

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 1ST, 2008

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, October 1st, 2008, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover
 Deputy Reeve: Allen Avramenko
 Councillors: Murray Marshall, Norman Stanger and Terri Hebert
 Staff: CAO R. Rawlusk
 Recording Secretary S. Bremer

Moved that the minutes of the August 26th, 2008 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor Stanger and Councillor Hebert checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

Moved that accounts (cheque no. 27276 to 27611 inclusive) totalling \$3,695,369.42, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council reviewed the monthly financial statement for the month ending August 31st, 2008.

Moved that Council approve the Monthly Financial Statement for the month ending August 31st, 2008 as reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Administrative Officer Ross Rawlusk reviewed his CAO Report with Council.

The Fall Road Tour was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, 2008, commencing at 8:00 a.m.

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties forwarded the Fall Convention Call for their Centennial Convention to be held from November 11th to 14th, 2008 at the Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. Copies of the draft conference agenda were distributed to Council for their review as well as other information pertaining to this conference.

At 10:30 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Alksne attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council.

Correspondence was received from the Central Region Bridge Manager, providing a summary of their comments and recommendations in regards to Starland County's three-year bridge request list.

CAO Rawlusk reviewed correspondence received from Province and State Permitting Inc. / Central Source Fleet Solutions Corp. regarding invoicing of agents. They are dissatisfied with the invoicing procedures presently being carried out by Roadata Services Ltd. Roadata Services Ltd. advised that they will be re-evaluating their procedures and formulating a policy that is acceptable to all.

Council reviewed the truck tenders received for the purchase of 1 - Midsize Truck, 2 - ½ ton trucks, 3 - ¾ ton trucks and 2 - 1 Ton Diesel Cab & Chassis. The low tender for the supply of these vehicles was received from Drumheller Chrysler.

Moved that Starland County Council accept the low tender received from Drumheller Chrysler for the supply of 8 - 2009 trucks in total, 1 midsize truck, 2 - ½ ton trucks, 3 - ¾

ton trucks and 2 - 1 ton diesel cab & chassis', for a total tendered purchase price of \$206,736.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 12:00 noon, Public Works Supervisor Alksne departed from the meeting.

At 12:05 p.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council.

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed a Member Bulletin received from the AAMD&C with regards to the revised Code of Practice for a waterworks system consisting solely of a water distribution system. Council discussed several significant changes which were implemented by Alberta Environment after completing their review.

At 12:30 p.m., Manager Riep departed from the meeting.

Alberta Health Services provided an update on the EMS transition in Alberta. In accordance with objectives outlined in the EMS Transition Handbook, a Transition Team developed a business plan that identifies the initial actions required to ensure a seamless transition of EMS services, and to ensure this critical change process is well managed. Alberta Health and Wellness accepted the business plan and actions are underway to move forward with the transition.

Correspondence was received from Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations with regards to the *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)*. Major steps have been taken towards full implementation of this agreement, agreeing to special provisions that will extend the agreement to municipalities, academic institutions, school boards and the health sector (MASH).

A Member Bulletin was received from the AAMD&C announcing an enhanced and effective dispute resolution mechanism to enforce AIT (Agreement on Internal Trade) dispute panel recommendations in government-to-government disputes. Changes include the use of monetary penalties and processes will be in place such that they will not use the court system to resolve disputes.

The Central Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Fall Zone Meeting is to be held in the Hanna Community Centre, Hanna, Alberta, on Friday, October 10th, 2008, commencing at 10:00 a.m. Councillors were provided with a meeting agenda as well as minutes from the August Director's Meeting and the Spring Zone Meeting. In addition, two resolutions have been put forth and Council reviewed same.

Chief Administrative Officer Rawlusyk reviewed a draft copy of the proposed policy on Tangible Capital Assets. The objective of this policy is to prescribe the accounting treatment for tangible capital assets so that users of the financial report can discern information about the County's investment in property, buildings and equipment and the changes in these investments. The reporting of tangible capital assets is required by statute and is to be implemented by 2009. Council reviewed the proposed policy and the measures that are presently taking place to ensure that the County complies with the statute requirements.

Moved that Starland County Council adopt and implement Policy No. 970-2, the Tangible Capital Asset Policy, as reviewed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed a draft copy of the proposed policy on Capital Grants for Playground Upgrading and Development. He noted that in response to the issue of the quality of playground equipment, Council has determined a need to provide some funding to the not-for-profit sector that will allow them to specifically upgrade playground equipment, especially equipment that addresses safety and insurance issues. In addition, the County also has a need to spend funds on upgrading playground equipment on municipally owned property. This policy will guide the budgeting and distribution of funding for upgrading and/or development of playgrounds within the County.

Moved that Starland County Council adopt Policy No. 720-33, a policy for Capital Grants for Playground Upgrading and Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence was received from the Rumsey & District Agricultural Society, requesting Council's consideration of grant funding and assistance in their pursuit of constructing a new playground near the Rumsey Agri-Plex and Hall. They have requested an enhancement grant of \$30,000.00 to help with the project costs of constructing this new playground. Their entire project cost is estimated at \$70,000.00, including their contribution of 500 volunteer hours, equipment rental and the pea gravel surfacing. Council discussed this request, together with the conditions outlined within the newly adopted playground policy. Requests for applications for this fiscal year will be advertised in October 2008. Rumsey's application will be considered at that time.

Copies of the AAMDC three year business plan for advocacy and communications, entitled "*Blueprint for Success*", were distributed to Council for their information.

Correspondence was received from the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance including their "*Reach Out*" Newsletter and information regarding their *State of the Watershed Report* which they are developing. They are holding an open house in regards to the development of this report, which is to be held at the Drumheller Inn, Drumheller, Alberta, on October 27th, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Alberta Municipal Affairs announced an expanded list of education courses, specifically tailored to municipal leaders.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with regards to the upcoming federal election. In addition, highlights from the FCM Board of Director's Meeting held from September 3rd to 6th, 2008 were distributed to Council for their review.

CAO Rawlusyk recommended that the Request for Proposals for the 2008 Starland Recreation Operational, Playground and Skating Rink Grants be advertised.

Moved that Starland County advertise for *Request for Proposals for the 2008 Starland Recreation Operational, Playground and Skating Rink Grants in the October 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2008 editions of the newspaper; and that the deadline for applications be 4:00 p.m. on October 24th, 2008, with review by Council at the October 28th, 2008 Council Meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Environment re: Municipal Wastewater Facility Assessment
- ii) Honourable George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development re: AESA Program 2009
- iii) Palliser Regional Municipal Services re: "Fieldnotes Newsletter"
- iv) Marigold Library System re:
 - Notes to Council and Special Areas Board
 - Canadian Library Month
- v) Rumsey Minor Ball 2008 re: Thank-you
- vi) Alberta Employment and Immigration re: "A Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centres"
- vii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Member Bulletin - Call for Survey Participation: AAMDC and Alberta Environment Climate Change Project
 - Member Bulletin - Lodge Assistance Funding
 - Member Bulletin - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Releases Election Strategy on Securing the Rural Economy
 - Member Bulletin - Alberta Transportation Designing Green TRIP Program

- Member Bulletin - Elected Officials Education Program: 2009 Spring Schedule
- Member Bulletin - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Releases Platform for Federal Election
- Member Bulletin - Integrated Community Sustainability Plans Deadline Reminder
- Executive Highlights - June/July Board Activities
- Minister Meeting Summary - Honourable George Groeneveld, Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Food
- Minister Meeting Summary - Honourable Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs
- Minister Meeting Summary - Honourable Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness
- Minister Meeting Summary - Honourable Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development
- District Highlights - District No. 4 Meeting
- District Highlights - District No. 5 Meeting
- Contact Newsletter (5 issues)

Moved that the November 11th and 25th, 2008 regular meetings of the Council of Starland County be cancelled; and that a Council meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th, 2008 at the regular time and place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A request was received from the Delia Community Centre, requesting Council's consideration of supplying a load of gravel to use behind their facility.

Moved that Starland County supply a load of gravel to the Delia Community Center as requested.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2008, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.