

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 14TH, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, January 14th, 2015, 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 Bremer
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

C15-001 Approval of Minutes

[C15-001] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the December 11^h, 2014 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C15-002 Approval of the Accounts

[C15-002] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 39915 to 40068 inclusive) totalling \$869,578.31, 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:

- She noted that there is no room available for the Jay Schlempp retirement party on January 17th, 2015;
- Council tax packages have been made up for each councillor to be used when filing their 2014 Income Tax Return;
- CAO Rawlusyk is out of the office at least until January 26th although his timetable for return is not definite at this time;
- Year-end financial processes are under way in anticipation of the upcoming spring audit. No problems are anticipated at this time;
- Starland County was chosen to participate in a WCB action plan to improve our employee injury reporting and modified work programs;
- Colin Kloot was hired by Starland County to represent us in an upcoming Dog Bylaw ticket appeal which is scheduled for January 23rd.

Attendance of PW Manager Pratt and PW Report

At 10:00 a.m. PW Manager 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 tree cutting, inventory, installing new swing gates, hauling gravel, sand and clay, and plowing and sanding;
- Buck has been doing regular maintenance on the light duty fleet and lining up GPS replacements for some units;
- Tom has been doing CVIPs on County vehicles and fire department equipment and helping with inventory;
- Thomas H and Kevin D have been doing the regular maintenance on the heavy duty fleet as well as minor repairs on the graders, plow trucks and loaders;

- The graders have been plowing and winging snow and touching up intersections. When they are not in their graders they are hauling, loading and pushing up sand at the Moench and Courtney Handhills Pit;
- Brenda has been working on Bylaw issues, multi loads, and questions from ratepayers;
- Al has been working on purchase orders, invoices and quotes. He had several meetings with ratepayers, did a job tour with Doug at the miracle mile, met with suppliers, worked on employee evaluations and the upcoming capital budget.

Departure of PW
Manager Pratt

At 10:45 a.m., PW Manager Pratt departed the meeting.

Tax Sale Notice

Council reviewed the notice of tax sale posted in relation to the two properties to be offered for sale on February 11th located at:

	Plan	Block	Lot
Michichi	7768CP	5	21 to 23 Inclusive
Craigmyle	273CH	1	14

We have received no contact from the affected landowners at this time and an upset price will be set at a future Council meeting after receiving a full appraisal report.

Attendance of MS
Manager and MS
Report

At 11:00 a.m., MS Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- The utilities and recreation crew were working on inventory, cemetery work, THM and lead sampling, staff meetings, daily water system monitoring and testing, bacteriological sampling and drinking water safety plans;
- A regional emergency services meeting was held at the office on January 7th;
- Things have been quiet on the water side over the Christmas break though there have been a few leaks that were investigated but were found to be on private property;
- Glen met with Harvey from Cross Cut Directional boring to go over some of the water service connection projects that are scheduled for 2015;
- There have been a number of internments in Starland cemeteries recently and there are still three to complete this week. The frost has presented some more problems than we have experienced in the past few years;
- The tender for the new Morrin Fire Truck has been posted and will be closing on the January 23rd;
- Glen had a preconstruction meeting with members of the Rumsey Fire Department and Mike with Rocky Mountain Phoenix of Red Deer to discuss the final design and specifications of the new Rosenbauer FX Maverick pumper unit on a Freightliner M2-16 4X4. Delivery is scheduled for this December;
- There is an S-300 Fire Fighter Training course scheduled for the end of this month as well as a Fire Protection Master Plan Committee meeting scheduled for January 29th.

Water Rates

A letter was received from the Town of Drumheller that water rates charged to the County would be increasing 5% effective January 1st, 2015 and Henry Kroeger is projecting a water rate increase of 8.4% in 2015.

Departure of MS
Manager

At 11:40 a.m., MS Manager Riep departed the meeting.

HR Survey
Results

Results of the recently completed wage and salary survey for the Central Zone were presented to council. The new results included the results of council remuneration survey.

November 2014 CPI The November 2014 CPI number for Alberta was released. Inflation rose 2% from November 2013.

C15-003
Cost of Living

[C15-003] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County implement a cost of living increase for all staff in the amount of 2% to be paid retroactively to January 1st 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FCSS On December 16th 2014 Ross, Shirley, Diana and Matthew met with Cam McKeage and Wes Neumeier to discuss the results of the recent Family Resource Worker program review. Several recommendations were provided in the review with the major one being a transition back to one management structure for Family Resource Workers. Talks are still ongoing on which recommendations can and should be implemented.

Rural Futures Symposium PLRD is hosting their annual Rural Education Symposium from March 1st to 3rd in Canmore, Alberta.

Financial Indicator Graphs Assistant CAO Bremer reviewed with council a copy of the 2013 financial indicator graphs for Alberta Municipalities produced by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

2014 Council Meeting Summary Council was presented with copy of a summary prepared by the administration of the 2014 Council meetings.

Amateur Team Grant Team information was submitted by the Delia Skating Club for funding under the 2015 Amateur team grant program. They requested funding in the amount of \$1,700.00.

C15-004
Amateur Team Grant Funding

[C15-004] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County approve Amateur Team Grant funding to the Delia Skating Club in the amount of \$1,700.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AAMDC Spring Convention The AAMDC will be hosting their annual spring convention on March 16-18th of 2015 in Edmonton at the Shaw Conference Centre.

C15-005
AAMDC Spring Convention

[C15-005] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that all Councillors as well as staff Rawlusyk, Bremer and Kreke be approved to attend the 2015 AAMDC Spring Convention in Edmonton on March 16-18th and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Well Drilling Tax The New Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation was signed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and will take effect on January 1st 2015 and will be in effect for five years.

Retail Electricity Market Council was presented with the final report from the MLA Retail Market Review Committee Implementation Team on enhancing the retail market for electricity. The report contains a list of recommendations for the Minister of Energy to consider.

Drumheller RCMP Report The Drumheller RCMP Detachment crime statistics for the month of November 2014 were received along with a summary from Sgt. Art Hopkins. In the summary he noted no notable occurrences and no crime trends were detected.

Alberta Water Strategy The Alberta Government released a report titled Our Water, Our Future: A Plan for Action detailing goals for Alberta related to water management and

sustainability. The report contained several recommendations and general statements about the future of Alberta water management. This report builds on the consultation sessions held around Alberta in 2014.

Internet
Infrastructure

Communication was received from Netago outlining the possibilities for upgrading their network infrastructure in Starland County as well as the results of their customer satisfaction survey. The feeling from Netago is that there is not a great need for enhanced internet service within Starland County at this time though Starland may see increased service levels from planned upgrades in nearby jurisdictions.

Marigold Library

Council was presented with a copy of the Marigold Report outlining the current and upcoming activities of the Marigold Library as well as the 2015 requisition.

2015 Interim
Budget

Assistant CAO Bremer presented to council a draft copy of the 2015 Interim Operating and Capital Budget. Accounts were reviewed and no significant problems were noted.

C15-006
2015 Interim
Operating
Budget

C15-006 MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the 2015 Interim Operating Budget for Starland County be approved for funding as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Palliser Regional
Municipal Services

Communication was received from PRMS announcing that there would be no 2015 increase in their requisition. After four years of increase their organization is now on a more stable funding base. The 2015 requisition is \$36,841.83.

C15-007
Palliser
Requisition

C15-007 MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the 2015 requisition from Palliser Regional Municipal Services in the amount of \$36,841.83 be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Economic
Development

Special Projects Manager Kreke reviewed with Council a plan for community consultation in relation to upcoming economic development activities. Councillors were asked to provide names for an upcoming community consultation session to be held near the end of February.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Palliser Regional Municipal Services re: Aerial Photography and Mapping Project
- iv) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Member Bulletin re: The Edmonton Journal's Expose on Alberta's Hospital System
 - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

PRATT, AL	CK# 39915	332.57
ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT	CK# 39916	7,035.73

Sub-Total: \$ 7,368.30

A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 39917	1,596.34
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 39918	827.36
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 39919	753.81

AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 39920	371.86
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.	CK# 39921	15,038.23
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 39922	2,877.40
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 39923	33.12
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 39924	6,599.08
BROWNLEE LLP BARRISTERS & SOL	CK# 39925	1,125.00
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 39926	150.00
CANADA REVENUE AGENCY	CK# 39927	400.00
DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERV	CK# 39928	48.46
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 39929	199.50
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 39930	1,719.79
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 39931	280.84
ENMAX	CK# 39932	6,375.86
FOUR WINDS ENERGY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 39933	1,188.68
FOX ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	CK# 39934	333.27
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 39935	46.34
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 39936	296.09
H & H HUXTED ENT. LTD	CK# 39937	512.12
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 39938	166.47
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 39939	285.11
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 39940	8,225.06
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	CK# 39941	346.45
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 39942	243.25
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 39943	78.75
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA R.	CK# 39944	18.20
LAPP	CK# 39945	57,213.03
M&M ELECTRIC	CK# 39946	107.36
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 39947	3,494.00
MORRIN FIGURE SKATING CLUB	CK# 39948	1,500.00
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 39949	385.06
MORRISON, LILLIAN	CK# 39950	1,369.96
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 39951	12,761.70
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 39952	1,592.54
PRAIRIE HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 39953	247.16
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 39954	617.08
PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 39955	105.77
RAWLUSYK, ROSS D.	CK# 39956	410.49
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 39957	52,949.53
ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT INC.	CK# 39958	6,701.10
S.L.F. INVESTMENT SERVICES	CK# 39959	3,744.50
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 39960	4,890.08
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 39961	58.80
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 39962	279.35
SPECIAL AREAS RETIREMENT FUND	CK# 39963	75.00
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 39964	51,724.27
STRAUB, SHELDON	CK# 39965	500.00
STRONGCO	CK# 39966	1,097.81
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 39967	1,677.56
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 39968	1,992.89
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 39969	1,260.94
TRANS TANK SYSTEMS	CK# 39970	89,892.44
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 39971	38.06
TRU-FENCE	CK# 39972	3,570.00
ULINE	CK# 39973	130.01
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 39974	35.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 39975	460.20
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 39976	256.38
WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY	CK# 39977	1,015.83
WESTCAN ADVANCED COMM	CK# 39978	34,979.85
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 39979	1,200.00
XYLEM CANADA COMPANY	CK# 39980	2,625.00
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 39981	278.35
	Sub-Total \$	391,373.54

ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 39982	4,547.08
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ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 39983	1,534.49
BROWNLEE LLP BARRISTERS & SOL	CK# 39984	40.02
CASCADE PROCESS CONTROLS LTD.	CK# 39985	1,651.85
CENTRAL REGION AAAF	CK# 39986	100.00
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC.	CK# 39987	221.76
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 39988	5,759.21
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 39989	1,293.12
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 39990	209.10
CERVUS EQUIPMENT	CK# 39991	52.19
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	CK# 39992	1,920.27
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 39993	6,122.94
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 39994	37.44
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 39995	172.56
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 39996	1,262.41
MORRIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	CK# 39997	625.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 39998	470.17
PETTY CASH	CK# 39999	130.00
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 40000	27,365.40
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 40001	1,853.36
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 40002	50,635.46
WESTERN CHEVROLET	CK# 40003	43,867.53
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 40004	240.23

Sub-Total \$ 150,111.59

ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	CK# 40005	41,932.53
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Sub-Total \$ 41,932.53

ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 40006	114.62
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 40007	204.69
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 40008	1,155.00
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	CK# 40009	470.74
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 40010	95.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 40011	12.60
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 40012	2,471.35
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 40013	527.90
BRYANT'S AUTO BODY	CK# 40014	1,098.30
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 40015	123.64
DRUMHELLER AND DISTRICT SOLID	CK# 40016	131.50
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 40017	1,283.06
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 40018	3,036.24
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 40019	47.76
H & H HUXTED ENT. LTD	CK# 40020	84.12
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 40021	88.84
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEMS	CK# 40022	29.04
IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.	CK# 40023	88.20
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 40024	188.82
OASIS CARWASH & CONV	CK# 40025	191.21
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 40026	33,299.00
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 40027	627.90
SUN LIFE	CK# 40028	15,516.61
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 40029	251.02
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 40030	3,987.94
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 40031	1,183.22
WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY	CK# 40032	5,335.05
WESTCAN	CK# 40033	1,764.00
ZEE MEDICAL CANADA CORPORATION	CK# 40034	268.57

Sub-Total \$ 73,675.94

ABSOLUTE GEMINI LTD.	CK# 40035	1,787.63
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 40036	61.18
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF M.D.'S	CK# 40037	4,740.31
ALBERTA FIRE CHIEF ASSOCIATION	CK# 40038	189.00
ALTALIS JV	CK# 40039	1,077.30

AARMA	CK# 40040	600.00
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 40041	168.85
BIG SKY CALL CENTERS INC.	CK# 40042	331.80
CALON, DARA	CK# 40043	472.75
CANADIAN BADLANDS LTD.	CK# 40044	1,049.07
DEVALERIOLA, CHERYL	CK# 40045	976.50
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 40046	115.50
DRUMHELLER AND DISTRICT SOL	CK# 40047	37,941.00
ESRI CANADA LIMITED	CK# 40048	1,323.00
FCM	CK# 40049	422.36
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 40050	270.22
HECK, BRIAN	CK# 40051	161.00
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 40052	652.52
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 40053	197.20
HOPE COLLEGE	CK# 40054	2,000.00
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 40055	2,730.00
LAPP	CK# 40056	24,181.23
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 40057	184.60
MARSHALL, RAMSAY AND LINDA	CK# 40058	40,000.00
PALLISER	CK# 40059	36,841.83
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 40060	36,566.33
RDRWA	CK# 40061	1,035.50
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 40062	165.92
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 40063	139.40
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 40064	78.75
TROCHU SENIORS DROP IN	CK# 40065	100.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 40066	156.25
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 40067	8,354.51
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 40068	44.90

Sub-Total \$ 205,116.41

TOTAL: \$ 869,578.31

**C15-008
Adjournment**

[C15-008] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m


Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover


Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk