

STARLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

RE: Land Use Bylaw No. 1196 to replace Land Use Bylaw No. 1125

A Public Hearing was held pursuant to Section 692 (1)(f) of the Municipal Government Act and the proposed Bylaw No. 1196, which is to prohibit or regulate and control the use and development of lands and buildings, was held in the Starland County Administration Office in Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, commencing at 9:15AM.

Present: Reeve S. Wannstrom
Deputy Reeve R. Sargent
Councillors J. Watts, M. Landry and J. Rew
Chief Administrative Officer C. Robblee
Corporate Services Director J. Fazekas
Legislative Services Coordinator M. Kiemele
Municipal Services Director D. Tremblay
Community Peace Office T. Wright
Recording Secretary H. Flaman

Also in attendance: Devin Diano of Palliser Regional Municipal Services

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wannstrom. Introductions were made. Reeve Wannstrom outlined the nature of the proposed Bylaw.

Carol Lenfesty objected to the public hearing based on a proper copy of Bylaw 1196 was not available to the public. Council acknowledged the objection.

Devin Diano of Palliser Regional Municipal Services gave an overview and process of the bylaw. The proposed Bylaw No. 1196 is to prohibit or regulate and control the use and development of lands and buildings in Starland County.

Notice of the Public Hearing was advertised in the October 25, November 1 and 8 editions of the Drumheller Mail. Notice was also posted on the Starland County website and Facebook page and copies were made available for the public at the administration office. Notice was also provided to the Director of the Palliser Regional Municipal Services Agency.

Section 230(4) of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council must hear:

- (a) any person, group of persons, or person representing them, who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw and who has complied with the procedures outlined by the Council, and
- (b) may hear any other person who wishes to make representations and whom the Council agrees to hear.

After considering the representations made to them about the proposed bylaw at this public hearing, and after considering any other matter it considers appropriate, the Council in accordance with Section 230(5) of the Municipal Government Act may:

1. Pass the proposed bylaw
2. Make any amendment to the bylaw it considers necessary and proceed to pass it without further advertisement or hearings, or
3. Defeat the bylaw

A summary of the information presented at this public hearing will be maintained in the form of minutes and copies of all submissions received will be made available to all in attendance.

Chairman Wannstrom then asked for presentations from those speaking in support of the proposed Bylaw including that of the applicant. As there were none, Chairman Wannstrom then asked for presentations from those speaking against the proposed Bylaw. The following members of the public explained why they are opposed to the Bylaw:

Bruce Thompson of Starland County is opposed because he believes there is not enough information to ratepayers.

William Upton of Rumsey is opposed because of the possibility of nuclear within the County. Chief Administrative Officer C. Robblee noted that the Province of Alberta governs energy systems.

Marion Westall of Morrin is opposed because of nuclear energy.

Marlene Blair of Starland County is opposed because of nuclear, solar and wind energy as the danger it may present and the devaluation of land.

Katherine Kane-Upton of Starland County is opposed because of nuclear waste.

Ann Scott read on behalf of Debbie Cardamone of Starland County is opposed because of nuclear and not enough information.

Sylvia Neill of Starland County is opposed because of nuclear. She noted that there is unclear wording and definitions and needs more clarity. Devin Diano asked for a written copy of all of her concerns.

Linda Ryan of Starland County is opposed to solar and nuclear.

Bruce Thompson further noted that there is topsoil concerns as it was removed in solar projects and not returned. Chief Administrative Officer C. Robblee noted that the Agricultural Service Board is addressing a topsoil bylaw.

Bonnie Doktorchik of Starland County is opposed to nuclear as there is no transparency or accountability.

Gerald Montgomery of Starland County is opposed to nuclear for safety reasons. He gave some examples nuclear accidents.

Jamie Foesier of Starland County is opposed to the bylaw as there was not enough time to review the same and bylaw wasn't readily available.

Dorraine Montgomery of Starland County is opposed to nuclear in the bylaw and noted Kneehill County removed all reference to nuclear in their bylaw.

Penny Lemman of Starland County is opposed to the bylaw as drafted as there needs to be more time and transparency.

Carol Lenfesty of Starland County is opposed to the bylaw as all documents were not available. Devin Diano requested a written copy of her points of concern.

Tim Lenfesty of Starland County is opposed to the bylaw as there is a lack of information and residents are forced to come to their own conclusions. He also stated that Council has not been forthcoming with information.

Mary James of Starland County is opposed to bylaw because of nuclear stating what happens in the event of a breakdown and waste. More information is required.

Eric Jensen of Starland County is opposed to the bylaw because of nuclear.

David Benci of Starland County is opposed to the bylaw because of nuclear and the real

possibility of the failure of pumps.

Rod Aikens of Morrin is opposed to the bylaw because of nuclear.

Chief Administrative Officer Robblee noted that there were written submissions and he reviewed the written submissions of Pat Hansen, Lynn Hemming, Amanda Panisiak, Karen Anderson and Debbie Cardamone who were all opposed to the bylaw. Karen Anderson is opposed to the bylaw as it affects her subdivision which is currently in the process. The submission of Debbie Cardamone was read by Ann Scott as noted above.

Chairman Wannstrom offered the opportunity to any other person deemed to be affected by the Bylaw to speak. Councillor J. Rew gave some examples of how nuclear energy can be used for cancer treatments and certain medicines.

Chief Administrative Officer C. Robblee noted that if residents want to make the changes for their concerns that they need speak to their Councillor and Council will need to make a motion to remove small modular reactors from the bylaw.

Chairman Wannstrom then asked if there were any further questions and as there was no further discussion, Chairman Wannstrom moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 10:59AM.


Chairman


Recording Secretary