

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Moved that the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councillor Rew and Deputy Reeve Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Heather Flaman.

**Moved that accounts (cheque no. 50078 to 50183 inclusive) totalling \$3,757,982.63 be approved for payment.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Matthew Kreke reviewed the CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- The new building has recently run into an issue with the natural gas hookup which will in all likelihood push the completion date back 2 to 3 weeks. Problems with designing the size of the connection have been blamed for the delay.
- Matthew and Gareth met with the Alberta Consumer Investigation Unit at the Badlands Community Facility in December for an update on their operations and practices. While the unit's workload has grown substantially in recent years the staffing has not and they are looking for community help in identifying repeated bad actors.
- Administration met with Derek Beattie of Stantec Consulting on January 8<sup>th</sup> to go over the upcoming year in capital construction. Currently we are behind on our engineering work for the upcoming year's road construction programs and will need to approve additional funds if we remain committed to road construction.
- The shop/office building of Trident Exploration in Rumsey is for sale following Trident's bankruptcy. The building is of a suitable quality and size to make for a good fire hall for the Rumsey Fire Department and Council should consider making an offer.

**Moved that Starland County offer to purchase the land located at 330 Main Street, Rumsey comprised of Plan 2975AH; Block 2; Lots 1,2,3 and 4 for \$145,000.00 plus GST.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council arrangements made for the upcoming RMA spring convention. Additional clarification on staff attendance is also required to finalize bookings.

**Moved that all Councillors plus one administrative employee and one public works employee be authorized to attend the RMA spring convention to be held in Edmonton on March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and that**

registration and expenses be paid.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Moved that Starland County apply for an exclusion to the requirements for an Intermunicipal Development Plan to be made between Starland County and each of Kneehill County, Stettler County and the Special Areas.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Moved that Starland County apply for an extension to the timelines for the requirement to complete an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework between Starland County and each of Kneehill County, Stettler County and the Special Areas of one year.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Communication was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs outlining the progress made so far on updating the assessment model used for oil and gas properties. Currently it looks as if there will be substantial changes to assessment in addition to the changes already made to shallow gas properties. These changes would go into effect for the 2021 tax year.

At 10:00 a.m. PW Supervisor Ken Menage attended the meeting and reviewed the PW Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The PW Crew have been hauling scrap, repairing and installing signs, helping with inventory and checking bridge signs for repairs or replacement.
- The Shop Crew have been working on approximately 54 pieces of equipment, performed 5 CVIPs and doing a major shop clean.
- Gradersmen have been doing winter road maintenance operations.
- Ken has been working on road planning, gravel pit applications and doing bridge inspections.

At 10:45 a.m. Ken departed from the meeting.

**Moved that Councillor Watts, Reeve Wannstrom and Staff Bremer and Kreke be authorized to attend the Brownlee Emerging Trends Legal Seminar in Calgary on February 6<sup>th</sup> and that registration and expenses be paid.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Assistant CAO Kreke gave an update on the sale process for the old building site in the Village of Morrin. The purchaser is currently looking for an extension to May 15<sup>th</sup> to close the purchase.

**Moved that Starland County amend the land sale contract 09172019A, Section 2.3 to move the possession completion date to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with the addition of a \$10,000.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid to Starland County in the event of failure of the purchaser to meet the conditions of the contract.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The RMA has put out an update on the new rural police costing model. The major new item is that while municipalities will be required to contribute to 2020 police funding the first invoice will not arrive until January 2021 which will give municipalities more time to plan.

At 11:05 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Glen Riep attended the meeting and reviewed the MS report with Council. Highlights include the following:

- Glen has submitted a report to AENV on the Morning Glory water system and projected cost necessary to bring the system in compliance. This was necessary to illustrate our concerns with the system.
- Preparations have been made for the installation of water service from the Starland Regional line to the Nick Dalton property near Fox Coulee. The weather has recently restricted the type of work that can be done and as such the connection will have to be deferred until such time that the weather cooperates.
- The MPC has approved the application for the Kneehill Solar Project located directly east of the Michichi Power Substation north of Drumheller. The 25-megawatt facility is situated on two quarter sections of cultivated land and has received AUC approval. Construction is slated for 2020.
- The Morrin/Starland generator project is now substantially completed with the final commissioning of the generator and load testing. The Village council had expanded the scope of the project with the addition of a 35 HP variable drive electric motor to power the fire pump. Glen will be reviewing the impact this change had on overall costs and issuing a report summary.

Administration met with Victor Beda of Peter Energy Solutions Inc. on behalf of the Aura Power solar installation located west of the Michichi Power Substation. Currently the project is in the last stages of development awaiting final finance approval. Aura Power maintains that County taxes are too high and must be reduced for the project to receive final investment approval. Council would like to see more information before considering the request.

Application was received from Larry Poland Jr. of Division 2 for the \$300 charge put on his water bill for non-payment of the original connection fee to be reduced. Administration has recommended that legally if Council is to reduce charges for one customer they must amend Bylaw 1137 to lower the rate charged for all outstanding connection fee payments.

**Moved that Bylaw 1147, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be established.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved that Bylaw 1147, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given first reading.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved that Bylaw 1147, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given second reading.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved that Bylaw 1147, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given third reading at this meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Moved that Bylaw 1147, for the purpose of amending Schedule A of Bylaw 1137, be given third reading and finally passed.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

At 12:10 p.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

Records Management Coordinator Terena Kleinschroth presented Council with the results of three quotes gathered for the provision of a rolling file system and custom shelving for the new shop/office building. The new filing room will be larger than all three of the rooms put together that existed in the old building and prices ranged from a low of \$65,802.93 to a high of \$76,600.00. The replacement of this system is being funded by insurance proceeds.

**Moved that Starland County accept the tender from Westbow Systems for the completion of a rolling file system and custom shelving for the file room in the new County shop/office in the amount of \$65,802.93 plus GST.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council was given a copy of the Integrating Source Water Protection and Watershed Conservation into Municipal Planning: Report and Statutory Plan Guide, the new report from the Red Deer River Municipal Users Group. The report outlines the ways municipalities can integrate source water protection measures into community planning documents.

An Amateur Team Grant request was made by the Delia Penguins for the Morrin Minor Hockey 2020 season. There are 15 eligible players on the team.

**Moved that Starland County give an Amateur Team Grant to the Delia Penguins in the amount of \$750.00 as per Policy 720-31.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Starland County has issued letters of support for Kneehill Regional FCSS for the funding of their Family Resource Network Proposal, the PLRSD for the funding of their Family Resource Worker Program, and for the Delia & District Dawson Historical Museum Society for the funding of a research project about Violet Barss.

Safety Officer Chris People is requesting authorization to attend the Annual Alberta Health and Safety Conference in Banff from February 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved that Safety Officer Chris Peoples be authorized to attend the Annual Alberta Health and Safety Conference in Banff from February 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and that registration and expenses be paid.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation has released the requisitions amounts due for 2020. Starland County's share will be \$425,815.50 to be budgeted in the spring.

Notification was received from Alberta Health Services that they would be reviewing the Alberta Health Services Emergency Medical Services Helicopter Air Ambulance Service. The review commenced in November of 2019 and they are looking for submissions aimed at improving the service.

Starland County FCSS received a donation of \$1,000.00 from BluEarth Renewables as part of their effort to give back to the community in which they intend to develop a new wind farm.

Councillors gave suggestions as to the content and frequency of a proposed Starland County Newsletter. Councillors are being asked to submit in writing the content desired for the newsletter so that administration may

begin coming up with an outline.

All councillors present reported briefly on the committees to which they are appointed.

**Moved that Starland County design and implement safeguards to the inlet to the spillway on the McLaren Dam.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Communications:

- i) Elson and Pat McDougald re: Good Work
- ii) Delia Fun Hockey Team re: Thank You
- iii) Clearwater County re: New Building Tour Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- iv) FCSSA re: Newsletter
- v) Canadian Badlands re: Board Meeting Minutes Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- vi) Marigold Library re: Marigold Report
- vii) Lidstone & Company re: Legal Update
- viii) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
  - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)
  - President's Message

Accounts - see prior motion.

APWA-ALBERTA CHAPTER	CK# 50078	52.50
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 50079	2,421.90
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 50080	801.90
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 50081	761.20
EAGLE BUILDERS LP	CK# 50082	1,152,441.00
KASHUBA HEATING AND AIR	CK# 50083	746.55
LN LAND DEVELOPMENT TECH	CK# 50084	3,712.80
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS	CK# 50085	589.05
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 50086	1,238.37
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 50087	1,370.91
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 50088	173.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA	CK# 50089	152.52

**Sub-Total: \$ 1,164,461.70**

CRAIGMYLE CIVIC CENTRE SOCIETY	CK# 50090	1,849.11
CRAIGMYLE HISTORIC SOCIETY	CK# 50091	1,891.84
DELIA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOC	CK# 50092	5,079.06
DELIA & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOC	CK# 50093	40,627.64
DELIA & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS	CK# 50094	2,844.72
DELIA CURLING CLUB	CK# 50095	6,340.07
DELIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CK# 50096	4,237.85
DELIA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD	CK# 50097	583.80
MORRIN AND DISTRICT AG SOC	CK# 50098	28,492.43
MORRIN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOC	CK# 50099	3,463.07
MORRIN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	CK# 50100	877.40
MUNSON AND AREA COMMUNITY ASSO	CK# 50101	3,330.32
ROWLEY COMMUNITY HALL ASSO	CK# 50102	6,501.53
RUMSEY AND DISTRICT AG SOC	CK# 50103	21,231.03
RUMSEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY	CK# 50104	763.88
RUMSEY DROP-IN CENTRE	CK# 50105	1,632.73
VERDANT VALLEY AGRICULTURAL SO	CK# 50106	3,253.52

**Sub-Total: \$ 133,000.00**

A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 50107	10,804.50
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 50108	641.30
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 50109	390.92
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 50110	265.17
AGROMAX DISTRIBUTORS INC.	CK# 50111	11,340.00

ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 50112	3,000.55
ARCTEC ALLOYS LIMITED	CK# 50113	110.46
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 50114	3,942.73
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 50115	792.00
BEARCOM CANADA CORP.	CK# 50116	708.75
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 50117	930.00
CAWIEZEL, LAURA	CK# 50118	1,522.71
CHRIST THE REDEEMER C.S.R.D #3	CK# 50119	1,069.81
CIMA CANADA INC.	CK# 50120	69.30
2020 PROVINCIAL ASB CONFERENCE	CK# 50121	6,142.50
D&M CONCRETE PRODUCTS LTD.	CK# 50122	3,948.00
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 50123	55.53
DIRECTDIAL.COM	CK# 50124	2,442.72
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 50125	1,282.27
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 50126	277.62
EAGLE BUILDERS LP	CK# 50127	2,158,954.91
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 50128	243.80
ENDEAVOR CHARTERED ACCOUN	CK# 50129	8,400.00
ENMAX	CK# 50130	13,933.97
EVOLUTION INSPECTIONS & MANUF	CK# 50131	746.50
FOUNTAIN TIRE LTD.	CK# 50132	10,390.74
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 50133	277.67
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 50134	1,098.30
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 50135	239.00
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 50136	6,356.81
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 50137	21.00
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 50138	115.20
HAMPTON, ALAN W.	CK# 50139	2,486.28
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 50140	487.75
HYDRODIG CANADA INC.	CK# 50141	5,349.75
IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.	CK# 50142	40.95
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 50143	18.02
KENNEDY MECHANICAL 2069349	CK# 50144	3,816.75
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA R.	CK# 50145	38.40
KNEEHILL COUNTY	CK# 50146	197.35
KUHL TUF WEAR LTD.	CK# 50147	140.78
LAPP	CK# 50148	23,945.00
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 50149	91.74
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 50150	5,540.52
NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC-RD	CK# 50151	3,512.26
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 50152	741.98
PETTY CASH	CK# 50153	40.42
PRAIRIE LAND REGIONAL DIVISION	CK# 50154	20,000.00
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 50155	72,130.14
REW, JOHN	CK# 50156	298.28
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 50157	3,068.56
RMA FUEL	CK# 50158	21,940.47
RMA TRADE	CK# 50159	3,495.14
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	CK# 50160	63.26
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 50161	2,145.44
SCHUMACHER, GOUGH AND COMPANY	CK# 50162	707.47
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 50163	197.40
SHAW GMC CHEVROLET BUICK LTD.	CK# 50164	144.61
SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL ULC	CK# 50165	252.31
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 50166	4,963.38
STEWART, KIM	CK# 50167	110.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 50168	17,704.78
SYLOGIST LTD.	CK# 50169	840.00
TAQA NORTH	CK# 50170	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 50171	779.74
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 50172	276.24
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 50173	1,595.90
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 50174	390.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 50175	3,146.64
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 50176	90.00

