

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 9<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, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

**C19-166**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**[C19-166] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

that the minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Accounts Checked Councillor Rew and Deputy Reeve Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

**C19-167**  
**Accounts**

**[C19-167] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

that accounts (cheque no. 49665 to 49772 inclusive) totalling \$630,836.08 be approved for payment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C19-168**  
**Financial Statement**

**[C19-168] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

that the Financial Statements for the period ending September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2019 be approved as submitted by administration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Offer to Purchase Thomas Welch has revised his offer to purchase the old administration building site in light of the removal of a lot from the purchase.

**C19-169**  
**Land Sale**

**[C19-169] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**

that Starland County rescind motion C19-151 and sell Plan 4110 AJ; Block 1; Lots 6-9 in the Village of Morrin to Thomas Welch of Morrin, Alberta for \$40,000 plus GST without additional conditions.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

PW Report At 9:30 a.m. PW 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 mowing, hauling gravel, putting in approaches and working on the beaver dam.
- The Road Construction Crew have been working 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.
- Gradersmen have been blading regular roads and touching up some fair weather roads ahead of harvest.
- Ken has been attending meetings, coordinating bridge work, doing daily inspections of the new building site, and working on a new gravel strategy.

Gravel Hauling	Assistant CAO Kreke reviewed with Council a financial model of gravel hauling under a stockpiling and internal spreading scenario. Potential cost savings are available through better use of County resources over the winter months.
Departure	At 11:00 a.m. Ken departed from the Meeting.
RCMP Delegation	At 11:00 a.m. Staff Sargent Edmond Bourque attended the meeting and gave an update on the operations of the Drumheller RCMP detachment.
Departure	At 12:20 p.m. Edmond departed from the Meeting.
Police Costing Model	The RMA has put forward a recommendation that there should be no changes to the Alberta Police Costing Model whereby municipalities with less than 5,000 people do not pay for front line policing. Other points of contention were the use of equalized assessment and lack of governance.
Budget Expenditure Review	At 1:00 p.m. Finance Manager Judy Fazekas attended the meeting and reviewed the third quarter summary of revenue and expenditures.
Policy Review	Finance Manager Fazekas reviewed three draft policies with Council regarding procurement, signing authorities and travel reimbursement. All three policies are in areas not governed by formal policy right now and will strengthen Starland County's financial oversight.
Departure	At 1:54 p.m. Judy departed from the meeting.
Attendance	At 1:55 p.m. Liz Armitage of Vicinia Planning and Manager of Municipal Services Glen Riep attended the meeting.
<b><u>C19-170 Meeting Suspension</u></b>	<b><u>[C19-170] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS</u></b>  that the meeting be suspended at 1:58 p.m. to allow for a public hearing on Bylaws 1139, 1140 and 1141.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
<b><u>C19-171 Meeting Resumption</u></b>	<b><u>[C19-171] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS</u></b>  that the meeting be resumed at 2:10 p.m.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
<b><u>C19-172 Bylaw 1139-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</u></b>	<b><u>[C19-172] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL</u></b>  that Bylaw 1139, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Delia and Starland County, be given 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
<b><u>C19-173 Bylaw 1139-3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</u></b>	<b><u>[C19-173] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT</u></b>  that Bylaw 1139, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Delia and Starland County, be given third reading and finally passed.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
<b><u>C19-174 Bylaw 1140-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</u></b>	<b><u>[C19-174] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW</u></b>  that Bylaw 1140, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Morrin and Starland County,

be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-175  
Bylaw 1140-  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

[C19-175] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1140, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Morrin and Starland County, be given third reading and finally passed

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-176  
Bylaw 1141-  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

[C19-176] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1141, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Munson and Starland County, be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-177  
Bylaw 1141-  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

[C19-177] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARHSALL

that Bylaw 1141, for the purpose of adopting an intermunicipal development plan between the Village of Munson and Starland County, be given third reading and finally passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning  
Document Review

Liz Armitage reviewed an updated copy of the Starland County Municipal Development Plan based on consultations with Council and the NRCB. Additionally she reviewed draft bylaws for intermunicipal collaborations frameworks between Starland County and the Villages of Morrin, Munson and Delia.

C19-178  
Bylaw 1142-  
Motion to  
Establish

[C19-178] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Bylaw 1142, for the purpose of adopting a municipal development plan for Starland County, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-179  
Bylaw 1142-  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

[C19-179] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1142, for the purpose of adopting a municipal development plan for Starland County, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C19-180  
Public Hearing

[C19-180] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that a public hearing for Bylaw 1142, be scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Starland County administration office in Morrin, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure

At 3:00 p.m. Liz departed from the meeting.

MS Report

Municipal Services Manager Glen Riep reviewed the MS report with Council. Highlights include the following:

- The access to the Starland Recreation Area has been closed for 2 weeks while the contractor completed the final grade to the new bridge. As the new roadway is still waiting to be paved, temporary access to the campground is now available for the east side of the new bridge.

- Installation of a secondary bypass line in the Craigmyle water plant is now complete and will allow for diversion of water into the distribution system without use of the town pumps or supply. This will allow for cleaning of the tanks or repairs within the water plant without shutting down the town water.
- Glen met with ATCO last week to discuss the Kneehill Solar project for the North Drum development project. The application was recently approved by the AUC for the installation of a 25 MKW facility which is a third of the size of the Aura Power project. The applicants hope to be operating by the end of 2020.
- The tank on the Rumsey Pumper Truck was leaking and was covered under warranty for repairs. The supplier was here to investigate and hopefully make the repairs, however, the task requires some replacement of some piping and fitting in order to complete.

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.

**C19-181**  
**Done Moe**  
**Approach Bill**

**[C19-181] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

**that Starland County cancel invoice #18459 totalling \$2,414.21 charged to Don Moe of Starland County.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Departure

At 4:00 p.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

Private Land Snow  
Removal Policy

CAO Bremer reviewed with Council a copy of policy 320-13-1, Private Land Snow Removal Operations, which outlines the procedures for signing up for private land snow clearing from County Operations.

Committee List

Council was given a copy of the 2018/2019 Council Committee list ahead of the organizational meeting scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Outstanding Taxes

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, outstanding taxes for Starland County stood at \$977,405.51 excluding Trident Exploration. This represents a 91% collection rate.;

**C19-182**  
**November**  
**Council Meetings**

**[C19-182] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT**

**that Starland County cancel the regularly scheduled meetings of the Council of Starland County on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and add one meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Morrin Highschool  
Donation

Zoe Avramenko has written Council to request funding for a shop class project for the Morrin Highschool. The project would be to build an 8x8 reading/drawing nook for the kids at recess.

MLA Meeting

Local MLA Nate Horner is requesting that councillors from municipalities within his district join him for a meeting in Hanna from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, to discuss challenges facing municipalities in this area.

Palliser Regional  
Municipal Services

Notification was received from Palliser Regional Municipal Services that Jeff Laurien is no longer an employee as of October 7<sup>th</sup>. The organization is

actively pursuing someone to fill the roll.

Water Rates The Town of Dumheller has advised that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 water charges will be rising 5%.

Drumheller Economic Development The Town of Drumheller is looking to open a discussion with Starland County on shared initiatives for Economic Development and is requesting a meeting with councillors and staff.

AlphaBow Energy AlphaBow Energy has requested that it be allowed to defer its outstanding 2019 taxes as a result of the energy price downturn and the review of energy property taxation being undertaken by the provincial government. Additionally it would like the waiver of all additional penalties while awaiting the new taxation structure. Council instructed Administration to send a letter to AlphaBow clarifying the outstanding taxes owed and stipulating that Starland County will not be granting waivers for any outstanding taxes owed.

Scenic Route Signs The Village of Delia has requested that Starland County move the scenic route signs that direct traffic from Highway 9 along Secondary 851 to move traffic through the Village of Delia.

**C19-183**  
**Recreation**  
**Grants**

**[C19-183] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

**that Starland County advertise the 2019 Operational Assistance and Ice Plant Grants in the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> editions of the Drumheller Mail with the deadline for application being November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Departure At 4:40 p.m. Councillor Sargent departed from the meeting.

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

- Hamlet Clean-up Days are presently underway. Crews were in Craigmyle on October 8<sup>th</sup>, in Michichi October 9<sup>th</sup> and will be in Rowley and Rumsey on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Despite this being another extremely difficult year in the County we have achieved a 91% tax collection rate excluding Trident Exploration's taxes which will not be collected.
- The new building is moving along as projected, with the pre-casting to start on October 15<sup>th</sup>. An interior design meeting is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Eagle Red Deer office.
- More changes are happening in the Safety rules and regulations and Chris is creating an action plan which is soon to be finalized. The changes will have a number of impacts including on the composition of our safety committee.

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

Council Communications Council Communications:

- i) GOA re: FCSS Program Funding Temporary Change
- ii) Paul McLauchlin re: Support to continue as Director of District 2
- iii) Marigold Library System re: Report
- iv) Canadian Badlands Board Meeting Minutes
- v) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
  - Contact Newsletter (3 Issues)
  - Insurance

Accounts Accounts - see prior motion.

LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 49665	144.73
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>144.73</b>
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 49571	600.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>600.00</b>
A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 49666	3,083.85
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 49667	114.31
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 49668	545.85
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 49669	560.20
BARRON, FRANCIS	CK# 49670	1,222.50
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 49671	150.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 49672	1,950.00
CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP	CK# 49673	551.60
COLES, SHARON J	CK# 49674	89.00
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 49675	48.32
ENMAX	CK# 49676	9,000.67
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 49677	314.49
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD.	CK# 49678	8,692.42
GFOA	CK# 49679	630.00
GRIFFITH, SHERRY	CK# 49680	312.30
HEALTH AND SAFETY CONFERENCE	CK# 49681	681.45
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 49682	73.05
LAPP	CK# 49683	24,952.19
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 49684	173.23
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 49685	300.12
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 49686	447.93
NETAGO	CK# 49687	319.95
OASIS CARWASH & CONVENIENCE	CK# 49688	61.75
OLD MACDONALD KENNELS	CK# 49689	1,178.10
PENTAGON FARM CENTRE LTD.	CK# 49690	908.90
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 49691	56,437.32
REW, JOHN	CK# 49692	3,729.78
RMA FUEL	CK# 49693	15,016.12
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 49694	1,760.43
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 49695	24,547.91
STEWART, KIM	CK# 49696	115.00
TAQA NORTH	CK# 49697	21.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 49698	211.26
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 49699	218.67
THOMAS, GARETH R	CK# 49700	195.28
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 49701	269.25
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 49702	87.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 49703	2,402.86
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 49704	266.59
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 49705	1,305.00
WOLF, TRACY & MONTGOMERY, CINDY	CK# 49706	2,618.81
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>165,564.46</b>
BEARSPAW PETROLEUM LTD.	CK# 49707	1,174.04
CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES	CK# 49708	187,141.83
GEAR ENERGY LTD.	CK# 49709	361.57
PRAIRIE PROVIDENT RESOURCES	CK# 49710	39,258.03
SPUR PETROLEUM LTD.	CK# 49711	1,089.54
WEST LAKE ENERGY CORP.	CK# 49712	1,456.03
XTO ENERGY CANADA ULC	CK# 49713	1,829.74
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>232,310.78</b>
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 49714	18,669.00
A.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 49715	110.25

ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 49716	822.93
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 49717	1,887.87
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 49718	368.60
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 49719	70.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 49720	44.10
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 49721	8,092.06
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 49722	10,316.25
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 49723	1,118.69
BREMER, SHIRLEY J.	CK# 49724	270.43
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 49725	90.00
CERVUS AG EQUIPMENT LP	CK# 49726	206.68
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 49727	82.95
COLES, SHARON J	CK# 49728	159.74
COLLINS, GARY E.	CK# 49729	118.72
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 49730	1,227.63
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 49731	162.75
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 49732	311.57
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 49733	8,925.00
F.A.S.T.	CK# 49734	997.50
HECK, BRIAN	CK# 49735	170.40
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 49736	9,686.81
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 49737	269.32
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA R.	CK# 49738	100.00
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 49739	261.48
LAPP	CK# 49740	24,997.32
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 49741	237.18
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 49742	194.24
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 49743	282.78
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 49744	60.06
NEW WEST FREIGHTLINER INC-RD	CK# 49745	420.29
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 49746	53,436.32
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 49747	1,018.02
RMA FUEL	CK# 49748	36,167.72
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 49749	63.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 49750	84.79
SCHATZ, CODY J	CK# 49751	768.56
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 49752	108.15
SHAND, ARLEE L.	CK# 49753	2,600.00
SHARPE, KERRY	CK# 49754	147.36
STETTLER TELEPHONE ANSWERING	CK# 49755	367.50
STEWART, KIM	CK# 49756	160.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 49757	20,505.34
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TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 49759	1,414.95
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 49760	175.88
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 49761	1,413.09
UFA CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	CK# 49762	368.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 49763	250.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 49764	164.25
WARWICK PRINTING CO. LTD	CK# 49765	898.95
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA	CK# 49766	384.40
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 49767	53.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 49768	182.24
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 49769	1,166.99
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 49770	9,187.50
WOLF, TROY D. & LISA D.	CK# 49771	10,000.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 49772	836.75

**Sub-Total: \$ 232,816.11**

**TOTAL: \$ 630,836.08**

**C19-184  
Adjournment**

**[C19-184] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW**

**that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, in the Administration Building, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.***

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**Reeve:  
Steve Wannstrom**

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**Chief Administrative Officer:  
Shirley Bremer**