

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom  
Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent  
Councillors: Murray Marshall and Jackie Watts  
Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer  
Fin. Services Manager Judy Fazekas

**C19-085**  
**Approval of  
Minutes**

**[C19-085] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

that the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved with noted amendments.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Financial  
Statements

Council reviewed copies of the January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 financial statements as prepared by Administration.

**C19-086**  
**Financial  
Statements**

**[C19-086] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

that the financial statements for the periods ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved as submitted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Accounts Checked

Councillor Marshall and Deputy Reeve Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

**C19-087**  
**Accounts**

**[C19-087] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

that accounts (cheque no. 48842 to 48927 inclusive) totalling \$250,892.19 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 CAO reviewed with Council her schedule of activities, upcoming meetings and events.
- The new road construction foreman, Stu Webber, commenced employment on May 1, 2019.
- All the seasonal workers have been hired and are undergoing orientation and training.
- The CAO reviewed with Council the events of the past week surrounding Trident's closing of operations and the resulting impacts to Starland County. The Courts appointed Price Waterhouse Cooper as Receiver on May 3, 2019. They will be contacting operators to secure the safe care and custody of all sites and will be working to find a new owner. The AER will be providing a statement that we can post on our website to address questions/concerns from the public. They noted that companies that are a working interest participant do have the right to enter these sites. Landowners who have concerns

regarding unpaid leases or liens on their property should be contacting the Farmer's Advocate and making application to the Alberta Surface Rights Board. There will be a publication in this week's Drumheller Mail regarding the Trident closure and the impact this will have on Starland County's operations.

- There have been some issues noted with the demolition and clean-up of the old Administration building. The contractor damaged pavement and sidewalk in the Village of Morrin. There was also damage to the south-side wheel chair ramp and steps of the Morrin Community Hall. This has been reported to our insurance representatives.

Attendance	At 9:25 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Ken Menage attended the meeting.
BF 8593 Grenville Bridge	At 9:30 a.m. Ryan Bitz attended the meeting. Mr. Bitz, representing a group of affected farmers, expressed concern over the closure of bridge 8593 (Grenville bridge) and asked if there was a plan to repair or replace the bridge in the future. Ken Menage advised that the County has received five quotes ranging in cost from \$350,000 to \$700,000; however, due to financial constraints, the County will not be able to make this repair this year. The County is still seeking lower cost alternatives that will meet the regulatory requirements for public roads. Ryan Bitz requested that the County have a meeting with the affected farmers after seeding to answer their questions and concerns.
Departure	Councillor Watts departed meeting at 10:40 a.m.
Return	Councillor Watts returned to the meeting at 10:44 a.m.
Departure	Ryan Bitz departed the meeting at 10:45 a.m.
PW Report	<p>Ken Menage reviewed the Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The PW Crew have been working on signs, road repairs, approach building, culvert work, and brushing.</li><li>• The Shop crew have been busy with repairs and tire work to all department equipment.</li><li>• Gradersmen have been blading roads and getting ready for summer. Don Rude worked with Les Scarlett April 29 – May 3 on grader training. Ken advised that this training should save costs in fuel and grader blades.</li></ul> <p>Ken has been working on bridge inspections, road and bridge planning, capital planning, and introducing new Road Construction Foreman to staff/ratepayers and planned projects.</p> <p>The road construction crew started on the Montgomery Road and should be finished by next week. The road construction crew will then be moving and commencing construction on the Sharpe Road project.</p> <p>Ken will be meeting with Stettler County next Wednesday regarding the haul road from the Scollard gravel pit.</p> <p>Public Works has been busy measuring up dust control areas and coordinating with our two dust control suppliers.</p> <p>Ken has addressed concerns from the public regarding the driving of our equipment operators. Ken will continue to address these issues with staff at regular Safety Meetings.</p>
Departure	Ken Menage departed the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Eagle Builders	CAO Bremer reminded Council that the initial design meeting for the new Public Works Shop and Administration Building will be held with Eagle Builders on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Eagle Builders Office in Blackfalds, AB.
Town Hall Meeting	Council discussed potentially holding a Town Hall meeting with Starland County ratepayers after the 2019 budget is finalized and approved.
MS Report	<p>At 11:10 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Glen Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his MS Report with Council. Highlights of the report include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All summer staff for the Recreation and Utilities departments have been hired.</li><li>• Recreation sites are being readied for the May long weekend when they will open. The Starland Recreation area will remain closed during and after the May long weekend due to the bridge construction and safe access to the property. There will be a new entrance gate installed at the new location as the existing gate will be destroyed due to the bridge and road construction.</li><li>• Staff have assisted AENV and Parks with the installation of pole structures with cameras at Michichi and McLaren dams to monitor fishing activities and the birds that frequent the area to determine the cause of fish depletion in these two dams.</li><li>• Repair work to the Michichi shower house is being completed as some of the water lines were not properly winterized and were subsequently damaged.</li></ul>
Letter of Concern re Water Rate Increase	Council reviewed correspondence from Barrie Hoover regarding his concerns over the upcoming increase to water rates in the County.
Departure	At 11:54 a.m. Glen departed from the meeting.
2019 Budget and Tax Rates	Administration provided Council with a preliminary overview of the proposed 2019 tax revenue budget and associated tax rates by class.
UCP Delegation	<p>Nate Horner, UCP MLA and James Klassen joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Council provided MLA Horner with an update on several issues of concern for Starland County, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The detrimental impact of Trident's closure on Starland County's operations.</li><li>• AER processes that continued to approve the transfer of wells to Trident even when Trident's solvency was questionable.</li><li>• The future of MSI funding and the need for a predictable and consistent provincial funding framework for rural municipalities.</li><li>• The state of our current infrastructure and the need to replace bridges in our County which are failing.</li><li>• Provincial regulations that are creating additional expense and causing delays to our projects such as environmental and wetlands assessments required for road construction.</li><li>• A more equitable approval mechanism to get sustainable energy development (i.e. wind and solar projects) approved in our county.</li></ul>
Departure	The UCP delegation departed the meeting at 1:55 p.m.
Seasonal Labour Grant Approvals	Starland County has been approved for two positions under the Summer Temporary Employment Program through Alberta Labour and for two positions under the federal Canada Summer Jobs Program.
RMA Advocacy Report	CAO Bremer reviewed the RMA Advocacy Report and the status of Fall 2018 Resolutions.

- Parade Opportunities Starland County will be entering a parade float in the Rumsey 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade and Rumsey and Munson Fire Departments will be participating in the Drumheller and District Chamber of Commerce's July 1<sup>st</sup> Parade.
- PLRD FRW Annual Report Diana Rowe FCSS Director, Ellen Vanderkolk PLRD, Martina Becky FRW and Clinton Taylor FRW attended the meeting at 2:05 p.m. An updated FRW job description was shared with Council. Each FRW introduced themselves and provided feedback on their interactions and challenges with students and their families. Although there is a shrinking student population, there seems to be an increased demand for services from students and families. Eight communities, including Starland County, provide funding for this program and PLRD provides the balance of the funding required to keep this program running each year.
- Departure Diana Rowe and the PLRD delegation departed the meeting at 2:35 p.m.
- CN Rail Line CN Rail Line provided notice that there will be vegetation control activities between April 29, 2019 and July 31, 2019. Asplundh Services has been contracted to complete this work.
- County Picnic The date for the County Staff and Family Picnic has been set for June 14, 2019.
- RMA The following RMA news bulletins were reviewed:  
i) RMA Advocates for Canola Producers  
ii) RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program (Starland County will send notices out for applications)  
ii) Alberta's New Cabinet Appointed
- Committee Reports Each of the Councillors present briefly reported on the various committees to which they are appointed
- Council Communications Council Communications:  
i) Prairie Land Pride Newsletter  
ii) Palliser Regional Municipal Services – Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting held on January 10, 2019  
iii) Insight Into Government (1 issue)  
iv) RMA re: President's Update  
v) RMA Contact Newsletter (2 issues)
- Accounts Accounts – see prior motion.

WILD WEST BADLANDS TOURS	CK# 48842	735.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>\$ 735.00</b>
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 48843	12,274.50
A.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 48844	141.75
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 48845	880.82
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 48846	2,436.42
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA HEAD OFFICE	CK# 48847	392.49
ALBERTA FARM ANIMAL CARE	CK# 48848	525.00
ALBERTA FIRE CHIEF ASSOCIATION	CK# 48849	369.19
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 48850	501.00
ALBERTA HOTEL & LODGING	CK# 48851	829.50
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 48852	132.30
ALBERTA RIPARIAN HABITAT	CK# 48853	500.00
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 48854	2,968.38
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 48855	10,762.50
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 48856	1,376.77
BEARCOM CANADA CORP.	CK# 48857	270.22
BISON HISTORICAL SERVICES LTD.	CK# 48858	375.00

BORDER PAVING LTD.	CK# 48859	3,638.88
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 48860	150.00
BROWNLIE LLP	CK# 48861	3,057.18
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 48862	150.00
CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP	CK# 48863	8.12
CHAMPION COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS	CK# 48864	1,838.32
CHINOOK PUMPS LTD.	CK# 48865	127.14
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 48866	82.95
D/K BLADE SERVICE LTD.	CK# 48867	5,040.00
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 48868	639.08
DIRECTDIAL.COM	CK# 48869	151.20
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 48870	1,139.20
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 48871	171.57
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 48872	1,109.98
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 48873	602.73
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 48874	1,503.89
FOURLANE FORD SALES LTD.	CK# 48875	66.41
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 48876	238.88
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 48877	963.90
GARTLOW HOLDINGS LTD.	CK# 48878	500.00
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	CK# 48879	238.73
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 48880	6,713.28
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 48881	7,839.50
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 48882	238.08
JACK FENCING	CK# 48883	4,482.66
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 48884	383.94
KUHL TUF WEAR LTD.	CK# 48885	132.29
LAPP	CK# 48886	24,661.20
LUCHIES, STEWART	CK# 48887	2,054.68
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 48888	298.80
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 48889	292.49
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS	CK# 48890	589.05
PETTY CASH	CK# 48891	216.20
PRONGHORN CONTROLS	CK# 48892	5,131.12
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 48893	55,684.63
REW, JOHN	CK# 48894	2,054.97
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 48895	1,624.24
RMA FUEL	CK# 48896	20,540.61
RMA INSURANCE	CK# 48897	300.00
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 48898	173.25
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 48899	129.09
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 48900	4,478.25
STARLAND REGIONAL WATER	CK# 48901	477.11
STETTLER TELEPHONE ANSWERING	CK# 48902	367.50
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 48903	18,337.50
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 48904	155.93
SWANSON, KEVIN	CK# 48905	400.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 48906	1,635.23
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 48907	222.20
THE CITY OF CALGARY	CK# 48908	212.10
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 48909	1,535.89
THOMAS, GARETH R	CK# 48910	86.94
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 48911	4,221.84
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 48912	212.31
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 48913	1,016.51
UNIFIED ALLOYS	CK# 48914	256.28
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 48915	250.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 48916	3,874.34
WARWICK PRINTING CO. LTD	CK# 48917	961.97
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 48918	81.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 48919	1,976.14
WESTERN CHEVROLET BUICK GMC	CK# 48920	4,354.13
WESTERN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY	CK# 48921	630.00
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 48922	2,625.47
WIART DIRTWORK LTD.	CK# 48923	2,026.50

WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 48924	9,187.50
WILD WEST BADLANDS TOURS	CK# 48925	300.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 48926	249.22
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 48927	331.15

**Sub-Total: \$ 250,892.19**

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**C19-088  
Adjournment**

**[C19-088] MOVED COUNCILLOR WATTS**

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, May 22<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*

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**Reeve:  
Steven Wannstrom**

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**Chief Administrative Officer:  
Shirley Bremer**