

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, November 26th, 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. Rawlusk
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke
Recording Secretary S. Bremer

C14-191 Approval of Minutes

[C14-191] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the minutes of the November 12th, 2014 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C14-192 Approval of Accounts

[C14-192] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 39716 to 39779 inclusive) totalling \$206,247.82, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- The AAMDC Fall Convention was held in Edmonton from November 17th to 20th. Highlights noted from the convention were:
 - Al Kemmere was elected as the new president of the AAMDC;
 - Concerns were expressed at the Mayor's / Reeve's meeting about medical co-response and qualifications of first responders;
 - Bill Rogan from the County of Grande Prairie won the R.W. Hay Award to recognize excellence in local government;
 - The AAMDC is preparing a new strategic plan;
 - The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre received funding from the Province in the amount of \$2 million;
 - Road and bridge funding remain as major issues with rural municipalities across Alberta;
 - Premier Prentice promised 464 new continuing care beds and 1500 new spaces over the long term. However, with oil prices so low, he noted that it is not business as usual in Alberta.
- The Fall sitting of the Alberta Legislature has commenced, however, with a new Premier in charge, the number of Bills introduced to date is very light.
- The Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 5th;
- Endeavor Chartered Accountants completed their preliminary audit for Starland County on November 24th and 25th;
- The Federal Auditor General just released the Fall 2014 report. He reported on seven audit areas, and one sweeping comment he made was that all departments need to have a clearer understanding of whether the services they are providing are truly meeting the needs of Canadians;

- Matthew is presently researching best practices in Information Management Systems. A more detailed report on this issue with potential options will be ready for Council in the coming weeks.
- The new County barbeque has been built and after being painted, will be ready for delivery in the near future.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs completed a review of our 2009 financial report for the Internship Program. As our intern left during the first year of the program, we actually have to pay back \$5,100.00 of the grant received for this position.

C14-193
Audit Letter
Reviewed &
Acknowledged

[C14-193] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Council has reviewed the audit letter from Endeavor Chartered Accountants and acknowledge the terms and conditions noted therein.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt &
PW Report

At 10:25 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 have been busy installing snow fence, as well as cutting trees and firewood;
- Some sign installation has been completed including regulatory and address signs;
- Plowing and sanding roads, including hamlet streets;
- Hauling sand material from the Moench Pit;
- The Road Crew is winding down. Most of the equipment is in the county yard and they are doing some brush burning and some ditching on the MacDermid land by the airport hill;
- Brenda has been busy doing permits and monitoring drilling rig activity. As well, there is lots of seismic activity going on, and some minor bylaw issues;
- The gravel program is now done for the season;
- As well as doing regular maintenance on the light duty fleet, Buck worked on getting the tendered vehicles running and out of the County compound;
- Tom has been doing CVIP's on both County equipment as well as the fire department's equipment;
- Thomas and Kevin are doing regular maintenance on the heavy duty fleet as well as changing tires on the graders that don't have snoplus tires;
- Al attended the 2014 AAMDC Fall Convention last week;
- He has been working on the 2015 capital budget and surplus equipment.
- He noted that the new plow truck should be here in 7 to 10 days; and the new fuel truck should be here by the end of the month;
- 2 of the 3 crime watch signs have been installed.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 11:00 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of
Manager Riep &
Municipal Services
Report

At 11:10 a.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The final testing of the Craigmyle Sewage Lift Station is underway with Xylem. The transfer of the old to the new station will most likely be completed next week. The de-energize of the power will also be done after successful commissioning of the new station is done. The removal of the old lift station has been deferred to next spring when this work can be done under more suitable conditions.
- Glen, Barrie and Steve attended the AEMA / Fire Commissioners Annual Stakeholder Summit Conference in Edmonton this week.

There were several interesting presentations made. One of the more imminent issues is with the Incident Command System and training in the use of the system. He noted that he is planning to schedule some staff training early in the new year to bring us up to the ICS 200 equivalency.

- Crews have been going throughout the rural water systems to inspect and pump out any meter vaults that are full of water. Many sites have collected groundwater in the pits, requiring them to be pumped out in the event that they need to access the vaults later this winter.
- Crews are still working on clearing the brush around the perimeter of the Craigmyle Cemetery. This site is badly overgrown with caraganas that are encroaching on many of the grave sites.
- Glen reviewed a quote received from Rocky Mountain Phoenix of Red Deer for the purchase of a fire pumper for the Rumsey Fire Department. This quote is for a Rosenbauer TX Maverick Interface Tender/Pumper, assembled on a new Freightliner M2-106 4x4 cab and chassis.
- Glen also reviewed two quotes received for the purchase of a new 2 ton cab and chassis for the Recreation Department (included in the 2014 budget).

C14-194
Acceptance of tender for Rumsey Fire Truck

[C14-194] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County accept the quote received from Rocky Mountain Phoenix, Red Deer, for the purchase of a Rosenbauer TX Maverick Interface Tender/Pumper, assembled on a new Freightliner M2-106 4x4 cab and chassis and other details as listed, for a total tendered price of \$355,330.50 (Including GST) and F.O.B. Rumsey, Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C14-195
Acceptance of tender for 2-Ton Truck for Recreation Dept.

[C14-195] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County accept the quote received from Westergard Motors, Drumheller, for the purchase of a 2015 Ford 2-Ton Truck cab and chassis, for a total tendered price of \$50,196.56 (including GST).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure of Manager Riep

At 12:00 noon, Manager Riep departed from the meeting.

Council Committee List

The 2014/2015 Council Committee Member list was distributed to Council for their reference.

2014 Operational & Skating Rink Grant Applications

Council reviewed the summary of grant applications for the 2014 Starland County Recreation Operational and Skating Rink Grants. The budget for the operational grants totals \$93,000.00 with 17 applications for same. The skating rink grant budget totals \$36,000.00, with grant requests totalling \$59,000.00. Council discussed the distribution of funding and determined that they would follow the same general guidelines used in previous years, wherein the grants were based on a percentage of actual utility costs from their prior year's operations.

C14-196
Approval of 2014 Recreation Operational Grants

[C14-196] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that the 2014 Annual Recreation Operational Assistance Grants for Starland County, totalling \$93,000.00, be distributed as follows:

Craigmyle Historic Society	\$ 1,536.00
Craigmyle Civic Centre	1,688.00
Delia & District Agricultural Society	19,845.00
Delia & District Community Association	6,111.00
Delia & District Senior Citizens	2,733.00

Delia Curling Club	3,385.00
Delia Historical Society	5,133.00
Delia Municipal Library Board	595.00
Morrin & District Agricultural Society	18,454.00
Morrin Community Hall	3,538.00
Morrin Municipal Library	714.00
Munson & Area Community Association	3,784.00
Rowley Community Hall Association	6,800.00
Rumsey & District Agricultural Society	14,329.00
Rumsey Drop-In Centre	1,286.00
Verdant Valley Agricultural Society	2,831.00
Village of Delia - Campground	238.00

Total: \$93,000.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C14-197
Approval of 2014
Skating Rink
Grants

[C14-197] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that the 2014 Annual Skating Rink Grant budget totalling \$36,000.00 be distributed as follows:

Delia & District Agricultural Society	\$17,500.00
Morrin & District Agricultural Society	17,500.00
Rumsey & District Agricultural Society (Outdoor Skating Rink)	1,000.00

Total: \$36,000.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Canadian
Badlands re:
Annual
Shareholder Levy

Correspondence was received from the Canadian Badlands. They reported on their activities for the past year and also noted that they included an invoice for the 2015 Annual Shareholder Levy. This invoice is based on population statistics from Municipal Affairs at 50 cents per capita, plus the cost of living adjustment. CAO Rawlusyk reported that they didn't include the invoice with their newsletter, however, it will probably be forwarded separately.

C14-198
Authorization to
pay Canadian
Badlands Levy

[C14-198] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County approve payment of the Canadian Badlands 2015 Annual Shareholder Levy as outlined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRMS Newsletter
& AGM

Palliser Regional Municipal Services forwarded their November Report, noting that the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th, 2014.

Alberta Agriculture
Report

Alberta Agriculture forwarded the *Next Generation Advisory Council Recommendations Report* for Council's review.

CCI Wireless re:
High Speed
Internet Mapping &
Request for Letter
of Support

Correspondence was received from CCI Wireless. They are currently working to update coverage maps for Alberta showing areas of unserved and under-served high speed internet service. They noted that currently Industry Canada identifies Starland County as having robust (consistent speeds of greater than 5 Mbps) service, but based on feedback from CCI customers, county citizens and businesses as well as wireless industry information, CCI Wireless is confident that this is not the case. CCI believes that these Industry Canada maps could form part of the basis for the allocation of funding under the Connecting Canadians program and they are requesting the County's assistance in identifying the areas with poor or no high speed internet service as un-served or under-served. They can then update the

coverage maps and apply for funding to help get better coverage. They are requesting Starland County to provide a letter of support for inclusion in their application for the Connecting Canadians Grant.

C14-199
Motion for Letter of Support to CCI Wireless

[C14-199] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County provide a letter of support to CCI Wireless, in their application for the Connecting Canadians Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

C14-200
Change of Council Meeting Date for December

[C14-200] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regular meeting of the Council of Starland County scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th, 2014, be changed to Thursday, December 11th, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Reports

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

C14-201
Motion for funding support to Rural Crime Watch for Conference

[C14-201] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County contribute \$400.00 to the Rural Crime Watch Association to assist in covering the costs of the two members attending the Annual Crime Watch Association Conference in Ardrossan, Alberta.

MOTION CARRIED.

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Town of Drumheller re: Economic Development Task Force
- ii) BluEarth Renewables Inc. re: Hand Hills Wind Project (Newsletter No. 2)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

A & D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 39716	\$	1,924.86
ABSOLUTE GEMINI LTD.	CK# 39717		582.75
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 39718		3,152.50
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 39719		309.17
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 39720		202.92
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 39721		212.23
AAMDC	CK# 39722		48,138.63
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 39723		91.35
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 39724		682.35
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 39725		38.17
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 39726		269.12
CANADA REVENUE AGENCY	CK# 39727		400.00
CASCADE PROCESS CONTROLS LTD.	CK# 39728		10,597.23
AAAF 2014 IST	CK# 39729		1,135.00
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 39730		168.00
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 39731		7,020.87
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 39732		496.44
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 39733		215.70
EVERGREEN EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 39734		2,433.80
FREIGHTLINER OF RED DEER INC.	CK# 39735		9,044.76
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 39736		249.85
GERRY'S TREE SERVICE	CK# 39737		5,512.50
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 39738		21,239.77
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 39739		48.37
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 39740		563.45

GWYNN, DOROTHY	CK# 39741	313.62
H & H HUXTED ENT. LTD.	CK# 39742	91.03
HALLETT, LONNIE & TARA	CK# 39743	1,963.50
HKRWS	CK# 39744	170.89
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 39745	105.88
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 39746	297.78
KMA CUSTOM SHEET METAL	CK# 39747	341.25
LAPP	CK# 39748	22,686.37
M & M ELECTRIC	CK# 39749	1,166.21
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 39750	470.08
MARTIN, CAYLA R.	CK# 39751	890.30
MINCHAU, NORMA JEAN	CK# 39752	884.42
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 39753	225.60
MOUNTAIN VIEW CREDIT UNION	CK# 39754	33.60
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	CK# 39755	4,116.30
NELSON, TRACY	CK# 39756	215.00
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 39757	1,021.54
NEWCASTLE TOWING	CK# 39758	210.00
PD PROS LTD.	CK# 39759	558.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 39760	38,824.04
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 39761	954.73
ROBMAC ENTERPRISES LTD.	CK# 39762	3,099.60
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 39763	918.37
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 39764	266.14
TANAS CONCRETE INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 39765	492.98
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 39766	390.76
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 39767	5,632.97
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 39768	1,191.26
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 39769	266.44
TROUT, RAY	CK# 39770	215.00
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 39771	515.72
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 39772	220.78
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 39773	750.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 39774	412.76
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 39775	70.29
WSH LABS (1992) LTD.	CK# 39776	393.75
XYLEM CANADA COMPANY	CK# 39777	956.95
ZEE MEDICAL CANADA CORPORATION	CK# 39778	110.63
ZIEGLER, JOHN JC	CK# 39779	73.49

Sub-Total: \$ 206,247.82

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**C14-202
Adjournment**

[C14-202] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Thursday, December 11th, 2014 in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.


Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover


Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusk