

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 11TH, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Thursday, December 11th, 2014, 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. Rawlusyk
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke
Recording Secretary S. Bremer

C14-203 Approval of Minutes

[C14-203] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the November 26th, 2014 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C14-204 Approval of Accounts

[C14-204] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that accounts (cheque no. 39780 to 39914 inclusive) totalling \$1,163,475.47, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C14-205 Approval of Financial Stmt.

[C14-205] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the Monthly Financial Statement for the month ending November 30th, 2014, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- The University of Alberta's Department of Energy and Environmental Engineering released a study on Alberta's opportunities for greenhouse gas reductions. The study identified some specific actions that offer the largest potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve cost savings by 2050. However, CAO Rawlusyk noted that they did not examine alternative energy in this report, which is potentially a very good opportunity for greenhouse gas reductions.
- The Government has now introduced Bill 2, the Alberta Accountability Act, which is intended to create the highest ethical standards and accountability measures in Canada.
- Thanks to all the staff that were involved in organizing the Christmas Dinner and Party.
- Three properties will be going up for a Tax Sale, if taxes are not paid prior to the deadline. An advertisement will be placed in the Alberta Gazette and in local newspapers as required under the MGA.
- Ross met with the Morrin Fire Department on December 2nd. They have done a considerable amount of work looking at specifications and manufacturers to try and come up with a truck that they feel will meet the needs of the Village of Morrin and the County. They have selected a truck design from Fort Garry

Industries as the unit that best meets their overall needs. A "rough" estimate for the truck has been prepared, outlining municipal contributions contemplated.

- Congratulations to the Munson Community Hall for being chosen as the winner of this years UFA Get 'n' Give Contest. They will receive a grant in the amount of \$50,000 which will help with their fundraising efforts for a new community hall.
- The AAMDC credited the County with all costs associated with the registration for the Elected Officials Training Course at the Fall Convention. In addition, they credited us with our registration expenses for the Fall Convention as compensation for their booking error.
- The County will be closed for Christmas holidays from December 24th to 26th, as well as January 1st for New Year's Day.
- The new barbeque is ready to be picked up. Nortruck Manufacturing will be providing an orientation on the use of the unit as well. We will need to discuss rental arrangements for the new unit.
- We have now received our Partnership In Injury Reduction Certificate of Recognition (COR) for Starland County for the next three years. When a municipality has obtained their COR, they are eligible for WCB premium reductions. In recognition of the employees that have contributed to the County receiving its COR, we will be purchasing a light jacket for all employees / council members that have worked towards safety excellence.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt &
PW Report

At 10:05 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 installed the last Rural Crime Watch sign on Highway 56 and Township Road 35-0;
- They have been sanding light oil roads and hamlets;
- Inventory counting is underway;
- They hauled the equipment back from the Courtney-Handhills Pit as Olds College is now done with their training course;
- Brenda has been monitoring Husky and Marquee drilling activities;
- Brenda has also met with Alberta Animal Services and the animals have been vet-checked;
- The road crew finished up after hauling the new and used barbwire on the Hill Road to the County Yard.
- Colleena is finishing up her 2014 gravel maps for Dorothy and is also helping with inventory.
- Tom is doing CVIP's on some of the off season units and fire units;
- The plow/gravel truck should be done by the end of next week;
- The County fuel truck should be here by December 18th.

AB Transportation
re: Follow-up to
Edmonton meeting

Correspondence was received from Alberta Transportation with regards to the meeting Council members had with their representatives at the recent AAMDC Convention in Edmonton. As follow up to this meeting, they noted the items that they will be investigating further, including the following:

- They will update us on the Highway 838 issue once their geotechnical consultant has completed their site review;
- They will review our request to incorporate flood elevation marks to the design of the new Morrin Bridge;
- They will review the opportunities to work with Starland County on incorporating a new canoe launch into the new Morrin Bridge design.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 10:45 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Fall 2014
Convention
Highlights

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties provided a copy of the Fall 2014 Convention Highlights for Council's review.

AMHSA re:
COR for Starland
County

CAO Rawlusk noted that Starland County has now received the Partnerships in Injury Reduction Certificate of Recognition (COR). This COR is valid for three years and in order to maintain it, an internal audit must be conducted and pass quality assurance review by AMHSA in each of the next two years. In 3 years, an external audit must be conducted and pass quality assurance review, with the municipality scoring at least 80% on the audit in order to attain a new Certificate of Recognition.

East Central
Salary Survey

CAO Rawlusk provided Council with a copy of the East Central Salary Survey which was prepared, comparing salaries/wages in the various municipalities in the East Central area of Alberta.

Attendance of
Manager Riep &
Municipal Services
Report

At 11:20 a.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Crews have been busy with Drinking Water Safety Plans, Craigmyle Cemetery clean-up, grave site preparations, daily water system monitoring and testing, bacteriological sampling and repairs to Hand Hills and Michichi Truckfill buildings;
- They have been working on some annual watermain maintenance work including flushing the fire hydrants and water mains in the distribution systems for both the Craigmyle and Rumsey systems;
- A meeting of the Starland Regional Emergency Services group is planned for January 7th, 2015 at the County Administration Office;
- Westcan Communications were onsite this week to install the new repeater unit and upgrades. The upgrade to the pager tower site is to be done the first part of February;
- Glen has scheduled an S-300 fire training course the last week of January to be held in the Morrin Fire Hall. This is an entry level course directed to new or untrained fire fighters;
- Glen is planning to have a working committee meeting with the Fire Chiefs and administration with regards to the FPMP on January 22nd, to go over the goals and objectives outlined under the new plan;
- Glen attended the Rural Utilities & Safety Association Conference in Red Deer last week. He noted that there were several good sessions dealing with safety within the workplace including Distracted Driving, Severe Weather Preparedness as well as some educational sessions on OH&S and Water;
- As part of his operators re-certification requirements, Glen attended a training course in conjunction with the conference on SOP's. The course is designed for use in a number of applications including water system operations, safety program and fire department use.
- The Craigmyle Sewage Lift Station was commissioned on Wednesday of this week when Xylem was onsite to test run the pumps and controls in preparation for the conversion of the old to the new. The new station is completely functional as of today. The SCADA is to be completed in the new year when MPE has time to get it online, allowing the County to remotely monitor the site.

Morrin Fire Dept.
Fire Truck

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the Morrin Fire Department fire truck purchase proposal with Council. He also reviewed a tentative cost share calculation for our 2015 Budget allocation. The present 2004 Freightliner pumper/tanker in Morrin, will go to the Craigmyle Fire Department.

C14-206
Approval of
Morrin Fire Truck
Purchase

[C14-206] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County Council approve and support financially the purchase of a new fire truck for the Morrin Fire Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure of
Manager Riep &
Councillor Sargent

At 11:55 a.m., Manager Riep and Councillor Sargent departed from the meeting.

Attendance of
Jordan Webber
re: Economic
Development
Discussions

At 1:25 p.m., Jordan Webber attended the meeting to discuss the Economic Development Planning issues proposed for Starland County. Jordan noted that he presently has set out three goals: Goal 1 - Energy Sustainable Community, Goal 2 - Sustainable Core Services and Goal 3 - Tourism Development. He reviewed the Project Completion Statement for the Starland Solar Initiative. Thirteen grants were provided by Starland County to residents for the installation of solar PV arrays in 2014. In addition, there are discussions taking place with regards to the opportunity for a large solar installation within the County. This investment opportunity would be developed as an Opportunity Development Cooperative and would not be classified as a micro-generation facility, but will likely fall under the distributed generator class. He reviewed the solar showcase that is being developed to be available to a broad audience and to be Starland specific and also noted that he is researching further funding channels. Other possible activities and tasks in this regard would be to actively pursue/support development through BluEarth; develop energy efficiency program targeted at County residents; establish a pilot project district heat - Bio-heating network; and develop a local feed-in tariff. Goal 2 was extensively discussed, with the possible sites and services that could be developed within the County. Public consultation will be done to gather input from the ratepayers of the County, prior to a definite going-forward plan. Goal 3 is for the development of steady tourism traffic into Starland County coupled with intentional ways for Starland businesses to earn profits from tourist traffic.

Departure of
Jordan Webber

At 3:00 p.m., Jordan Webber departed from the meeting.

C14-207
Cancellation of
December 24,
2014 Council Mtg.

[C14-207] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the regular meeting of the Council of Starland County scheduled for Wednesday, December 24th, 2014, be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rural Education
Symposium

Correspondence was received from the Rural Symposium Planning Committee, inviting members to participate in the 4th Annual Alberta Rural Education Symposium on March 1st to 3rd, 2015, at the Coast Canmore Hotel in Canmore, Alberta. They have asked us to consider participating in the enclosed *Call for Presentations* by making a presentation and participating in the provincial forum.

Canada
Transportation Act
Review

Copies of a discussion paper with regards to the Canada Transportation Act Review were distributed to Council for their review. It is noted therein, that the objective of this review is to provide an independent assessment of how federal policies and programs can ensure that the transportation system strengthens integration among regions while providing competitive international linkages.

Morrin Figure
Skating Club re:
Amateur Team
Grant Funding

Correspondence was received from the Morrin Figure Skating Club, requesting consideration of Amateur Team Grant Funding for 2014. They currently have 30 registered skaters, ranging in age from 3 to 17 years of age.

C14-208
Approval of
Amateur Team
Grant Funding

[C14-208] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County Council approve Amateur Team Grant funding to the Morrin Figure Skating Club in the amount of \$1,500.00, to be paid in January of 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2013-14 AAMDC
Annual Report

Copies of the 2013-14 AAMDC Annual Report were distributed to Council for their review.

Jay Slempp
Retirement Party

An invitation was received to attend Jay Slempp's Retirement Celebration on January 17th, 2015.

C14-209
Authorization to
attend J. Slempp
Retirement Party

[C14-209] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that all Council members and Senior Administrative Staff be authorized to attend the Jay Slempp Retirement Celebration on January 17th, 2015 at the Hanna Community Centre; and that the County pay for the tickets to attend this event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FCSS Director's
Network
Conference

CAO Rawlusyk noted that Diana Rowe had advised that this region is hosting the FCSS Director's Network Conference in Drumheller, Alberta, From May 5th to 8th, 2015. They have requested that Council consider a donation towards this event.

C14-210
Donation to
FCSS Director's
Network
Conference

[C14-210] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County donate \$1,000.00 to the FCSS Director's Network Conference in Drumheller, to offset some of the facility expenses.

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
 - Member Bulletin re: AAMDC Fall 2014 Endorsed Resolutions and Expiring Resolutions
 - Contact Newsletter (2 issues)
- ii) Alberta Health Services re: Ebola Risk

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 39780	\$	397.67
DIRECT ENERGY	CK# 39781		47.04
ENMAX	CK# 39782		7,792.30
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 39783		119.79
PRATT, LOGAN	CK# 39784		75.00
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 39785		278.14
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 39786		351.00

Sub-Total: \$ 9,060.94

DANCELAND DJ'S ENTERTAINMENT	CK# 39787	\$	1,392.95
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Sub-Total: \$ 1,392.95

MILLER, KARIN	CK# 39788	\$	1,468.95
Sub-Total:		\$	1,468.95
AAMDC	CK# 39789	\$	7,880.78
Sub-Total:		\$	7,880.78
A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 39790	\$	2,279.47
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 39791		1,005.50
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 39792		196.50
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 39793		499.82
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 39794		1,155.00
AAMDC	CK# 39795		38,454.31
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 39796		20.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 39797		22.05
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 39798		1,797.27
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 39799		5,270.09
ATCO ELECTRIC	CK# 39800		11,349.45
AUNE, OLIVE I. ESTATE	CK# 39801		2,343.50
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 39802		269.12
BELCZOWSKI, STANLEY & EMILY	CK# 39803		3,990.25
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 39804		533.94
BIG SKY CALL CENTERS INC.	CK# 39805		331.80
BILLS FARM SUPPLIES	CK# 39806		696.40
BRIDGEMEN SERVICES LTD.	CK# 39807		57,605.10
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 39808		150.00
CALON, DARA	CK# 39809		2,580.00
CENTRE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION	CK# 39810		190.00
CHRIST THE REDEEMER CSRD#3	CK# 39811		2,912.09
CRAIGMYLE CIVIC CENTRE SOCIETY	CK# 39812		1,688.00
CRAIGMYLE HISTORIC SOCIETY	CK# 39813		1,536.00
DEKEYSER, DEREK	CK# 39814		909.00
DELIA COMMUNITY CENTRE	CK# 39815		6,111.00
DELIA AG SOCIETY	CK# 39816		37,345.00
DELIA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE	CK# 39817		2,733.00
DELIA CURLING CLUB	CK# 39818		3,385.00
DELIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	CK# 39819		5,133.00
DELIA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	CK# 39820		595.00
DODD, LARRY & DANIEL	CK# 39821		2,670.00
DODD, LARRY & CYNTHIA	CK# 39822		8,428.00
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 39823		181.00
DRUMHELLER RURAL CRIME WATCH	CK# 39824		400.00
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 39825		490.61
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 39826		552.04
EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA HERITAGE	CK# 39827		42.00
ENDEAVOR	CK# 39828		7,875.00
FREIGHTLINER OF RED DEER INC.	CK# 39829		1,313.81
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 39830		270.22
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD	CK# 39831		229,231.56
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 39832		48.62
GRIDLEY FARMS LTD.	CK# 39833		6,420.00
HAMPTON, ALAN W.	CK# 39834		2,563.36
HAMPTON, NEIL G.	CK# 39835		11,169.25
HAMPTON, THOMAS M.	CK# 39836		4,848.25
HATT, ERICK & ELSIE	CK# 39837		23.01
HKRWS	CK# 39838		6,833.59
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 39839		219.06
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 39840		1,132.96
HODGE, DOUG	CK# 39841		5,000.00
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 39842		1,695.93
JUBILEE INSURANCE AGENCIES	CK# 39843		181,137.86
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA R.	CK# 39844		54.60
KNEEHILL COUNTY	CK# 39845		487.66
KOPJAR, BRIAN	CK# 39846		4,966.50

KOPJAR, BRIAN & JOLYNN	CK# 39847	5,607.50
KREKE, MATTHEW	CK# 39848	591.20
LAPP	CK# 39849	22,425.69
MACDONALD, KATHY	CK# 39850	132.00
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 39851	1,294.16
MCNAUGHTON, CURT	CK# 39852	2,500.00
MICHIE, GEORGE & LINDA	CK# 39853	1,859.75
MINCHAU, NORMA JEAN	CK# 39854	106.28
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 39855	60.85
MOE, DANIEL L.	CK# 39856	3,210.00
MOORE, JOHN & ELIZABETH	CK# 39857	3,289.50
MORRIN AG SOCIETY	CK# 39858	35,954.00
MORRIN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOC.	CK# 39859	3,738.00
MORRIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	CK# 39860	400.00
MORRIN MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	CK# 39861	714.00
MOTHER MOUNTAIN TEA HOUSE	CK# 39862	131.25
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	CK# 39863	4,807.43
MUNSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	CK# 39864	3,784.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 39865	1,625.61
NEWCASTLE TOWING	CK# 39866	346.00
NORTRUCK MANUFACTURING	CK# 39867	21,535.50
NSC MINERALS	CK# 39868	9,308.55
OASIS CARWASH	CK# 39869	239.45
PARAGON SOIL	CK# 39870	37,973.04
PEAKE, EDWARD & DIANE	CK# 39871	12,276.50
PETTY CASH	CK# 39872	52.85
PRAIRIE LAND REGIONAL DIVISION	CK# 39873	428.50
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 39874	386.00
PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 39875	80.28
RAWLUSYK, ROSS D.	CK# 39876	237.19
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 39877	54,219.92
RICOH CANADA INC.	CK# 39878	3,049.31
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 39879	1,603.45
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 39880	696.15
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	CK# 39881	35,533.05
ROGER HODGE TRUCKING	CK# 39882	1,132.96
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 39883	590.00
ROWELL, WAYNE R.	CK# 39884	51.45
ROWLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	CK# 39885	6,800.00
RUMSEY AG SOCIETY	CK# 39886	15,329.00
RUMSEY DROP-IN CENTRE	CK# 39887	1,286.00
SAM'S TRUCK & CAR WASH	CK# 39888	60.11
SANDL, PETER L.	CK# 39889	3,885.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 39890	266.14
SHAWNE EXCAVATING & TRUCKING	CK# 39891	41,833.48
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 39892	81,573.66
STARLAND COUNTY	CK# 39893	496.75
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE	CK# 39894	15,516.61
TAQA NORTH	CK# 39895	42.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 39896	1,179.69
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 39897	3,007.30
THE JACK FENCING OUTFIT	CK# 39898	5,294.62
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 39899	76.13
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 39900	8.66
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 39901	121.70
VERDANT VALLEY AG SOCIETY	CK# 39902	2,831.00
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 39903	238.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 39904	230.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 39905	4,571.57
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 39906	32.00
WIL-CAN SAFETY LTD.	CK# 39907	656.25
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 39908	8,354.51
WILSON, PRUDENCIA	CK# 39909	3,988.25
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 39910	480.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 39911	631.60

WONG, MILTON	CK# 39912	73.49
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 39913	1,374.01
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 39914	321.30

Sub-Total: \$ 1,143,671.85

TOTAL: \$ 1,163,475.47

C14-211
Adjournment

[C14-211] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover



Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk

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