

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 10th, 2021

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held at the Starland County Administration Office in Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

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| Attendance | Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent Councillors: Murray Marshall and Jackie Watts (via Zoom Videoconference) Absent: John Rew Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer Assistant CAO Matthew Kreke |
| Long Term Service Awards | At 9:01 a.m. staff Cody Shatz, Colby Black, Gary Collins attended the meeting to receive their long-term service awards along with Assistant CAO Kreke. CAO Bremer and Reeve Wannstrom made presentations. Councillor long-term service awards were also given to Councillors Watts and Marshall, Deputy Reeve Sargent and Reeve Wannstrom. |
| Departure | At 9:10 a.m. staff Shatz, Black and Collins departed from the meeting. |
| <u>C21-060</u> Agenda Approval | <u>[C21-060] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u> that the agenda for the March 10 th , 2021 meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| <u>C21-061</u> Approval of Minutes | <u>[C21-061] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS</u> that the minutes of the February 24 th , 2021 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| Accounts | Accounts will be delayed until the March 24 th meeting. |
| CAO Report | Chief Administrative Officer Shirley Bremer reviewed the CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shirley attended the Community Leaders Meeting hosted by PLRD on February 25th. There were representatives from a number of communities within the PLRD and discussions focused on sustainability, economic development, community development and collaboration opportunities.• The RMA held a virtual meeting, with an analysis of the provincial budget. The most significant item in the budget for us, is that the MSI funding will be reduced by 25% over the next three years. In addition, STIP will remain the same for this year, however, it is projected to be reduced in the future years, impacting Starland's transportation networks.• The Strategic Planning Session went very well last week. A lot of information and ideas were explored and we are looking forward to the team from Bloom putting together a coherent plan. |
| Michichi Campground Seasonal Sites | Administration has resubmitted the draft of the seasonal camping contract for the Michichi Campground with modifications based on Council's comments from the February 24 th meeting. |
| <u>C21-062</u> Michichi | <u>[C21-062] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u> |

**Seasonal
Camping
Contract**

that Starland County offer seasonal camping sites at the Michichi Dam Campground under the terms contained within the agreement submitted by Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Horse Thief
Canyon Seasonal
Business

Community Futures Big Country has now announced that they are offering a seasonal business opportunity for interested persons to set up a tourism based business out of a retrofitted C-Can which is to be placed at the lookout point on top of Horse Thief Canyon. The deadline for applicants is April 9th, 2021.

RMA Spring
Convention

Council was given an updated copy of the agenda for the 2021 Spring RMA Convention which will be held virtually on March 16th and 17th. Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council the staff recommendations for the resolutions coming to the conference for approval.

RMA Budget
Analysis

The RMA has released an analysis of the 2021 Alberta Provincial Budget. For municipalities there are a number changes that will have a major impact on budgets going forward. The most important change is that MSI is slated to be reduced by 25% per year for the next three years. This could reduce Starland County's revenues by over \$500,000.00 over the next three years.

Policy 120-1

An amendment to Policy 120-1, Employee Use of Municipal Vehicles and Facilities, has been proposed which would remove certain employee positions from those authorized to take County vehicles home on a regular basis. This amendment would affect the Agricultural Fieldman, and the two Assistant Public Works Supervisors.

C21-063
**Amendment to
Policy 120-1**

[C21-063] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Policy 120-1, Employee Use of Municipal Vehicles and Facilities be amended to remove certain positions from those authorized to take home vehicles on a regular basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agricultural
Services Bylaws

Due to their age several Bylaws managed by the Agricultural Services Board need to be rescinded and replaced in order to be brought into compliance with current practices and regulations.

C21-064
**Bylaw 1163-
Restricted Weeds**

[C21-064] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1163, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 879 and designating Russian Knapweed as a prohibited noxious weed, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-065
**Bylaw 1163-
1st Reading**

[C21-065] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1163, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 879 and designating Russian Knapweed as a prohibited noxious weed, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-066
**Bylaw 1163-
2nd Reading**

[C21-066] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1163, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 879 and designating Russian Knapweed as a prohibited noxious weed, be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-067
Bylaw 1163-
Motion to Have
3rd Reading

[C21-067] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1163 be presented for third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-068
Bylaw 1163-
3rd and Final
Reading

[C21-068] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1163, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 879 and designating Russian Knapweed as a prohibited noxious weed, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-069
Bylaw 1164-
Stubble Burning
Bylaw

[C21-069] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1164, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 925 and establishing a system of permits to control the burning of stubble, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-070
Bylaw 1164-
1st Reading

[C21-070] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1164, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 925 and establishing a system of permits to control the burning of stubble, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-071
Bylaw 1164-
2nd Reading

[C21-071] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1164, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 925 and establishing a system of permits to control the burning of stubble, be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-072
Bylaw 1164-
Motion to Have
3rd Reading

[C21-072] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1164 be presented for third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-073
Bylaw 1164-
3rd and Final
Reading

[C21-073] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1164, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 925 and establishing a system of permits to control the burning of stubble, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-074
Bylaw 1165-
Topsoil Removal
Bylaw

[C21-074] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1165, for purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 926 and to control the removal of topsoil within the Starland County pursuant to the authority of the Soil Conservation Act, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-075
Bylaw 1165-
1st Reading

[C21-075] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1165, for purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 926 and to control the removal of topsoil within the Starland County pursuant to the authority of the Soil Conservation Act, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-076
Bylaw 1165-
2nd Reading

[C21-076] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1165, for purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 926 and to control the removal of topsoil within the Starland County pursuant to the authority of the Soil Conservation Act, be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-077
Bylaw 1165-
Motion to Have
3rd Reading

[C21-077] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1165 be presented for third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-078
Bylaw 1165-
3rd and Final
Reading

[C21-078] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1165, for purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 926 and to control the removal of topsoil within the Starland County pursuant to the authority of the Soil Conservation Act, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-079
Bylaw 1166-
Roadside Weed
Control Bylaw

[C21-079] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1166, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 939 and to direct the occupancy of land for the purpose of administration of the Weed Control Act, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-080
Bylaw 1166-
1st Reading

[C21-080] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1166, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 939 and to direct the occupancy of land for the purpose of administration of the Weed Control Act, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-081
Bylaw 1166-
2nd Reading

[C21-081] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1166, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 939 and to direct the occupancy of land for the purpose of administration of the Weed Control Act, be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-082
Bylaw 1166-
Motion to Have
3rd Reading

[C21-082] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1166 be presented for third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-083
Bylaw 1166-
3rd and Final
Reading

[C21-083] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1166, for the purpose of rescinding Bylaw No. 939 and to direct the occupancy of land for the purpose of administration of the Weed Control Act, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance

At 10:57 a.m. Councillor Rew attended the meeting.

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| Procedural Bylaw Draft | Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council a draft copy of the proposed Procedural Bylaw. Council provided comments on several sections and a new draft based on these comments will be produced by Administration and distributed to Council. |
| Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw | CAO Bremer reviewed with Council a copy of Bylaw 1167, the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw, which was drafted by Peace Officer Gareth Thomas. The Bylaw aims to set regulation on the operation of off-highway vehicles within Starland County. This Bylaw should address issues raised in numerous complaints from residents about proper usage and set firm penalties for violations. |
| <u>C21-084</u> Bylaw 1167- Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw | <u>[C21-084] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u> that Bylaw 1167, for the purpose of regulating the operation of off-highway vehicles within Starland County, be established. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| <u>C21-085</u> Bylaw 1167- 1 st Reading | <u>[C21-085] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW</u> that Bylaw 1167, for the purpose of regulating the operation of off-highway vehicles within Starland County, be given first reading. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| <u>C21-086</u> Bylaw 1167- 2 nd Reading | <u>[C21-086] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT</u> that Bylaw 1167, for the purpose of regulating the operation of off-highway vehicles within Starland County, be given second reading. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| <u>C21-087</u> Bylaw 1167- Motion to Have 3 rd Reading | <u>[C21-087] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS</u> that Bylaw 1167 be presented for third reading at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| <u>C21-088</u> Bylaw 1167- 3 rd and Final Reading | <u>[C21-088] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM</u> that Bylaw 1167, for the purpose of regulating the operation of off-highway vehicles within Starland County, be given third reading and finally passed. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| Electricity Retailer | Starland County's 5-year contract with Enmax Energy for the provision of electricity comes to an end at the end of March of this year and has submitted proposals for renewing the agreement. At over 6 cents/KW/hr the new rate schedule would represent a significant rate jump. The option of joining the RMA spring electricity tender was also discussed. |
| <u>C21-089</u> RMA Electricity Tender | <u>[C21-089] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS</u> that Starland County join the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Energy Program spring tender process for the procurement of electricity for all of its sites. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. |
| Council Committees | All councillors present reported briefly on the committees to which they are appointed. |

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Westlock County re: Concerns Regarding Proposed Changes to AER Directive 067
- ii) Crowsnest Pass re: President's Summit on Policing
- iii) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

C21-090
Motion to
Proceed in
Closed Session

[C21-090] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that under the exemption granted by Section 17, Division 4 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Sargent and Councillors Watts, Rew and Marshall along with staff Bremer and Kreke proceed with the meeting in Closed Session at 1:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-091
Motion to
Proceed Out of
Closed Session

[C21-091] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting proceed out of Closed Session at 2:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C21-092
Adjournment

[C21-092] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, March 24th, 2021, at the Starland County Administration Building, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve:
Steve Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer