

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

### Attendance

Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom  
Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent  
Councillors: Mark Landry and Jackie Watts  
John Rew (via zoom)  
Staff: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Shirley Bremer  
Corporate Services Director (CSD)  
Judy Fazekas  
Legislative Services Director (LSD)  
Jason Carlson (via zoom)

### C22-074 Agenda Approval

#### [C22-074] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that the agenda for the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### C22-075 Approval of Minutes

#### [C22-075] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Accounts

Deputy Reeve Sargent and Councillor Landry checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

### C22-076 Accounts

#### [C22-076] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that accounts (cheque numbers 53643 to 53723) totalling \$ 1,381,249.69 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### CAO Report

CAO Bremer reviewed the CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- Attended the Spring Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Conference in Edmonton. It was great to network with many of the other municipalities and see what was happening with them. The ministerial forums are always very interesting and the two keynote speakers were good.
- Coming back from a short holiday, Bremer has been busy catching up on messages, emails, and work issues. Being away always makes for a backlog but is mostly caught up again.
- The County is presently tendering out our 2-year fencing contract. We have a "tender submission form" available and the tender closes with submissions no later than 4 p.m. on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- The County will be sending a truckload of obsolete parts and items to the Century Auction in High River. This online auction commences April 21<sup>st</sup> and runs until sometime in May. We may also sell equipment or whatever else we may have. Sharon Coles is checking with each department head to see if we have anything else to go to auction.
- Chris People's is preparing for our Annual Safety Day which will be held on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 here in our office/shop. There will

be a guest speaker and some hands-on training sessions. All staff and Council are encouraged to participate. More details will be provided once more finalized.

- Riley Kloss, our Assessor from Wild Rose Assessment has offered to come and present an "Assessment 101" discussion to Council. He will provide basic knowledge of understanding your assessment and how to answer questions Council may be asked.
- Bremer provided the updated ASB 2022 Equipment Rental and Service Rates from the last ASB Meeting so Council could have a quick review before the start of our spring rentals.

RCMP Follow-up

Edmond Bourque, Staff Sargent, Drumheller RCMP Detachment sent CAO Bremer an update to some questions from their last meeting.

- Re: the firearms 'buyback' program that John Rew asked about, the RCMP don't have any updated info on this, so would suggest he contact the Canadian Firearms Center to obtain info on this;
- Re: the Carr/Luke's B & E, RCMP advised that the agreement was for picnic tables to be built and donated to the Village of Delia only, and the tables are complete, they are just waiting for nicer weather to set them up. Any discussions about a cash re-imbusement came after the picnic table agreement during the community justice diversion program, and he suggested this would be civil;
- Our supervisors have re-iterated with the (floor) members to ensure they notify the complainants of the outcome of their investigations.

Netago acquired by Mascon of Telus

CAO Bremer received the official notification of the sale of Netago assets to Mascon by Telus. Staffing and operations will remain as is and for now business will continue as per usual.

RMA Unpaid O&G Tax Survey

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) released their Unpaid Oil & Gas Tax Survey which received a 100% response rate. Unpaid taxes on Oil and Gas properties have increased 3.3% since 2021 making an overall tax burden of \$253.7 million. Municipalities have written off nearly \$131 million in unpaid taxes since 2015. Oil and gas companies that are still in operation are responsible for 48% of the unpaid taxes. RMA members currently have repayment agreements in place with industry for an additional \$43 million in unpaid taxes.

Starland County is one of 6 municipalities with unpaid tax burdens exceeding \$10 million.

Increase price of seasonal lots

Although discussed at the previous council, a motion is required to increase the seasonal lot rates at the Michichi campground from \$2,000.00 to \$2,200.00 per season. Glen is aiming to open the seasonal lots towards the last week in April.

**C22-077**  
**Increase Michichi Seasonal Lot Rate**

**[C22-077] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

**To increase the seasonal lot rates at the Michichi Campground from \$ 2,000.00 per season up to \$ 2,200.00 per season.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Michichi lot rental for horses

Baumgartner's have expressed interest in leasing from the county, the unused portion of the lot the County's water truck fill resides on (Plan 8210765; Block 7) in the hamlet of Michichi for letting their horse's graze. Baumgartner's would handle the fencing. Currently our crews mow the area once or twice a year. Bremer discussed this with Glen Riep where he did not feel the County needed to advertise for only 4 acres. If the County prepares a lease agreement, it must be stipulated that it has to be a permanent 3-wire fence and it must determine what areas need to be excluded for the truck fill. The property will need to be kept in good condition, cannot store anything on the property unrelated to the horses and the leaseholder would be responsible for acceptable repairs of the fence and care of the horses. Would need to include other standard clauses contained in our lease agreements. Length of lease agreement should be long enough to compensate for cost of a permanent fence.

**C22-078**  
**Lease Unused  
portion of Water  
Fill Lot in  
Michichi**

**[C22-078] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY**

To enter into a 10-year lease agreement with Timothy & Joanna Baumgartner for the unused portion of Plan 8210765; Block 7 in Michichi; that they be allowed to keep no more than 2 horses; the leaseholders must build a permanent 3-wire fence around agreed portion of the property; and the leaseholder will leave fence intact at termination of lease.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Columbarium**

In reviewing the columbarium quotes, Nelson Granite from Ontario had the best price and will deliver and will be 100% Canadian sourced. Colby Black has confirmed our picker truck can handle the weight of the columbarium. Council decided to include a memory wall on the side of the columbarium. Bronze plaques have to be ordered from and engraved by Nelson Granite to keep them consistent. The columbarium will cost \$8,280, installation costs \$5,500-\$6,500 and the 24 bronze plaques are \$450 each. The Columbarium will have 24 niches, having 3 across and 4 high, and be on 2 sides of the unit. Council chose to go with darker outer granite and lighter inner/fronts. If County orders now, it can be delivered by September or October. On our next road tour Council can assist Municipal Services Director Riep in choosing the location at our Rumsey cemetery.

**C22-079**  
**Purchase  
Columbarium**

**[C22-079] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

To proceed with the purchase of a 24-niche granite columbarium with pre-drilled holes for plaques and a memory wall from Nelson Granite of Ontario for the quoted price of \$8,280.00.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Nuisance  
Abatement Bylaw  
1184**

Council reviewed the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw 1184 and made the following notes:

- Change 3.5(K)(iv) to Designated Officer from Peace Officer
- Need to make changes so that wording of Designated Officer is consistent throughout bylaw.
- There is now a definition of Designated Officer as opposed to Peace Officer.
- Removed paragraph 3.5(o) pertaining to loud noise
- Make this bylaw specifically for hamlets and name bylaw "Hamlet Nuisance Abatement Bylaw"

County will be required to wait 30 days after it has been passed to come into force. County will be proactive and will send letters to our residents in hamlets to advise people of the changes to enforcement of unsightly properties.

**C22-080**  
**Bylaw 1184 –  
Hamlet Nuisance  
Abatement Bylaw**

**[C22-080] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

that Bylaw 1184, to repeal Bylaw 1092, and for the purpose to regulate, control and abate nuisances, including dangerous and unsightly premises, in the hamlets of Starland County, be established.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C22-081**  
**Bylaw 1184 –  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**[C22-081] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

that Bylaw 1184, to repeal Bylaw 1092, and for the purpose to regulate, control and abate nuisances, including dangerous and unsightly premises, in the hamlets of Starland County, be given first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C22-082**

**[C22-082] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY**

**Bylaw 1184 –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

that Bylaw 1184, to repeal Bylaw 1092, and for the purpose to regulate, control and abate nuisances, including dangerous and unsightly premises, in the hamlets of Starland County, be given second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C22-083  
Bylaw 1184 –  
Motion to have  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

**[C22-083] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW**

that Bylaw 1184 be presented for third reading at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C22-084  
Bylaw 1184 –  
3<sup>rd</sup> and Final  
Reading**

**[C22-084] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM**

that Bylaw 1184, to repeal Bylaw 1092, and for the purpose to regulate, control and abate nuisances, including dangerous and unsightly premises, in the hamlets of Starland County, be given third reading and finally passed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Brochures**

Council went over separate draft brochures for campgrounds and attractions in Starland County to take back to administrative staff to make changes.

**County  
Staff/Council BBQ**

Starland County Staff and Council BBQ was suggested to be on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and held at the Starland Recreation Area.

**C22-085  
County  
Staff/Council  
BBQ**

**[C22-085] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW**

that the Starland County Staff and Council BBQ this year be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and be held at the Starland Recreation Area Campground.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Cancel May 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2022 Council  
Meeting**

Bremer noted that administrative staff will be away for training the day of the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular Council meeting and has asked council on whether the meeting should be changed or cancelled.

**C22-086  
Cancel May 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2022 Council  
meeting**

**[C22-086] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM**

that the Starland County Regular Council Meeting for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be cancelled.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Genesis  
Reciprocal  
Insurance  
Exchange AGM**

The Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange 2022 AGM will be held virtually April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**C22-087  
Assign Proxy for  
Genesis  
Reciprocal  
Insurance  
Exchange AGM**

**[C22-087] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM**

that Judy Fazekas be assigned as proxy so she may vote at the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange 2022 AGM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2022 Spring Road  
Tour & Meeting**

Council decided to have the County 2022 Spring Road Tour and meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Areas of interest to see are:

- BluEarth location/progress
- Roads scheduled on next two years of road files
- Rumsey cemetery to determine columbarium location

Ratepayer /  
Volunteer  
Appreciation Event

Council discussed various ideas and ways to acknowledge the County's appreciation and support of our ratepayers, volunteers and community groups. It was suggested to possibly purchase pull up banners for use at events and to make a monetary donation to community groups sponsoring their fundraising events rather than having our own event. It could possibly be done by division but include Council/Administration presence at each of those events. This could be put into the newsletter advising and asking groups to keep the County informed of their fundraising events. Further discussion on this Community Spirit initiative will follow at the next Council meeting.

Other: Bill 77

Our lawyers believe that Bill 77 changed the security issues enough that they made an amendment to the BluEarth Renewables Tax Deferral Agreement as well as the Aura (Fox Coulee) tax deferral agreement. There were also issues with how to get security for that agreement. Fox Coulee Solar Project tax deferral agreement has also been amended to recognize the Bill 77 provisions. Will get clarification from legal counsel on what the provisions are within the existing agreement, specifically in the event of default and not necessarily receivership.

Council  
Committees

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

Council  
Communications

Council Communications:

- i. AHS Emergency Medical Services re: Help Shape EMS in AB
- ii. Central AB Crime Stoppers re: Donation request
- iii. City of Red Deer Mayor, Ken Johnston re: Thank you for partnership
- iv. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) re:
  - President's Update
  - Contact Newsletter – 1 Issues

**C22-088**  
**Proceed in**  
**Closed Session**

**[C22-088] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY**

**that under the exemptions granted by 197(2) of the MGA, under Sections 19 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act; Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Sargent, Councillors Rew, Watts, and Landry; and staff Bremer, Fazekas, Carlson; proceed with the meeting in Closed Session at 12:06 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Attendance

Jason & Judy departed the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

**C22-089**  
**Proceed Out of**  
**Closed Session**

**[C22-089] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

**that the meeting proceed out of Closed Session at 12:37 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 53643	733.60
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 53644	236.88
DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES	CK# 53645	132.97
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 53646	134.29
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 53647	365.13
LAPP	CK# 53648	24,661.36
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 53649	54,721.16
SYLOGIST LTD.	CK# 53650	401.63
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 53651	1,350.00
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 53652	300.00
BENOIT, PELAGIOUS P.	CK# 53653	134.64
BLACK, COLBY	CK# 53654	2,576.51
CARLSON, JASON J	CK# 53655	1,145.60
COLES, SHARON J	CK# 53656	771.72
COLLINS, GARY E.	CK# 53657	1,448.19

COSENS, JASON	CK# 53658	106.40
FAZEKAS, JUDITH W	CK# 53659	992.63
FINKBINER, DOUGLAS A.	CK# 53660	1,654.99
FLAMAN, HEATHER	CK# 53661	935.71
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA R.	CK# 53662	13.41
LOWTHER, JOE K.	CK# 53663	79.78
MENAGE, KEN E	CK# 53664	2,589.30
SCHOFER, KORY R	CK# 53665	796.30
TROUT, RONALD G.	CK# 53666	624.51
CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	CK# 53667	36,334.96
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 53668	7,938.00
A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 53669	106.79
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 53670	2,264.51
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 53671	67.82
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 53672	705.08
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL	CK# 53673	7,729.16
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL HEALTH&SAFETY ASSOCIAT	CK# 53674	945.00
APEX UTILITIES INC.	CK# 53675	4,832.92
AUTO VALUE PARTS - DRUMHELLER	CK# 53676	1,256.21
BENOIT, PELAGIOUS P.	CK# 53677	312.99
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 53678	1,455.81
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 53679	742,500.00
BULECHOWSKY, SKYLER	CK# 53680	307.00
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 53681	150.00
CANADIAN TIRE #439	CK# 53682	127.02
CARLSON, JASON J	CK# 53683	1,436.24
CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC EDUCATION C	CK# 53684	4,291.50
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 53685	619.62
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 53686	840.00
DRUMHELLER DISTRICT SENIOR FOUNDATION	CK# 53687	401,092.00
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 53688	654.13
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 53689	177.50
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 53690	97.59
GFOA ALBERTA	CK# 53691	52.40
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 53692	498.67
GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 53693	3,245.46
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 53694	271.16
KEATLEY, JONATHAN	CK# 53695	32.00
MCDOUGALD, KOREN	CK# 53696	183.93
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	CK# 53697	2,043.68
NETAGO	CK# 53698	320.00
NEXTGEN AUTOMATION	CK# 53699	129.11
NSC MINERALS	CK# 53700	5,623.25
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS, ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 53701	620.55
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 53702	1,386.18
PRONGHORN CONTROLS	CK# 53703	1,255.56
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 53704	57.17
RAPTOR OVERHEAD DOORS LTD.	CK# 53705	307.13
SCHATZ, CODY J	CK# 53706	592.31
STERICYCLE ULC	CK# 53707	437.02
STARLAND REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY	CK# 53708	19,675.94
TAQA NORTH	CK# 53709	21.00
TELUS	CK# 53710	314.65
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 53711	2,037.38
THE CITY OF RED DEER	CK# 53712	7,470.68
VIKING CIVES LTD.	CK# 53713	215.97
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 53714	1,181.00
WARWICK PRINTING CO. LTD	CK# 53715	626.69
WATER PURE & SIMPLE MINILAKE DIST LTD.	CK# 53716	36.00
WELDCO-BEALES MFG. INC.	CK# 53717	1,888.27
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 53718	680.69
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 53719	993.13
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 53720	2,163.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 53721	316.90
WSH LABS (1992) LTD.	CK# 53722	2,268.00
3D PATCH WORK LTD.	CK# 53723	11,156.25

**TOTAL:**

**\$ 1,381,249.69**

C22-090  
Adjournment

[C22-090] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the meeting be adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

*The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Starland County Administration Building, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*



Reeve:  
Steve Wannstrom



Chief Administrative Officer:  
Shirley Bremer