow gas and coal-bed methane where added while rates for oil sands development will remain the same.
- The spring CAAMDC was held at the Delia hall on February 5<sup>th</sup> and by all accounts the meeting was a success with good attendance.
- 511 Alberta has launched a new mobile app which will provide Alberta residents the opportunity to report on local road conditions which was a responsibility held solely by the local road maintenance contractor previously. Additionally the app will allow people to see the locations of plow trucks and plan their routes accordingly.
- On February 5<sup>th</sup> Starland County management met with our local ATCO service representatives and provided an update on County projects going ahead that require ATCO's involvement. A considerable amount of time was spent discussing servicing issues related to the proposed solar farm and the new Munson fire hall.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs has advised our office that the Community Aggregate Payment Levy has been renewed with no changes and will now expire in December of 2017.
- The AAMDC has requested that we host the member visit on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will need to arrange for some staff presentations for various functions that highlight the County's operations.
- Ross has submitted the Part "A" for the STEP program grant application. He is looking for funding for a recreations staff

- member and an administrative staff person for summer fill in.
- ATCO has advised they intend to complete the Rowley Road pole resets over May 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

Emerging Trends Seminar

A draft agenda for the upcoming Brownlee Law Emerging Trends Legal Seminar was distributed to Council.

2016 FCM

Council was presented with a draft agenda for the upcoming FCM Conference in Winnipeg on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Program and accommodation details are being finalized for conference attendees.

Attendance of PW Supervisor Pratt and PW Report

At 10:00 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Al 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, plowing and sanding, helping the Utilities crew with two water breaks and removing snow around the Michichi Hall and Morrin Arena;
- Grader Operators have been plowing roads when needed and running the trackhoe at the 2 water breaks.
- Buck has been doing regular maintenance on the light duty fleet and helping with the Morrin Arena roll-up door;
- Kevin and Thomas have been doing regular maintenance on the heavy duty fleet as well as going over the Road Crew equipment;
- Brenda has taken the month of February off of work for personal reasons;
- Al has been interviewing heavy duty mechanics, working on gravel maps, and attending various meetings.

Grader Tender

Council reviewed the submissions for the 2016 Grader Tender. Submissions were received from both Finning Canada and Brandt Tractor.

C16-022  
Acceptance of Tender

[C16-022] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County accept the tender offer from Finning Canada for a 2015 Model Year 160 M3 Cat Motor Grader with snow equipment and ripper in the amount of \$486,937.00 plus GST.

Petition Concerning RGE RD 19-2

**MOTION CARRIED.**

A petition was received calling for the widening and re-construction of a portion of Range Road 19-2 north of 32-4. Council was advised that the document did not qualify as a legal petition as it lacked the necessary number of signatures to equal 10% of the County population.

Departure

At 10:55 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of MS Manager Riep and MS Report

At 11:00 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Riep attended the meeting and presented the Municipal Services Report. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Nu-Edge was called back again to repair a water leak on the Reding water services connection. There was another major failure on the transmission line between Munson and Morrin last week caused by activation of isolation valves and the higher pressure within the system. Glen attended the "Door to Edmonton" water information session in Edmonton which discussed the probability of draught for much of Western Canada for the near future;
- The Rumsey Fire Truck has been commissioned into service and last week a training session was completed in the Red Deer shop. The training was a good opportunity for the fire members to go through the driving and operation of the unit during a pump and roll and stationary operation;

- Glen attended a joint meeting with ATCO Electric in regards to a number of issues including road construction projects, power pole placement on current public works projects as well as replacements of street lights in the Hamlets;
- The solar trailer unit has been repaired and some electrical modifications have been made to the unit. Eguana is scheduled to be out next week to commission the unit and make it operational. The new inverter unit for the CLV system is also scheduled to arrive soon at which time we plan to get the solar component of the station activated and operational over the next month time period.

Departure	At 11:20 a.m. Glen departed from the meeting.
Transfer of Tax Recover Lands	Notification from Alberta Environment and Parks was received concerning the transfer of title to the lands located at NE-36-30-16 W4. The transfer of title is to occur on July 31, 2016.
Advertisement in Community & Tourist Magazine	Assistant CAO Bremer discussed with Council the possibility of advertising County tourism options in the East Central Alberta Community & Tourist Magazine.
<u>C16-023</u> <b>Advertisement</b>	<b><u>[C16-023] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO</u></b> <b>that Starland County purchase a 1 page full colour advertisement in the East Central Alberta Community &amp; Tourist Magazine for County attractions for \$593.00 plus GST.</b>
2015 Linear Assessment Balance	Alberta Municipal Affairs provided a year-end linear property assessment summary. The information was provided to assist with the Starland County annual financial audit.
Insurance Reciprocal	Notification was received from Genesis Reciprocal Insurance (Liability) that Genesis and Jubilee Reciprocal Insurance (Property) are merging with the intent of providing greater efficiency and cost savings for their subscribers.
Canadian Badlands	Council was presented with a draft copy of the schedule for the upcoming Canadian Badlands Conference from April 19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> .
<u>C16-024</u> <b>Canadian Badlands Conference</b>	<b><u>[C16-024] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO</u></b> <b>that Starland County authorize all council members wishing to attend the 2016 Canadian Badlands Conference in Drumheller on April 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> to attend and that registration and expenses be paid.</b>
Community Energy Workshop	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</b>  A Community Energy Workshop is being hosted by the Pembina Institute in Calgary on February 16 <sup>th</sup> at the Global Business Centre in Calgary.
<u>C16-025</u> <b>Community Energy Workshop</b>	<b><u>[C16-025] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM</u></b> <b>that Starland County authorize all council members wishing to attend the Community Energy Workshop, hosted by the Pembina Institute, in Calgary on February 16<sup>th</sup> to attend and that registration and expenses be paid.</b>
Amateur Team Grant	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</b>  An application for Amateur Team Grant funding was received from the Rumsey Ag Society Junior Curling Group in the amount of \$1,300.00 (26 participants X \$50).

C16-026  
Amateur Team  
Grant Funding

[C16-026] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County approve amateur team grant funding in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the Rumsey Agricultural Society Junior Curling Group.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aerial Photography

A quote was received from Tarin Resource Services Ltd. for new County-wide aerial photography.

C16-027  
Aerial  
Photography

[C16-027] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County contract with Tarin Resources for the provision of County-wide aerial photography at 20cm resolution for the amount of \$78,920.00 plus GST.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CN Railway  
Property

Correspondence was received from Canadian National Railroad concerning the possible sale of the Morrin to Munson Spur Line land to Starland County. CNR has requested a per acre land value the County would consider paying for the land.

C16-028  
CN Railway

[C16-028] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County offer to purchase the lands referred to as the Morrin to Munson Spur line from Canadian National Railway for a purchase price of \$3,000.00 per acre with an actual sale being subject to final terms and agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Interim Budget

Assistant CAO Shirley Bremer reviewed with Council a draft copy of the Interim Financial Budget.

C16-029  
Interim Budget

[C16-029] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County approve the interim budget as presented by administration.

**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) Alberta Transportation re: AAMDC Spring Convention
- ii) AAMDC Member Bulletin re: Alberta Health Services Releases EMS Performance Dashboard
- iii) AAMDC Member Bulletin re: Government of Alberta Releases Royalty Review Findings
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
  - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	CK# 42110	7,373.19
ALBERTA FARM ANIMAL CARE	CK# 42111	3,172.44
COUNTY OF STETTLE	CK# 42112	3,955.47

Sub-Total: \$ 14,501.10

ARMSTRONG, TOM CK# 42113 750.00  
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD CK#42114 24,019.90

**Sub-Total \$ 24,769.90**

A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD. CK# 42115 914.47  
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC. CK# 42116 240.03  
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC. CK# 42117 50.13  
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA HEAD OFFICE CK# 42118 701.28  
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S CK# 42119 13,731.51  
ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS CK# 42120 100.00  
ALBERTA ELEVATING DEVICES CK# 42121 266.70  
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES CK# 42122 161.91  
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION CK# 42123 18.90  
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD. CK# 42124 3,541.56  
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN CK# 42125 2,246.48  
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP CK# 42126 617.62  
BILLS FARM SUPPLIES CK# 42127 1,028.34  
BRAND ALLIANCE INC. CK# 42128 5,157.80  
BREMER, SHIRLEY J. CK# 42129 49.28  
BROWNLEE LLP CK# 42130 1,000.00  
CALON, DARA CK# 42131 69.57  
DRUM WIRELESS LTD. CK# 42132 1,177.52  
DRUMHELLER AND DISTRICT SOLID CK# 42133 143.06  
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD. CK# 42134 569.00  
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES CK# 42135 323.65  
EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA REVIEW CK# 42136 372.33  
FINKBINER, DOUGLAS A. CK# 42137 150.00  
GOLDEN WEST BROADCASTING CK# 42138 210.00  
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS CK# 42139 129.36  
GRIFFITH, SHERRY CK# 42140 211.20  
HAMPTON, ALAN W. CK# 42141 295.00  
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL CK# 42142 6,695.62  
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD. CK# 42143 86.29  
HOOVER, BARRIE CK# 42144 2,262.32  
HYDRO-VAC'S UNLIMITED SALES CK# 42145 74,025.00  
I.D. APPAREL CK# 42146 1,332.45  
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER CK# 42147 348.01  
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC. CK# 42148 1,365.00  
KNEEHILL COUNTY CK# 42149 121.42  
KNEEHILL COUNTY – FCSS CK# 42150 230.00  
LAPP CK# 42151 22,453.71  
LOOMIS EXPRESS CK# 42152 311.85  
MARSHALL, MURRAY CK# 42153 2,293.12  
MORRIN FOODS CK# 42154 308.74  
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD. CK# 42155 1,163.67  
PETTY CASH CK# 42156 200.00  
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL CK# 42157 663.39  
PUROLATOR COURIER LTD. CK# 42158 53.35  
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA CK# 42159 41,638.66  
RICOH CANADA INC. CK# 42160 744.32  
RIEP, GLEN CK# 42161 1,415.99  
ROADATA SERVICES LTD. CK# 42162 177.45  
ROWE, DIANA CK# 42163 39.21  
SARGENT, ROBERT CK# 42164 2,245.82  
SHARPE, KERRY CK# 42165 1,731.92  
SHRED-IT CALGARY CK# 42166 185.63  
SOCIETY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CK# 42167 1,647.00  
SRWA CK# 42168 1,150.20  
SUN LIFE CK# 42169 16,383.49  
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC. CK# 42170 1,424.77  
THAT GUY'S CATERING CK# 42171 4,443.48  
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL CK# 42172 11,651.80  
TNC PUBLICATIONS CK# 42173 6,142.50

TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 42174	1,500.00
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 42175	320.25
TURRIS COMMUNICATIONS LTD.	CK# 42176	270.22
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 42177	177.52
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 42178	3,940.81
WESTERN CHEVROLET	CK# 42179	661.81
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 42180	8,688.75
1121113 ALBERTA LTD	CK# 42181	441.00

**Sub-Total \$ 254,413.24**

AIR LIQUIDE CANADA HEAD OFFICE	CK# 42182	173.14
LAPP	CK# 42183	581.12
S.L.F. INVESTMENT SERVICES	CK# 42184	7,000.00
STARLAND COUNTY	CK# 42185	1,581.83
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 42186	1,500.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 42187	240.10

**Sub-Total \$ 11,076.19**

**TOTAL: \$ 304,760.43**

C16-030  
Adjournment

[C16-030] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m*

  
Reeve:  
J. Barrie Hoover

  
Assistant Chief Administrative  
Officer:  
Shirley Bremer