

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18th, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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

C19-153
Approval of Minutes

[C19-153] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the August 28th, 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.

C19-154
Accounts

[C19-154] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that accounts (cheque no. 49568 to 49664 inclusive) totalling \$677,245.43 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-155
Financial Statement

[C19-155] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31st of 2019 be approved as submitted by administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- We held a Start-up meeting for our new building on September 4th. Major topics included procedures and communications regarding sub-trades, the architectural, mechanical and electrical drawings, the time schedule and regular meetings. The building should be closed up by November 20th at which time they can heat it and complete the interior work.
- We had our annual renewal meeting with Jay Garbutt of Sun Life Financial. After some comparison shopping, Sun Life was able to reduce overall premiums, resulting in a savings of approximately \$24,000 per year.
- Shirley attended the Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Meeting on September 10th. The Town of Trochu formed a Trochu Housing Corporation, and an Advisory Board consisting of local residents was appointed. They now have a site chosen and a project concept prepared and are ready to apply for funding.

C19-156
Public Hearing

[C19-156] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that a public hearing for Bylaws 1139, 1140, and 1141 scheduled for September 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Starland County administration office in Morrin, AB be moved to October 9th at the same time and location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Springwater School Grant	Assistant Ag Fieldman Dara Kudras has submitted a grant application for repair work for the Springwater School to the Rural Communities Foundation supported by the UFA. She is requesting a total amount of \$28,250.00 for repair work to the ceilings and walls.
Grader Training	At 10:00 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Ken Menage, Assistant PW Supervisor Colby Black and Don Rude of DK Blading attending the meeting and gave an update on the completed grader training.
Departure	At 11:20 Don Rude and Colby Black departed from the Meeting.
PW Report	Ken Menage reviewed the Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PW Crew have been hauling clay, helping with the Munson oil, setting up signs and barricades and hauling scrap metal.• The Road Construction Crew has finished the Sharpe Road and the crew has divided in order to work on the Munson West re-surfacing and bridge file 73004.• The Shop crew have been busy with repairs and service work to all department equipment.• Gradermen have been blading regular roads and touching up some fair weather roads ahead of harvest.• Ken has been attending meetings, coordinating bridge work, and doing daily inspections of the new building site.
Private Access Approach Policy	Due to the increasing standards of approaches required for modern farm equipment some of the approaches requested have become increasingly expensive to install. Policy 320-12-1 states that Starland County will provide every property owner with one access for each half mile of developed road allowance. Amendments are being proposed that would stipulate that the land owner would be required to cover the costs of all approaches built beyond a new specified top size of 9 meters.
Departure	At 12:30 p.m. Ken departed from the meeting.
Drumheller IDP	Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council a copy of the draft Drumheller/Starland County Intermunicipal Development Plan. The plan was developed by Palliser Regional Municipal Services and they are looking for comments before proceeding to public consultation. Areas of concern include growth management and future development locations.
<u>C19-157</u> IDP Committee Appointment	<u>[C19-157] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u> That Reeve Wannstrom and Councillor Watts be appointed to the Starland County/Town of Drumheller Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee.
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
MDP Draft Review	At 1:15 p.m. Liz Armitage of Vicinia Planning attended the meeting and reviewed a draft copy of the Starland County Municipal Development Plan. This will serve as the chief planning document for Starland County outlining the goals and policies related to land use planning and development.
Departure	At 2:30 p.m. Liz departed from the meeting.
Gravel Trucking	At 2.31 p.m. Bob Chapman attended the meeting to raise a complaint as to his treatment as a gravel trucker. He maintains that he has been excluded from clay hauling by the hour which has negatively affected his business operations.

Departure At 2:50 p.m. Bob Chapman departed from the meeting.

Shallow Gas The RMA issued a summary document describing the key issues covered at their August 21st meeting with the 15 affected municipalities regarding the proposed reduction in Shallow Gas Well Assessments. A 35% tax reduction for affected properties will be put in place this year which is to be based on a forthcoming list of properties.

C19-158
Shallow Gas
Taxation
Reduction

[C19-158] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Pursuant to section 347 of the Municipal Government Act, for all properties identified in the appendix – Summary of Tax Relief by Company, attached to and forming part of the council minutes, Council authorizes the:

- Cancellation and/or refund of the 2019 property taxes paid or owing so as to reduce by 35 per cent property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act, which includes municipal property taxes, requisitions detailed in section 326(1)(a) and 359(1)(2), as well as special taxes levied under section 382(1) where the tax rate is based on the assessment.
- Cancellation and/or refund of tax penalties associated with the 2019 property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Assistant CAO Kreke has drafted a resolution for the Fall RMA Conference which deals with the ability of municipalities to recover unpaid taxes from solvent companies. Currently the Alberta Energy Regulator does not specifically list municipal taxes as a reason for denying companies the right to drill for oil and gas in Alberta. The resolution calls for this to be added to the list which would ensure that municipalities have recourse to companies choosing not to pay taxes.

C19-159
Resolution –
Non payment

[C19-159] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County pass a resolution on *Municipal Recourse for Solvent Companies Choosing Not to Pay Taxes* asking the RMA to lobby the Government of Alberta to direct the Alberta Energy Regulator to add unpaid municipal taxes to the grounds for which a company may be denied a licence to operate in the province of Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution support Starland County has received requests from the County of Stettler to support its resolution for the upcoming RMA Fall Conference which would allow municipal Peace Officers to issue fines on single and two digit highways. Additionally Wheatland County would like support for its resolutions concerning funding for the replacement of waste transfer station equipment and for the implementation of a producer responsibility recycling program.

C19-160
Resolution –
Stettler

[C19-160] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County support the County of Stettler resolution for *Community Peace Officer Authorization to Include 1 and 2 Digit Primary Highways* asking the RMA to lobby the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General to work with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and any other ministry necessary, to allow access for Community Peace Officers to enforce the Traffic Safety Act and Regulation on Primary 1 or 2 digit Highways. This will allow access to Community Peace Officers for proactive and preventative level of enforcement to enhance the safety of the public on Alberta roadways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C19-161
Resolution –
Wheatland**

[C19-161] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County support Wheatland County's resolution to *Reinstate Waste Management Assistance Program for Transfer Site Equipment Replacement* asking the RMA to advocate for Alberta Environment and Parks to reinstate a waste Management Assistance Program to assist Regional Waste Management Authorities and Municipalities in the replacement of obsolete equipment at transfer sites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C19-162
Resolution –
Wheatland**

[C19-162] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Starland County support Wheatland County's resolution to *Advocate for Provincial Extended Producer Responsibility Regulations* asking that the RMA join the advocacy campaign to encourage the Province of Alberta to implement Extended Producer Responsibility regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.

**C19-163
Organizational
Meeting Date**

[C19-163] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County hold its annual Organizational Meeting on October 23rd, 2019 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the main Administration Office in Morrin, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**C19-164
RMA Conference**

[C19-164] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that all Councillors as well as designated staff be authorized to attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta fall conference in Edmonton from November 13th to 15th and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RMA Bulletin:
Blue Ribbon
Report

The RMA has released its analysis of the Provincial Government's Blue Ribbon Panel Report on the province's finances. The analysis covers the implications for municipalities of the report which benchmarked Alberta provincial spending to the other 3 largest provinces.

MS Report

CAO Bremer reviewed the MS report with Council. Highlights include the following:

- The Recreation Crew has completed most of the work to the riparian outlet pipe at McLaren Dam. They are still awaiting a coupler to complete the replacement of the suction line that was previously damaged. Work on reclamation of the electrical line and re-establishing the new sites has also commenced.
- Aura Power has made application for the Fox Coulee solar project which will be reviewed at the next MPC meeting. Glen has had several discussions with the applicant as well as the neighbouring landowners over the development.
- Glen continues to work on the Morrin/Starland Generator Project with the installation of the unit and all the electrical work required. The Village of Morrin is also undertaking a fire pump replacement in the station which has caused the scope of the project to expand including much of the electrical services in the building.

Council Committees All Councillors present reported briefly on the committees to which they are appointed.

Council Communications Council Communications:

- i) Canadian Badlands re: Tourism Development Conference 2020
- ii) Palliser Regional Municipal Services re: Engagement of J.R. McDonald & Associates
- iii) Marigold Library System re: 2020 Budget Estimates & Newsletters
- iv) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 - Contact Newsletter (3 Issues)

Accounts Accounts - see prior motion.

LAPP	CK# 49568	24,952.19
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 49569	73,676.19
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 49570	342.89

Sub-Total: \$ 98,971.27

RIEP, GLEN	CK# 49571	600.00
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Sub-Total: \$ 600.00

M.W.C. TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 49572	16,544.32
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 49573	40,102.97
HODGE, ROGER	CK# 49574	17,927.03
LAPP	CK# 49575	24,952.19
PRIMROSE, BRAD	CK# 49576	17,049.39
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 49577	58,153.40
ROBMAC ENTERPRISES LTD.	CK# 49578	4,941.91
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 49579	19,995.13

Sub-Total: \$ 199,666.34

A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 49580	17,934.00
A.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 49581	220.50
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 49582	466.41
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 49583	493.52
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF CPO	CK# 49584	105.00
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 49585	197.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 49586	69.30
ALBERTA ROADBUILDERS	CK# 49587	126.00
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 49588	1,971.86
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 49589	10,316.25
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 49590	3,125.10
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 49591	224.78
C & R CEMETERY WORKS LTD.	CK# 49592	800.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 49593	150.00
CANADIAN TIRE #439	CK# 49594	62.98
CHRIST THE REDEEMER C.S.R.D #3	CK# 49595	4,018.48
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 49596	323.56
COLES, SHARON J	CK# 49597	426.36
COLLICUTT ENERGY	CK# 49598	86,541.00
COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO 10	CK# 49599	150.00
CW CLEANING/CANDACE WILLIAMS	CK# 49600	175.00
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 49601	487.93
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 49602	694.38
EAGLE BUILDERS LP	CK# 49603	12,416.25
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 49604	150.68
FCSS	CK# 49605	346.00
FOURLANE FORD SALES LTD.	CK# 49606	66.41
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 49607	1,179.89
FRONTIER CONSTRUCTION	CK# 49608	35,777.48

GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 49609	3,289.26
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 49610	97.41
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 49611	241.50
HAMELIN, EDITH	CK# 49612	142.80
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 49613	9,448.20
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 49614	498.76
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 49615	166.93
KUHL TUF WEAR LTD.	CK# 49616	641.58
LEGACY MONUMENTS	CK# 49617	525.00
LN LAND DEVELOPMENT TECH	CK# 49618	1,908.55
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 49619	211.45
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 49620	300.12
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 49621	330.10
MPE ENGINEERING LTD.	CK# 49622	4,664.94
NEU MUEHL HUTTERIAN BRETHERN	CK# 49623	250.00
NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC-RD	CK# 49624	9.08
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS	CK# 49625	589.05
PENTAGON FARM CENTRE LTD.	CK# 49626	46.64
PETERSON AUTO BODY LTD.	CK# 49627	326.79
PETTY CASH	CK# 49628	147.59
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 49629	54.26
REDCLIFF STAKE & LATH (1995) LTD.	CK# 49630	3,260.25
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 49631	1,582.11
RMA FUEL	CK# 49632	48,176.45
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 49633	157.50
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	CK# 49634	10,831.80
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 49635	200.00
ROWELL, WAYNE R.	CK# 49636	100.00
1858097 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 49637	223.13
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 49638	129.79
SHARPE, GEORGE & HEATHER	CK# 49639	50.00
SHAW GMC CHEVROLET BUICK LTD.	CK# 49640	438.30
SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL ULC	CK# 49641	251.23
STETTLER TELEPHONE ANSWERING	CK# 49642	367.50
STEWART, KIM	CK# 49643	125.00
STONE BLUE ENTERPRISES INC.	CK# 49644	251.76
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 49645	160.65
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 49646	1,266.96
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 49647	1,281.97
THE CANADIAN PAYROLL ASSOC	CK# 49648	288.75
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 49649	6,547.23
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 49650	2,064.86
TOWN OF STETTLER	CK# 49651	68.25
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 49652	3,329.34
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 49653	258.79
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 49654	217.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 49655	250.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 49656	1,343.55
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA	CK# 49657	78.60
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 49658	81.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 49659	1,438.66
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 49660	519.52
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 49661	9,187.50
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 49662	573.11
Sub-Total:	\$	298,006.79
RMA TRADE	CK# 49663	79,474.67
Sub-Total:	\$	79,474.67
COLES, SHARON J	CK# 49664	526.36
Sub-Total:	\$	526.36

TOTAL: \$ 677,245.43

**C19-165
Adjournment**

[C19-165] MOVED DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

**Reeve:
Steve Wannstrom**

**Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer**