

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Present: Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent  
Councillors: Murray Marshall and Jackie Watts  
Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer  
Assistant CAO Matthew Kreke  
Absent: Steve Wannstrom  
John Rew

**C19-139**  
**Approval of**  
**Minutes**

**[C19-139] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

**that the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Accounts Checked Councillor Watts and Deputy Reeve Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

**C19-140**  
**Accounts**

**[C19-140] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

**that accounts (cheque no. 49486 to 49567 inclusive) totalling \$235,154.60 be approved for payment.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- Eagle Builders started work on the new building site as of Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and will be working on installing the drainage pipe and hauling in clay to compact the building site.
- The McLaren Dam Recreation Area recently tested positive for the presence of blue-green algae. Signs have been posted on site and we have also placed a notice on our website.
- We have decided to push hamlet clean-up days to October as the PW crew is still busy with other work. We will be advertising the actual dates soon.
- We were saddened to hear of the sudden and untimely death of our past Councillor and Reeve, Barrie Hoover. Barrie was on Council from 2004 to 2017 and was Reeve for the past 10 years of that time. Our sincere condolences to his family.

PW Report At 9:30 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Ken Menage attended the meeting and reviewed the Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The PW Crew have been working on the old yard setup, putting in approaches, doing culvert work and placing signs.
- The Road Construction Crew has largely completed the Sharpe Road and is still working on some touch up activities and will be moving to the Munson West Road soon.
- The Shop crew have been busy with repairs and service work to all department equipment.
- Graders have been blading regular roads and touching up some fair weather roads.
- Ken has been attending meetings, coordinating bridge work, starting on an assets management plan and working on a land

purchase.

Departure

At 11:00 a.m. Ken departed from the meeting.

MS Report

At 11:02 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed the MS report with Council. Highlights include the following:

- Progress on the Morrin Bridge will now result in the access to the Starland Campground to be impacted and require the closure until the roadway is completed and paved. The timeline for the closure is Mid-September and will be closed for at least a month.
- We had a failure to a portion of the PVC piping in the CLV Truck Fill station. This required the replacement of a major portion of the main feed header piping in the station for the rural supply line.
- We have received an application and offer to purchase some lots from the County in the Hamlet of Michichi. We presently own 4 lots in Block 3 of Michichi, however, most of the lots are isolated and cannot be developed under our Land Use Bylaw due to the service restriction.
- We have entered into a one year trial rental of an air analyser device that was lost in the fire. The equipment is essential to the safe entry of persons in confined spaces or where the environment may be compromised.

**C19-141**  
**Water**  
**Conference**

**[C19-141] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARHSALL**

**that Municipal Services Manager Riep be authorized to attend the Western Canada Water Conference in Edmonton from September 17<sup>th</sup> to 20th and that registration and expenses be paid.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MSI

Notification was received from Municipal Affairs that Starland County's approved 2019 interim grant allocations for MSI Capital is \$866,311 and MSI Operating is \$112,457. As well a Gas Tax Fund allocation of \$233,460.

Tax Notice  
Complaint

Irene and Glenn Arnold of Starland County have written to Council requesting a reduction in their tax bill which has increased substantially this last year. In addition to the tax increases levied by the County the property in question has also seen a large increase in its assessment year over year. The Arnolds do not believe the increase is justified.

Bylaws 1139, 1140  
and 1141

Bylaws 1139, 1140, and 1141 are the enabling Bylaws to enact the proposed Intermunicipal Development Plans as reviewed by Council. The plans will become Starland County's primary planning documents supporting the development of lands identified in the plan areas for the three villages of Delia, Morrin and Munson.

**C19-142**  
**Bylaw 1139-**  
**Motion to**  
**Establish**

**[C19-142] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

**that Bylaw 1139, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Delia and Starland County, be established.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C19-143  
Bylaw 1139-  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

[C19-143] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARHSALL

that Bylaw 1139, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Delia and Starland County, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-144  
Bylaw 1140-  
Motion to  
Establish

[C19-144] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1140, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Morrin and Starland County, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-145  
Bylaw 1140-  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

[C19-145] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARHSALL

that Bylaw 1140, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Morrin and Starland County, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-146  
Bylaw 1141-  
Motion to  
Establish

[C19-146] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1141, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Munson and Starland County, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-147  
Bylaw 1141-  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

[C19-147] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARHSALL

that Bylaw 1141, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Munson and Starland County, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-148  
Public Hearing

[C19-148] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that a public hearing be held for Bylaws 1139, 1140, and 1141 on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Starland County administration office in Morrin, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Report

At 1:15 p.m. Finance Manager Judy Fazekas attended the meeting to review Starland County's revenues and expenditures to this point. She noted that we are currently on budget, however there are several areas which bear watching as we bump up against our budget limits. Additionally several capital items were expensed in this year that were not budgeted for that will require a motion for the 2019 Budget Year.

C19-149  
Capital  
Expenditures

[C19-149] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the following items be added to the 2019 Capital Budget:

1. Truck Deck for Unit #710 - \$26,440
2. Rumsey Lots - \$7,500  
Plan 5120AM; Block 4; Lots 1 to 4 inclusive  
Plan 8511118; Block 8; N ½ Lot 2
3. Unit #525 Trade In Purchase - \$6,010

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trochu Seniors Meeting Trochu Seniors Housing is hosting a meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Fellowship Center, Trochu, Alberta at 7:00 p.m.

Highway 855 The County of Stettler is requesting that Starland County support its request for improvements and upgrades to be made to Highway 855.

**C19-150**  
**Letter of Support**

**[C19-150] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

**that Starland County issue a letter of support for Stettler County in their request that Alberta Transportation upgrade Highway 855.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Highway 585 The Town of Trochu is requesting a meeting with Alberta Transportation to discuss the deteriorating state of Highway 585. Starland County is also requested to have a representative in attendance.

Offer to Purchase Starland County has received an offer to purchase from Thomas Welch of Alberta for all lots which formerly hosted the Starland County Administration Building in the Village of Morrin for \$50,000 including several conditions.

**C19-151**  
**Land Sale**

**[C19-151] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

**that Starland County sell Plan 4110 AJ; Block 1; Lots 6-9 in the Village of Morrin to Thomas Welch of Morrin, Alberta for \$50,000 plus GST without additional conditions.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tax Relief Request Pine Cliff Energy has requested that it be allowed to pay its outstanding taxes in 12 monthly instalments where the company would also receive an exemption on late payment penalties.

Shallow Gas Taxation CAO Bremer and Deputy Reeve Sargent attended a recent information session hosted by the RMA on the Provincial Governments recent changes to the shallow gas taxation. The Province is mandating these changes because industry has complained about the outdated assessment model. Tax bills will be reduced by 35% on shallow gas pipelines and wells. Guidelines and a sample resolution will be forthcoming for the reduction.

RMA Scholarship Starland County will be supporting the RMA Scholarship application of Kimberly Schipper and Avery Smyh who are long-time residents of Starland County.

Fire Mutual Aid Agreement Starland County is suggesting that the formula for cost splits between the Village of Munson and Starland County contained in the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement be adjusted to reflect Starland County's increased cost due to the construction and operation of the Munson Fire Hall. The agreement will be reviewed and updated retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Nursing Skills Weekend The Drumheller Standing Committee on Health in conjunction with the Rural Health Professionals Association will be hosting 65 nursing students for a skills weekend at the Drumheller Health Complex and are looking for donations.

Badlands Youth Center Drumheller FCSS is soliciting donations for their new Badlands Youth Center project. The project will be a safe, centralized space where all youth are welcome to participate in fun, beneficial and affordable activities.

Summer Fun Final Report The FCSS summer fun program has finished for another year and the program leaders have submitted a summary report on the program for the year. Overall the kids enjoyed seeing their friends and making new friends along with the field trip activities.

Council  
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
  - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

DRUMHELLER & AREA ASSET DEV CO	CK# 49486	5,866.46
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,866.46</b>
 RMA TRADE	 CK# 49487	 36,285.47
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,285.47</b>
 A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	 CK# 49488	 13,818.00
ABACUS DATAGRAPHICS	CK# 49489	1,260.00
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 49490	515.97
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 49491	1,029.35
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 49492	520.15
ARN'S EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 49493	963.60
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 49494	2,034.48
BARRON, FRANCIS	CK# 49495	1,297.00
BATTLE, PRESLEY	CK# 49496	600.00
BEARCOM CANADA CORP.	CK# 49497	27,727.82
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 49498	300.97
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 49499	150.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 49500	150.00
CAPITAL "I" INDUSTRIES	CK# 49501	551.70
CHINOOK PUMPS LTD.	CK# 49502	5,253.11
CIMA CANADA INC.	CK# 49503	1,236.38
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC.	CK# 49504	1,129.80
CRAIGMYLE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIG	CK# 49505	1,000.00
DAVIDSON, DARCY	CK# 49506	1,000.00
DELIA UNITED CHURCH	CK# 49507	500.00
DIGITAL CONNECTION OFFICE SYS	CK# 49508	267.37
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 49509	195.23
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 49510	246.75
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 49511	769.35
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 49512	484.50
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 49513	371.39
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 49514	166.40
ENMAX	CK# 49515	7,845.24
FIRE HALL UTILITY	CK# 49516	2,100.00
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 49517	238.77
FRONTIER CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS	CK# 49518	1,785.00
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 49519	1,275.75
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 49520	23,652.51
HAMELIN, EDITH	CK# 49521	142.80
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 49522	1,153.02
KIEMELE, LANCE	CK# 49523	1,000.00
KUHL TUF WEAR LTD.	CK# 49524	289.79
LN LAND DEVELOPMENT TECH	CK# 49525	1,819.66
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 49526	300.12
MARTIN, KEITH	CK# 49527	1,000.00
MICHICHI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPART	CK# 49528	1,000.00
MORRIN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOC	CK# 49529	300.00
MORRIN SCHOOL	CK# 49530	300.00
NETAGO	CK# 49531	319.95
NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC-RD	CK# 49532	90.89
OLMSTEAD, BRENT	CK# 49533	1,000.00
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 49534	664.57
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION	CK# 49535	4,277.86
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 49536	95.50
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 49537	329.09

REGINA HUMANE SOCIETY	CK# 49538	100.00
REW, JOHN	CK# 49539	299.14
RMA FUEL	CK# 49540	30,151.59
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	CK# 49541	2,976.75
RUMSEY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE	CK# 49542	1,000.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 49543	129.79
SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL ULC	CK# 49544	252.30
TOWN OF STETTLER	CK# 49545	136.50
STEVENS, DALLAS	CK# 49546	1,000.00
STEWART, KIM	CK# 49547	110.00
TAQA NORTH	CK# 49548	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 49549	436.61
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 49550	320.47
THE FLAG SHOP	CK# 49551	585.90
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 49552	380.81
UNIVAR CANADA LTD.	CK# 49553	7,830.24
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 49554	9,800.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 49555	9,850.00
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 49556	4,200.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 49557	1,000.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA	CK# 49558	157.48
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 49559	95.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 49560	287.87
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 49561	1,732.43
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 49562	1,305.00
WOLF, TRACY & MONTGOMERY, CINDY	CK# 49563	3,020.50
1121113 ALBERTA LTD	CK# 49564	78.75
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 49565	14.70
18-2 CAMPS	CK# 49566	1,000.00
20/20 SEED LABS INC	CK# 49567	210.00

**Sub-Total: \$ 193,002.67**

**TOTAL: \$ 235,154.60**

**C19-152**  
**Adjournment**

**[C19-152] MOVED COUNCILLOR MARHSALL**

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*

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**Deputy Reeve:**  
**Bob Sargent**

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**Chief Administrative Officer:**  
**Shirley Bremer**