

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 27TH, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 27th, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom
Councillors: Murray Marshall, John Rew and Jackie Watts
Absent: Bob Sargent
Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer
Assistant CAO Matthew Kreke

C19-066
Approval of
Minutes

[C19-066] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the minutes of the March 13th, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked Councillor Watts and Councillor Marshall checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C19-067
Accounts

[C19-067] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 48610 to 48686 inclusive) totalling \$185,472.35 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer Shirley Bremer reviewed the CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- The Federal Budget was released on March 19th with the big announcement being a one-time additional transfer of \$2.2 billion to the Gas Tax Fund and a new national broadband strategy announced which will fund the prioritization of universal internet access for two million Canadians who still can't access a reliable connection.
- Administration met with Tom Hirst of RMA Insurance and Wally Matthews of CTA in regards to our insurance claims for the Administration Office. Wally is representing the excess insurers and is now going through all of our claims to substantiate whether or not they should be paid.
- The Provincial Election has been Called for April 16th and the campaigning has already begun. Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and all Albertans are by law allowed 3 consecutive hours to go and vote.
- Gareth Thomas has been hired as the new Peace Officer filling a role that has been empty in the County for over a year. Gareth has previously worked for both Kneehill and Rockyview County and we are glad to have him.
- Spring Clean-up days have been set for Rumsey for May 27th to 29th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PW Report

At 9:30 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Ken Menage attended the meeting and reviewed the Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The PW Crew have been moving snow, steaming, brushing, splitting wood and converting equipment to summer use.
- The Shop crew have been doing regular maintenance on the County's heavy/light duty fleet and getting the Peace Officer unit

ready for Gareth.

- Gradermen have been blading roads and opening up back roads for spring.
- Ken has been working on bridge inspections, interviews, seasonal hires, preliminary work on the Sharpe Road and reviewing RFPs for the new building.

MS Report

At 10:30 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Glen Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his MS Report with Council. Highlights of the report include the following:

- Several meter vaults froze this past couple of weeks as the extended cold weather caused the frost to penetrate far more than normal. The grey water cistern at the Munson Truck Fill also froze up and required to be steamed out.
- Glen is preparing an application package on the Munson Truck Fill station water main extension project. It is required that alterations or changes within the regional system require an approval from AENV.
- Glen is in the process of filing letters of compliance to landowners in Rumsey with respect to the storage of vehicles as well as with a couple of properties whereby the conditions of the Development Permit were not completed as outlined in the approval.

Drumheller and District Solid Waste

At 11:10 a.m. Tammy Nygaard of the Drumheller and District Solid Waste Management Association attended the meeting and gave an overview of the current operations and financial situation of the association. Under the Association Agreement Starland County is responsible for keeping the Waste Transfer Stations in the County up to a defined standard using funds from the Association. Currently the Association is underfunded for these replacement operations.

Departure

At 11:35 a.m. Tammy departed from the meeting.

Departure

At 12:10 p.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

New Building RFP Process

The new building Request for Proposals process ended on March 22nd and we received 9 proposals in all. The next step will be for the review committee to shortlist the applicants for a final decision by Council. At that point it may be possible to bring in the companies for a presentation and interview before the final selection is made.

Big Country Gas

CAO Bremer reviewed a draft copy of a lease agreement between Starland County and Big Country Gas for the use of office space within the Starland County Administration building in Morrin.

C19-068
Lease Agreement

[C19-068] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County enter into a two year lease agreement with Big Country Gas whereby Big Country Gas will pay Starland County \$1.50/f² for a total monthly cost of \$180.00 for office space within the Starland County Administration building beginning on January 1st, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bylaw 1138

CAO Bremer reviewed a copy of Bylaw 1138, a bylaw to authorize the Council of Starland County to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new Public Works Shop and Administration Office Complex. Council advised the actual number for the borrowing should be delayed until a clearer picture of the 2019 cash flow needs is provided.

**C19-069
Bylaw Officer
Appointment**

[C19-069] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Gareth Thomas be appointed as a Bylaw Officer under Bylaw 995.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Verdant Valley and
Dorcas Women's
Institute

The Verdant Valley and Dorcas Women's Institute is holding a Conference and Handicraft Competition at the Verdant Valley Community hall on April 26th and 27th. Councillor attendance and a donation would be welcomed by the group.

Amateur Team
Grant

The Morrin Figure Skating Club requested an Amateur Team Grant for 32 participants for the 2019 year. The program provides \$50 per applicant up to a maximum of \$2,000.00.

**C19-070
Amateur Team
Grant**

[C19-070] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County give an Amateur Team Grant in the amount of \$1,600.00 to the Morrin Figure Skating Club for 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Local Authorities Pension Plan re: New Governance Structure
- ii) Insight Into Government (1 issue)
- iii) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 - Contact Newsletter (1 Issue)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

RMA TRADE	CK# 48610	11,747.80
Sub-Total:	\$	11,747.80
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 48611	18.90
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 48612	830.34
BYEMOOR COMMUNITY CLUB	CK# 48613	708.00
1858097 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 48614	119.96
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 48615	998.45
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 48616	214.00
Sub-Total:	\$	2,889.65
MORRIN COMMUNITY HALL ASSOC	CK# 48617	150.00
Sub-Total:	\$	150.00
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 48618	9,775.50
A.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 48619	220.50
A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 48620	1,103.16
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 48621	286.81
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 48622	225.07
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 48623	5,023.14
ARW TRUCK EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 48624	95.82
ATCO ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 48625	36.18
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 48626	9,870.00
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 48627	1,086.49
BLACK, COLBY	CK# 48628	1,235.89
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 48629	1,111.99
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 48630	4,408.43
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 48631	150.00

RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 48632	150.00
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 48633	37.26
DONNA'S KITCHEN	CK# 48634	96.00
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 48635	495.39
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 48636	728.63
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 48637	687.56
ENMAX	CK# 48638	11,014.67
FOURLANE FORD SALES LTD.	CK# 48639	66.41
NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC-RD	CK# 48640	21.00
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 48641	121.29
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 48642	223.18
GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS	CK# 48643	73.50
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 48644	105.00
GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 48645	136.48
GREENWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD	CK# 48646	300.00
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 48647	323.85
HYDRODIG CANADA INC.	CK# 48648	1,328.25
I.D. APPAREL	CK# 48649	986.69
IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.	CK# 48650	300.30
RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	CK# 48651	378.00
LINDEN AGRI-CENTER LTD.	CK# 48652	342.51
LAPP	CK# 48653	21,742.90
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 48654	300.56
MENAGE, KEN	CK# 48655	824.42
MORRIN AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL	CK# 48656	377.84
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 48657	75.71
NETAGO	CK# 48658	319.95
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS	CK# 48659	589.05
PRONGHORN CONTROLS	CK# 48660	3,845.38
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 48661	54,774.03
REW, JOHN	CK# 48662	299.57
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 48663	1,088.95
RMA FUEL	CK# 48664	11,918.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 48665	130.02
SCORE PROJECTS INC.	CK# 48666	1,617.00
SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL ULC	CK# 48667	239.76
SOUTHERN, LORRENDA	CK# 48668	863.69
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 48669	8,823.15
STEWART, KIM	CK# 48670	100.00
SYLOGIST LTD.	CK# 48671	420.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 48672	430.31
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 48673	205.56
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 48674	273.79
TREMBLAY, DANIELLE	CK# 48675	982.40
UNIFIED ALLOYS	CK# 48676	53.57
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 48677	269.38
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 48678	90.00
WATSON, DAVE	CK# 48679	771.23
WESTERN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY	CK# 48680	630.00
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 48681	1,043.10
WJF INSTRUMENTATION (1990) LTD.	CK# 48682	682.50
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 48683	1,305.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 48684	118.98
WSH LABS (1992) LTD.	CK# 48685	2,835.00
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 48686	99.15

Sub-Total: \$ 170,684.90

TOTAL: \$ 185,472.35

C19-071
Adjournment

[C19-071] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, April 10th, 2019, in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve:
Steven Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer